



**CLIENT**

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

**LOCATION**

Prescot, Knowsley

**CONSTRUCTION VALUE**

£7m

**CONTRACTOR**

Wates Construction

**START - COMPLETION DATE**

November 2016 - March 2018

**SECTOR**

Blue Light

**FORM OF CONTRACT**

JCT

**DELIVERY TYPE**

Design and Build



**Required as part of the client’s Station Mergers programme, the design incorporates operational and welfare accommodation, community meeting rooms and additional facilities, external drill and training spaces and associated car-parking; with additional space allocated on the ground floor for a new Neighbourhood Police Station.**

Engaging with Merseyside communities was a must for the client and the appointed contractor, Wates Construction, committed to developing new relationships with local businesses, suppliers and consultants strengthening their supply chain in the region. This has allowed the contractor to provide a 100% local key project team and design partners.

**Prioritising local investment**

- To maximise local spend, the contractor held a ‘Meet the Buyer’ day, conducted with the Local Chamber of Commerce and Community partners
- Sub-contracting to local businesses does not always guarantee employment of local people, but these are the people who add strength to the local pound, spending more of their earnings in the local economy. As such, the contractor have committed to a target of 90%+ of the workforce for the New Community Fire Station as being local.
- Supply chain appointments were also encouraged to cascade these local labour targets as part of their contract.

**Supporting young people into careers in construction**

- Partnering with the local Huyton Prince’s Trust team, the contractor has offered young people site-based work placements, support community volunteering activities and give ‘careers in construction’ advice sessions
- Five young people have been offered supported employment and training opportunities with three of them choosing to start training as either Quantity Surveyors or Multi-skilled apprentices



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“ Thanks to the support from Wates and this great team on Prescot Fire Station for helping me settle in to this new career in construction. I have really enjoyed working here and gaining the experience I need. It has also inspired me to start an apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying  
**Daniel Bresnahan, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority** ”

