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SIKA ROOFING SYSTEM BREATHES NEW LIFE INTO A BLACKPOOL ICON

ROOFING: SIKALASTIC®-625 BMS

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STANLEY BUILDINGS



THE STANLEY BUILDINGS PROJECT IS A STANDOUT EXAMPLE OF HOW INNOVATIVE ROOFING SOLUTIONS CAN BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO HERITAGE STRUCTURES WHILE MEETING THE MODERN STANDARDS FOR SUSTAINABILITY, SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE. LOCATED IN THE HEART OF BLACKPOOL, THIS 1930S LANDMARK HAS UNDERGONE A TRANSFORMATIVE £7.5 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT LED BY BLACKPOOL COUNCIL AS PART OF ITS £39.5 MILLION TOWN DEAL.

Designed to support local enterprise, the refurbished building offers 44 high-quality office spaces, a coworking hub, and a rooftop terrace, with the historic Midlands Bank corner unit reimagined as a modern café.

The scope of the works included full roof replacement, brickwork repairs and the installation of new windows, solar panels, and air source heat pumps to boost energy efficiency. Roofing specialists Designed Roof Systems Ltd, in collaboration with Sika's Roofing Division, were tasked with waterproofing the 1,893m^2 roof using Sikalastic®-625 BMS, a cold-applied liquid system designed for intricate detailing and complex roof geometries.

Working with a historic building posed several technical challenges. The roof structure featured multiple levels and complex angle changes, with intricate parapet detailing and heritage faience blockwork that had to be retained. Much of the parapet wall required rebuilding or reinforcement while ensuring minimal visual impact. Sikalastic®-625 BMS, with its liquid application and seamless finish, provided an ideal solution, allowing for detailed encapsulation of these areas without compromising on protection or aesthetics.

Another major challenge was executing the works in a live environment. The building remained in partial use during construction, necessitating careful coordination of material deliveries and safety management in a congested city centre. Meticulous planning ensured minimal disruption and maintained the project timeline.



Sikalastic®-625 BMS played a crucial role in addressing sustainability and performance goals. This single-component, cold-applied polyurethane membrane is not only highly durable but also offers major environmental benefits. The product contains biomass-balanced materials and bio-based solvents, and is designed to reduce carbon emissions compared with Sikalastic®-625 N.

Its formulation incorporates traceable, renewable inputs, supporting responsible sourcing and carbon reduction objectives. Certification by TÜV Rheinland provides independent verification of relevant product information, helping support informed product selection.

Installation safety was another key factor. With its non-flammable, low-odour composition and cold-applied installation method, Sikalastic®-625 BMS avoided the need for hot works during application.

Through product selection, construction planning and a focus on heritage preservation, the Stanley Buildings redevelopment demonstrates how an existing historic building can be refurbished to meet modern demands, enhance Blackpool's architectural legacy and also create a thriving space for local businesses to grow.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Client: Blackpool Council Ltd
Roofing Contractor: Designed Roof Systems Ltd.
Project Size: 1,893m^2



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