

Sustainable Aviation Fuels Innovation Centre



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A UK first for sustainable aviation fuel research & development

CLIENT

The University of Sheffield

LPA

Sheffield City Council

STATUS

Complete

SERVICES

Planning

Our role and results

- On behalf of the University of Sheffield, we secured Reserved Matters Approval for the construction of the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Innovation Centre (SAF-IC), a bespoke research centre for the development and testing of sustainable aviation fuels.
- Based at the University of Sheffield Innovation District and forming part of the university's Energy Institute, SAF-IC aims to enable the development of practical solutions to the challenge of making jet travel more sustainable. SAF-IC will also operate as the UK's first Sustainable Aviation Fuel Clearing House – a central hub to co-ordinate the testing and certification of new sustainable aviation fuels.
- We provided planning consultancy services throughout the initial concept design of the scheme, engaging with Sheffield City Council to obtain pre-application advice. We co-ordinated the preparation and submission

of an application for Reserved Matters approval, presenting the strategic need and importance of the scheme. We managed negotiations with the council and statutory consultees during determination of the application, to secure approval.

- We subsequently supported the project team during the construction phase of the development, advising on the discharge of planning conditions and non-material amendments. Construction is now complete, and the SAF-IC is due to open in summer 2023.

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