



# SIKA AT WORK

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ROOFING: Sika Sarnafil G410-18ELF lead grey with Batten profiles

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## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The historic All Saints with Holy Trinity Church is one of the major churches in Leicestershire. In 2007, thieves struck at this handsome 14th century building, removing all the flat roof sheets on one of the wings and the majority of the lead flashings, leaving the timber deck exposed to the elements.

Replacement of these materials and restoration of the roof presented a significant problem for the Diocese of Leicester to overcome. The approved procedure for this type of case, stipulates 'like for like' replacement of materials, to ensure that the character and function of the original roof is restored. However, it was recognised that this would almost certainly result in the lead being stolen again. With the roof now not covered by the insurers for lead theft, this could lead to the diocese being bankrupted.

## SIKA SARNAFIL SOLUTION

Clearly, a solution needed to be found quickly to avoid further damage to the structure of the building caused by inadequate protection from the temporarily fixed tarpaulins covering the roof. Architect John Eaton was quick to suggest Sika Sarnafil single-ply roofing as an ideal solution. Having been made aware of the Church's plight, he prepared a paper for the diocese, outlining the suitability of Sika Sarnafil roofing for the project. "I have specified Sika Sarnafil roofing for many different projects over the years so I had no doubt that it would fit the bill", he said.

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Following the initial proposal, John provided expert support for the diocese and was instrumental in securing the decision to re-roof with Sika Sarnafil single-ply.

He continued: "Sika Sarnafil single-ply roofing met three crucial criteria affecting the case: competitive installation cost, excellent aesthetics and very importantly – no likelihood of further theft."

Sika Sarnafil membranes are available in a range of colours, including lead grey which provides a convincing alternative to real lead roofing – particularly when used in conjunction with Sarnafil's Batten profiles. Made of the same material as the waterproofing membrane, these extrusions are simply heat welded to the membrane to give the appearance of a traditional lead batten roof construction.

Sika Sarnafil provided a number of examples of 'lead-look' roof constructions using the batten profile and the system was accepted because of its exceptional visual similarity to lead roofing. Derwent Roofing Services Ltd, were contracted to undertake the work which involved fixing a new deck over the existing one, to support the weight of a lead roof, should the client decide in future to re-instate the lead roof. This roofing installation was classed as a temporary repair - a 20 year guarantee was requested, which in context with the building's 700 year history, could be described as temporary. However, BBA Certification states that Sarnafil roofing "has a life expectancy in excess of 40 years", so the term 'temporary' requires some interpretation.

## PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

**Product:** Sika Sarnafil G410-18ELF lead grey with Batten profiles

**Size:** 400m<sup>2</sup>

**Contractor:** Derwent Roofing Services Ltd

**Architect:** John Eaton & Co

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