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ABOUT AINSLEY GOMMON ARCHITECTS

Ainsley Gommon is a leading Chartered Practice of Architects and Urban Designers with a focus on housing, education, healthcare buildings and regeneration. The practice promotes collaborative working, sustainability and environmental responsibility in the design, construction and operation of buildings and within our landscape designs.

Ainsley Gommon operates across the United Kingdom from offices in England and Wales. We combine services to meet the demands of larger projects while calling on areas of design specialism such as conservation and master-planning. We continue to grow our skill base which already includes the services of Client Advisor, Principal Designer, Accredited SAP and Energy Performance Assessor and RIBA Conservation Architect.

We work proactively with our clients, fellow consultants and contractors to produce buildings, landscapes, reports and studies of high quality and to deliver projects on time and within budget. We are customer focused and regularly benchmark ourselves using RIBA Benchmarking as well as being independently audited on the quality of our services on a wide range of projects.

We operate a fully transparent and inclusive management system that involves our staff in the running of the practice. Our Investors in People accreditation supports our long term commitment to our practice succession plan and staff development. Continuous improvement, training and personal development are fundamental to Ainsley Gommon, as we believe they are essential to the future well being of our business.

Our programme of continued investment in Information Technology and Building Information Modelling (BIM) ensures we support our clients and construction partners using the most up to date design and presentation tools. Our long term commitment to BIM will enhance our collaborative working methods and the services we provide.

Cover photo: Our annual away day took place in May 2022, and saw us visiting the historic city of Chester. Eighteen staff from our Birkenhead and Hawarden offices met at Chester Grosvenor Museum, before starting the day with an informal walking tour along the city walls exploring the ancient origins and modern developments in the city. The day continued taking in a great mix of old and new architecture, including The Roman Gardens and Chester Medieval Cathedral. The day forms part of our ongoing programme of continued professional development.

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Achievements

- Oct 2021: Ysgol Y Garnedd, Bangor wins Digital Construction award at the Constructing Excellence in Wales 2021.
- Sep 2021: AG|A were selected for Fusion21's £120million framework.
- Nov 2021: Crown buildings, Wrexham received recognition at the LABC Wales Building Excellence Awards 2021, as winner of the Best Public or Community Building Category.
- May 2022: In response to the plight of families and children in Ukraine, AGA staff raised £750 with a sponsored walk around Chester.
- Jun 2022: Successful Surveillance Audit of our Integrated Management System to maintain ISO 9001 2015 & ISO 14001 2015 certification, held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

People

- Oct 2021: Staff wore pink for Wear It Pink charity to help raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer.
- Oct 2021: Neil Green joined the practice as a Project Architect.
- Nov 2021: Natalie Male passed her RIBA Part 3 in Examination in Professional Practice.
- Feb 2022: Georgia Taylor joined the practice as a Part 2 Architectural Assistant.
- Feb 2022: Olivia Ryan joined the practice as Part 1 Architectural Assistant.
- May 2022: Staff enjoyed a Team Building day out in Chester.
- Jun 2022: AG|A participate in Liverpool Architecture Festival and give a Birkenhead Priory Tour.
- Aug 2022: Osian Roberts joined the practice as Part 1 Architectural Assistant.



Projects: Over the last 12 months, we have worked on a wide range of projects. These are just some of those:

- 1 Planning approval was granted for a new residential development 'Maes Bleddyn' in Rachub for Adra. The scheme is part of the North Wales Collaboration. Consisting of 30 no. new homes for affordable rent, currently under construction.
- 2 Crown Buildings, a new Wellbeing Hub in Wrexham, was handed over to Wrexham County Borough Council in Nov '21 and shortlisted for the Construction Excellence Wales Net Zero Award 2022. Works included over-cladding the existing facades, remodelling and refurbishment of the building internally.
- 3 Working together with Wirral Borough Council we successfully secured Town Deal Funding for the next phases of work at Birkenhead Priory which will deliver improved visitor facilities and structural repairs to the Chapter House.
- 4 Completed in Summer 2022, working with the project Architects, Architecture JD, we acted as Conservation Architects on the restoration of the Grade II listed 509-515 Lord Street in Southport
- 5 Pentre Canol, a new supported living village in the centre of Denbigh was handed over in spring 2022, comprising 52 extra care apartments for Grŵp Cynefin and Denbighshire County Council.
- 6 Our long standing relationship with Lovell Partnerships again continued with sites from the Midlands up to the Scottish Borders, ranging from 40 - 700 homes either under construction or in design development.
- 7 'Altbridge' in Croxteth, Liverpool, a residential development consisting of 33 no. homes and 24. no. flats for affordable rent, was completed for Cobalt Housing in Summer 2022.
- 8 Our over-55's apartments and community hub in Treberth, Newport, was completed in August 2022. Providing 45 apartments and shared social facilities for Pobl, with residents living in over 300 bungalows neighbouring the site designed by AGA.
- 9 Plas Farrar, a new development of general need apartments in Bangor was handed over in April 2022. The 38 new homes for Adra are located on a prominent corner within the city centre close to local amenities.
- 10 Working with The Peel Group we helped them secure Town Deal Funding for their retrofit project Sustainability Central Hub, in Wirral Waters.

