

EXPERT PROJECT DESIGN FOR LARGE-SCALE RENOVATION

SPV Special Projects continues to move in the right direction offering a range and experienced set of skills to large-scale renovation projects in the commercial sector. Specialising in the design and build of existing hotels, leisure and office buildings, the company offers innovative, stylish and practical solutions directly catered to the needs of the client.

Company Director Howard Evans explains: "We are a modern and versatile company. We are building envelope contractors whose clients consult us on how to solve their renovation and new build problems using accumulated knowledge and expertise gained over the past 40 years. We can transform the appearance of old and dated buildings creating something new and dynamic."

Mr Evans tells Construction Industry News about some of the projects SPV Special Projects has recently completed.

The windows division has just completed work on the Bloomsbury Hotel in London. "It originally had single glazed units with secondary glazed units to the interior. All were in desperate need of replacing. There were numerous site meetings with the client Holiday Inns, Derek McKenna of Marshall Browne Windows and us regarding the correct system to install.

"Of major concern to the client during initial meetings was the security of the hotel and its guests. To address these concerns it was decided to eliminate the need for scaffolding to commence at pavement level. Our internal scaffold division devised a canti-levered

fully boarded load-bearing fan to the perimeter of the hotel commencing at the first floor. The windows and flashings were then replaced using cradles. The contract was delivered on budget, on time and with no disruption to the hotel and its guests," explains Mr Evans.

One of the most prestigious jobs carried out by SPV Special Projects was completed in November 2009. The project at Hagley Road in Birmingham, saw main contractors Shaylor Group tasked to redevelop 40,000 sq ft of office space to an existing 1950's building. Every part of the existing envelope was demolished apart from the concrete frame and floors.

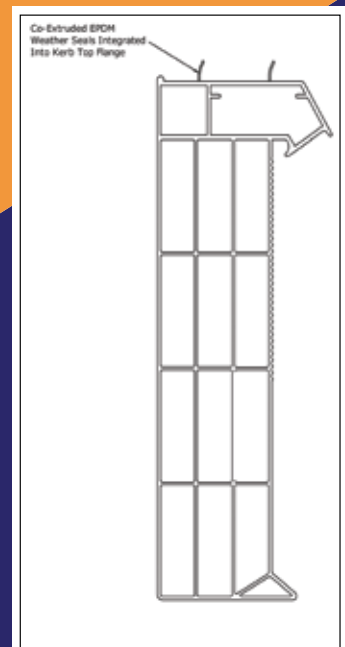
"Two new floors were added, along with a curved roof and terrace areas. SPV were entrusted with the installation of a new structural deck, insulation and waterproofing membrane to these areas with FDT Rhepanol fk material being chosen as the preferred waterproofing due to its unique Life Cycle assessment and unrivalled environment credentials. The Rhepanol fk membrane installed on this project demanded excellent standards of workmanship during application due to the high aesthetic finish required, as these roofs are visible from one of Birmingham's main routes into the city.

With long-standing relationships with clients and main contractors, old fashioned values that champion communication and a collaborative working ethic, and years of experience across a range of expertise, SPV Special Projects is well-placed to continue the successes that have seen it become a leader within the industry.



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