

The

BACKGROUND

In 2013 the announcement that the new HS2 rail link would require the land at Coleshill Manor meant that the IM Group needed to relocate.

This presented a challenge, to design and build a new headquarters in two years. It was also a great opportunity to create one of the most visually spectacular office locations in the UK today.

Our Client's

REQUIREMENTS

A sustainable solution to blend the academy building with its surroundings.

The site would be on green belt land at the Fore Business Park near Solihull. Surrounded by Blythe Country Park and golf courses the choice of materials was crucial to the project.

To blend the Academy Building with its surroundings it had to be subterranean with a sedum roof and gabion walls. To compliment this the surfaces around it needed to continue this 'green' theme.

Our Value Engineered SOLUTION

BEA Landscape Architects were appointed to provide the hard and soft landscape designs.

A seminar with Geosynthetics had introduced them to both Golpla® Pre Grown and TTE.

These were incorporated into the high-quality scheme with the Academy access being partially block filled, a unique feature of TTE.

'The Gate' as it is now known was successfully completed in August 2019.





