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## **Press release**

### **COMPOSITE WINS BLETCHLEY LEISURE CONTRACT**

Design and build contractor, Composite, has been awarded the contract to build a new multi-storey, precast concrete car park for visitors to the recently opened Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes.

The car park will have three suspended levels and provide a total of 179 spaces. Composite commenced on site in March, with completion planned for mid-May.

Composite has been appointed by main contractor, SDC, who constructed the new leisure facility for Milton Keynes Council. The multi-million pound centre opened in early January and includes a 25-metre pool, squash and badminton courts, new state of the art gym and fitness studio, and gymnastics, bowls and multi-purpose halls.

Measuring 47.5m by 32.5m, the clear span car park will have a suspended area of approx 4,360 sq m and is an interesting configuration as it is part ramped, and part split level in a relatively small footprint. Composite will be responsible for the frame, floor, screeds, staircases and supports, handrailing and asphalt waterproofing. After completion, the concrete structure will have a vertical timber cladding system that will be fixed around approximately half of the structure.

The SDC selection process prior to the decision to appoint Composite involved a strenuous evaluation with regards to company information and procedures, as

well as a site visit to its previously completed multi-storey car park for the University of Hertfordshire at Hatfield.

Andy Clark, Commercial Manager, SDC Construction said: "This is a prestigious facility being provided by the Local Authority to enhance the local community's facilities. SDC has a rigorous approach to selecting its supply chain members and Composite has successfully completed this process. We look forward to working productively with Composite to provide a high quality project for the client."

Roy Nield-Dumper, Managing Director, Composite, added: "This design and build contract requires a tight timescale to ensure that visitors are provided with parking facilities which reflect the quality of the new leisure centre as soon as possible. We have been working closely with SDC on designing an appropriate, high quality solution, and look forward to delivering a successful project."

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### **Notes to Editors**

Composite is a leading design and build contractor, specialising in the construction of precast concrete frames and modular buildings. Offering a high quality structure, combined with fast on-site erection times, it has been involved in more than 400 projects throughout the UK for the health, education, retail, rail, commercial and custodial sectors.

Composite and Tarmac are joint partners in Precast Cellular Structures Ltd, a supply partner to contractors forming the Ministry of Justice's Strategic Alliance for Prison Building.

Recent, current and future projects include a teaching block for Tipton Academy in the West Midlands, multi-storey car parks for hospitals in Bournemouth, Bridgend and Swansea, and houseblocks for HM Prisons in Worcestershire, Nottingham and Kent.

Founded in 1983, Composite has achieved its industry-leading position through highly skilled project management, expertise in design solutions and offsite construction expertise.

As well as speed, offsite construction means fewer personnel and trades onsite, and a reduction in deliveries and site storage, all of which can help minimise health and safety risks. By lowering levels of waste, noise and dust, it also

makes less of an impact on the environment. These benefits contribute to making offsite construction a practical and cost-effective option.

For more detailed information on Composite, please visit

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