

BLAIR DRUMMOND SAFARI & ADVENTURE PARK, STIRLING A STEADMAN & SON



Materials made by leading one-stop-shop building products manufacturer Steadmans have been used to build a new elephant house at Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park, near Stirling.

The house is a key part of the new elephant habitat which accommodates three elderly female elephants and its completion marks the end of a five-year redevelopment of their enclosure, with the construction phase having taken more than 18 months. Steadmans has previously provided materials for accommodation at the park housing giraffes, chimpanzees, lemurs, bears and rhinoceroses.

The new elephant house features 1,000 linear metres of Steadmans' AS35 100mm insulated panels; vital for ensuring its temperature does not dip below the minimum permissible 16 degrees Celsius. In addition, Steadmans supplied 1,000 linear metres of zed purlins, 200 linear metres of eaves beams and 225 linear metres of cee sections for the structure.

Steadmans also provided 240 linear metres of rooflights, plus sag bars, eaves and knee braces, side rail struts, diagonal wires, cleats, fixings and flashings for the elephant house.

Gary Gilmour, general manager, Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park, said: "Our relationship with Steadmans goes back more than 20 years. For the elephant house, we needed a professional company which would give us good advice and deliver on time. Steadmans again displayed first-class knowledge about the materials we needed and delivered a quality service. There were no hold-ups in the materials being delivered and everything arrived on time. We'll definitely use the company for future projects too."

Comprising two outer steel skins with an integral PIR insulation core, Steadmans' AS35 insulated panels are available in a wide range of colours and complement their broad variety of pre-engineered construction products, such as gutters, rooflights and doors.

AS35 panels are manufactured in a quality process certified to ISO 9001:2008, using non-ozone depleting technology. This provides designers with an environmentally-responsible product, with excellent thermal performance and a predicted service life of 40 years. Available in a range of thicknesses, the panels can be specified to achieve insulation U-values, aiding compliance with the latest L2 regulations. The panels are also Loss Prevention Certification Board approved.

Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park, occupying 120 acres, opened to the public in 1970. The site has several drive-through reserves and a boat safari for visitors; other animals resident at the park include camels, tigers and zebras. Blair Drummond keeps several exotic and endangered animals in its collection and takes part in captive breeding and research programmes for endangered species.



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