

BANNATYNE HOTELS

CLIENT:	BANNATYNE HOTELS LTD
SECTOR:	LEISURE
LOCATION:	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
VALUE:	£2.5m
DATE:	2008-ONGOING



The project consists of a 60 bedroom hotel on three storeys. The site is adjacent to an existing health club owned by the same client and utilises a portion of its car park.

An initial appraisal of the site was undertaken based on both publicly available information and the site investigations undertaken in conjunction with the previous developments. This revealed the presence of an old land-fill site below part of the existing car park, with obvious potential issues both for foundation costs and contamination. We therefore undertook a more detailed study and arranged for minor additional more focused investigations to clarify the situation. As a result, we were able to demonstrate that the hotel lay just outside of the main area of the land-fill. Simple and economical foundations could therefore be

used. A period of ground gas monitoring was also undertaken to confirm that expensive gas-protection measures would not be required beneath the building.

The majority of the hotel consists of relatively modest room sizes, which allowed an economical structural design based on load-bearing masonry without a steel frame. Occasional steel beams only were required, for example to provide the larger open areas in the reception.

The project has provided a number of challenges. We are pleased to have overcome them in a cost-effective and intelligent manner and to have maintained our excellent relationship with a high profile and exacting client.