



Win-Win with Local Scout Centre

Using facilities in exchange of refurbishing them, created mutual benefits and added value to the local community.

CHALLENGE

Busy roads, limited space, occupied buildings and no spare rooms around the estate meant that VINCI Facilities were facing a challenge even before the works commenced at Peabody's Estate in Tottenham, North London. Where to site the local team and their office was a conundrum of epic proportion. The need to be local to encourage resident engagement and community spirit was vital. Management of works and access is a crucial part of service delivery in the Housing sector where our place of work is someone's home. The need to have a hub that residents and wider stakeholders can access is fundamental to the smooth execution of works.

In the same neighbourhood the local scouting centre was facing a challenge all of its own. Due to years of limited funding and extended use their two storey building, used for many local community initiatives was in need of some TLC. Namely new kitchen, new WC facilities, clearance and general refurbishment to ensure that it could continue to benefit the local residents – either that or it could face closure due to non-compliance.

SOLUTION

As a direct result of taking the time with the local community to identify ways and means to create cohesion VINCI Facilities approached the local scout centre with an innovative solution and suggested using the property, that was unoccupied during the day, as a site office. In return we would use our vast building knowledge, influence and supply chain to make the facility not only tidier, cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing but also compliant to building guidelines. The facility now has a fabulous new kitchen which means they can accommodate many local groups and even rent it out for commercial hire to gain profits to invest in their asset.

The premises are now occupied during the day and vacated in the evening to accommodate the local community groups who use the facility.



This has been a win-win situation, refurbishing a local centre without cost and enabling its use as a site office by VINCI Facilities.



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Project information

Customer: Peabody

Location: Tottenham Social Housing Estate, E17 London

Services: Programme of new kitchens, bathrooms and windows.

BENEFITS

The premises are used more effectively, reducing the risk of crime as they are occupied more hours of the day, and the new kitchen and refurbishments enhance the potential of increased revenue, as it is now more attractive to rent out for receptions and events. Simultaneously, VINCI Facilities obtained an office in an ideal location in the heart of the community.

