

American Express Community Stadium, Brighton

Seagulls set to soar in their new stadium



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Project: American Express Community Stadium (Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club)
Project Type: Stadia
Client: Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club
Project Architect: KSS Design
Main Contractor: Buckingham Group
Cladding Contractor: CA Roofing Services & CA Specialist Cladding Systems
Materials: Colorcoat HPS200 Ultra® Goosewing Grey Roof and Walls, Rainscreen in Reynobond® ACM.

CA Roofing Services and Specialist Cladding Systems have done their part in assisting Brighton and Hove Albion FC's return to the championship by completing work at the new 22,500 seat community stadium.

The state-of-the-art, £93 million project is set to be a fitting new home for the south coast club, nicknamed the Seagulls, who have waited 14 years for this stadium after the Goldstone ground was sold by the club's former board. The stadium also makes a striking addition to the Brighton & Hove landscape.

The new stadium has been designed specifically to provide as much natural light as possible for the players. The translucent roof panels, installed in the area above the main stand, are sky blue and these are combined with a reflective silver wall cladding which further enhances natural light.

The successful abutment of the various different elevation types, together with the stadium's unique façade, has resulted in one of the most visually appealing sports stadiums in the UK. It is a stadium that every Seagull fan can be proud of as they watch their local team in action.

CA Roofing Services & Specialist Cladding Systems worked on the project together with Buckingham Group Contracting Ltd, one of the fastest growing multi-disciplinary contractors in the UK and the main contractors for the build.

The stadium roof is made up of CA Group's River-Therm® secret fix roof system with its unique drainage channel, critical to the stadium's design, and features Colorcoat HPS200 Ultra® by Tata Steel, in Merlin Grey, which is guaranteed for up to 40 years. Colorcoat HPS200 Ultra® has an optimised Galvalloy® metallic coating for corrosion resistance and cut edge protection and is made exclusively in the UK.



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CA Roofing Services was awarded the contract on the basis of three main factors: The ability to install a wide range of roof and wall systems on the same building together; a reputation for meeting challenging programmes and high standards of workmanship. This project was completed on time and according to plan.

Due to the specialist knowledge required on the project, CA Roofing Services will continue on in an advisory role to the lighting and PA contractors, after its work on the installation is complete.

In addition to football matches, the stadium is designed for music concerts and conferences as well as offering a teaching and exhibition space.