

## CUCKOO FARM COLCHESTER GUTTERCREST LIMITED



Cuckoo Farm – Northern Gateway is a development on the outskirts of Colchester with a design vision to create a distinctive development which contributes to the identity and role of North Colchester whilst improving the sense of arrival to the town.

A park and ride facility has been incorporated into the development to provide a direct connection to the town centre and to offer a cost effective alternative to single car users, aiming to reduce road congestion at peak travel times.

The Park and Ride is located north of junction 28 of the A12. The site at Mile End has 1,000 secure parking spaces, including disabled and family spaces. Its terminal building has been carefully designed with a waiting area, seating, toilets (including disabled and baby change facilities), real-time information and cycle parking facilities.

An emphasis on sustainability has been placed on the project with a focus on encouraging a more sustainable travel culture by creating an attractive park and ride facility. This has been achieved, in part, with the construction of a terminus building with sustainability at the heart of its design.

Essex County Council explained “the terminus building aspires to exemplar sustainable design principles incorporating renewable energy systems and sustainably sourced construction materials”.

Along with a ‘green’ sedum roof and a timber frontage clad in wood from FSC managed forests, they have incorporated Guttercrest aluminium gutters, fascias and soffits have been incorporated as part of the sustainable design.

The Cuckoo Farm Park and Ride project used Guttercrest’s aluminium fascia. In addition, Guttercrest manufactured a large bullnose fascia soffit system, providing the eaves of the building with a clean yet imposing feature. The fascias are complemented by a bespoke capping with a ridged top (see image below) curved in elevation, to clad the wooden support joists. These products offered the perfect solution for a contemporary and minimalist finish due to their smooth, uncluttered profile.



Guttercrest's range of aluminium rainwater goods and eaves solutions are incorporated into sustainable building projects on a more and more regular basis. With a long-lifespan, recyclable nature and superior aesthetic for both traditional and contemporary buildings, aluminium offers a notable option for environmentally aware building designers.

Guttercrest's eaves products are manufactured from responsibly sourced aluminium, with over 90% of the aluminium used in production being recycled. Completed with a polyester powder coated finish and, combined with the natural corrosion resistance of aluminium, Guttercrest's eaves products are extremely durable, reducing maintenance costs and expanding the lifetime to up to 25 years.



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