



STATION VIEW, SURREY GUTTERCREST LIMITED



In partnership with KHA and 5PA architects and leading housebuilder Taylor Wimpey, Guttercrest has supplied a unique rainwater solution for a new build development in Surrey.

Taylor Wimpey has installed aluminium guttering, downpipes, hopper heads, fascia and soffits onto its Station View development in Guildford after its architects KHA and 5PA worked closely with Guttercrest from the early stages of the design process.

The development, which has now sold out, consists of 177 one and two-bedroom apartments just outside the town centre. Built over four to six storeys with 1400 square metres of ground and first floor office space, the building also includes basement parking for 177 cars. The contemporary design features floor to ceiling windows and open plan living in three core buildings arranged around a courtyard garden.

Guttercrest worked alongside the architects to deliver the final design of a very bespoke deep feature box gutter to the main roof of the project. The firm provided calculations for wind and snow loadings due to the large size of the gutter and detailed drawings to aid the design process.

Guttercrest suggested and developed a bespoke stepped 3mm thick box gutter; 200mm wide and 575mm high. To achieve the deep and narrow profile, new tooling was invested in at the firm's Oswestry factory, where the aluminium guttering was produced in both straight and true curves to conceal the top edge of the façade. Investment in new tooling means Guttercrest can now develop guttering profiles unlike any other manufacturer.



Over 400 metres of guttering was supplied, coated in RAL 9006 metallic silver- a popular choice for contemporary architecture - and a complement to the composite cladding. Over 700 metres of square RW33 downpipe with neat plain collars, pipe clips and RW207 rectangular hopper heads was also supplied. The building's main entrance was finished with feature true curved fascias and soffits in the matching RAL 9006 colour.

Alifabs architectural coping was used on the project - a high performance BBA-approved aluminium coping solution with hidden fixings and exceptional wind resistance capabilities. It's particularly suitable for high rise buildings and is a cost-effective alternative to coping stones. The Alifabs brand was recently acquired by Guttercrest, who are now the sole manufacturers and distributors of this popular product.

The relationship with the main architect and subsequently the façade architect has developed so well, Guttercrest are now working alongside them to supply two other Taylor Wimpey sites.



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