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CASE STUDY

Waitrose, Guildford

In a build of key significance to supermarket giant Waitrose, Frameclad were chosen to supply their bespoke, precision engineered light steel framing solutions. The project resulted in a development of 48 stylish residential apartments above a 36,000 ft² retail unit, expertly crafted in accordance with delivery requirements, building restrictions and the client vision.

SITE
Waitrose, Guildford

PRODUCTS
SFS infill

MAIN CONTRACTOR
Bowmer & Kirkland

CLIENT
Waitrose

AREA
5000m²

FLOORS
Five storeys



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Situated on the site of the former Bellerby Theatre in Guildford, Surrey, this development brought high-end supermarket Waitrose back to the town after a 40 year absence. With the large retail unit on the ground floor, this project has a combination of 30 apartments and 18 affordable homes on five tapering storeys above.





The development was required to integrate with surrounding buildings of vastly differing height, form and style, while also incorporating roof gardens for the residents to enjoy, resulting in a uniquely styled development with tapered floors. Industry trailblazers Frameclad with their agile and adept approach, maximised Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) alongside extensive technical know-how, to provide steel frame infill solutions (SFS) to meet these exacting requirements.

Working closely with the architect and client, Frameclad utilised their customised Tekla software and innovative BIM techniques to ensure precision, accuracy and complete customisation. The infill steel framing system was designed and manufactured to help realise the client vision, including high parapet infill walls around the roof-top gardens.

With factory facilities featuring six cold roll-forming machines, Frameclad produce one of the UK's largest ranges of steel sections, providing adaptability, total control and unparalleled service for every project they undertake.



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In order to drive efficiency and retain consistency of quality, a modular approach was employed throughout. This required coordinated delivery of the light steel solutions according to the stage of the build-up, while also factoring in the central location of the project. The Frameclad team fulfilled this with ease – going the extra mile comes naturally, driven by a commitment to quality, and a mission to exceed customer expectations.

This unusually shaped development was completed to exceptional standards, with Frameclad's renowned, cutting-edge light steel frame solutions allowing for faster assembly, enhanced safety and sustainability, as well as significantly reducing construction time.

As a leading BOPAS design at full scope accredited manufacturer, Frameclad are committed to achieving the highest quality standards, manufacturing all products in a state-of-the-art 50,000 sqft framing facility, all of which are fully compliant with EN 1090-1: 2009 + AL: 2011 CE accreditation.

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