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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL HQ

South Cambridgeshire District Council's new headquarters building is set in a landscaped business park, part of the new settlement of Cambourne. Its design develops the latest in sustainable design whilst remaining open and flexible, setting a high standard not only for occupiers but also for future public buildings.

This super-green, 6000m² office building, which was awarded an 'Excellent' BREEAM rating, is one of a handful in the UK with mixed mode sustainable design. Most of the year the office is vented and cooled passively using the stack effect of the open street design.

The exposed precast concrete soffits give thermal mass to aid night time cooling. One of the facades is protected from solar gain using mechanical solar louvres, reflecting light to the interior and allowing extensive views over the beautifully landscaped surrounds.

