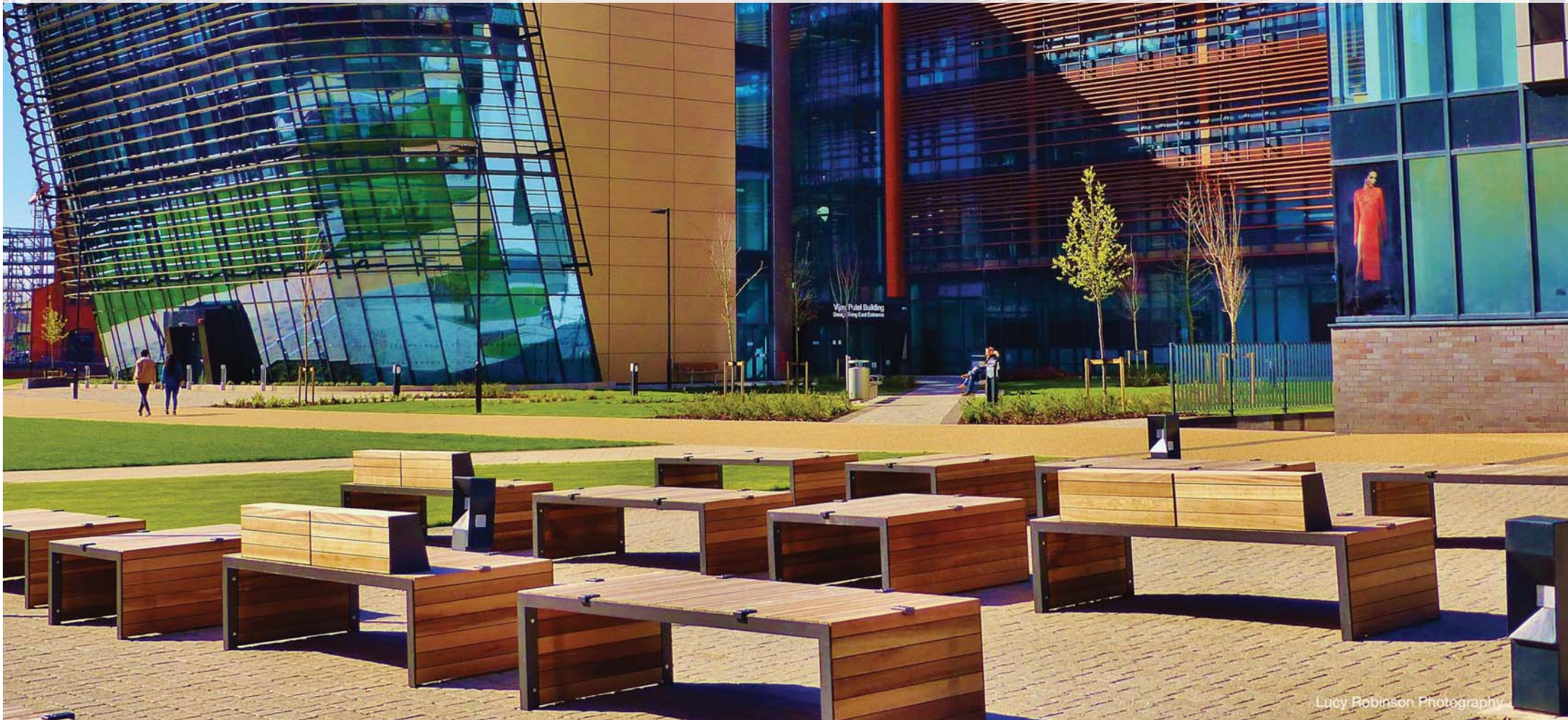


# De Montfort University

Customer: Balfour Beatty  
Value: £19,750  
Location: Leicester

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The De Montfort University in Leicester recently redeveloped their internationally-renowned schools of Art, Architecture and Design. The total project cost was £42 million, spread across 6.8 acres. The scheme included a new six-storey building, a conversion of an existing two-storey building and a refurbishment of a twelve-storey building, and this area has now been renamed "The Fletcher Complex."

Bailey Streetscene were approached to provide social outdoor seating for the Fletcher Complex. This seating area was designed to look onto the large outdoor video screen that is on the side of the Vijay Patel Building.

A variety of products from the Bailey Streetscene Linares seating range were chosen as a more attractive alternative to a plain concrete block design that had initially been proposed by a different supplier. As a natural choice for campuses, the Linares product line was chosen based upon its modern, minimalist looks, its flexibility and also the fact that, despite its designer appeal, its cost fell well within the client's budget. Bespoke anti-skate studs were also fitted to all benches, seats & stools supplied, to discourage any skating activity and the subsequent damage it can cause.

### Roles & Responsibilities:

- Initial design consultation
- Collaboration
- Project management and client liaison
- Manufacture, supply, & site liaison

### Outcome:

The Vijay Patel Building has been shortlisted for both Best Educational Building and Best Large Commercial Project at the Local Authority Building Control 2017 Building Excellence Awards for the East Midlands. The new seating area has created a versatile and informal gathering space for students to socialise in as well as acting as "theatre seating" to the large outdoor multimedia screen.

Barbara Matthews, PVC Dean of the Faculty of Art, Design and Humanities, said:

*"DMU is about inspiring students and helping them go onto great things and these new buildings are going to help them achieve that."*

