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Office building inspires environmentally friendly drainage system

Harrogate in Yorkshire now has a spectacular addition to its skyline. The INSPIRE office building at just over 40 metres high is a state-of-the-art development providing some 1767m² (19,000 ft²) of high quality office space. Located at the heart of Hornbeam Park, described as a pre-eminent thriving business and education community, the distinctive five storey pyramidal steel frame building features blue toned, solar reflective, double glazed external walls topped with a stainless steel spire which encloses a roof terrace.

The building required a very effective drainage system around its 120 metre perimeter if rainwater was to be prevented from flooding the surrounding area and the adjacent car park. Architects Hill Cannon rightly insisted any drainage system must blend with the aesthetics of their design.

Hauraton's hydraulics sales engineer, Colin Taff, worked in close collaboration with contractors Houseman and Falshaw to ensure all criteria were met. The company's 200mm wide RECYFIX[®] STANDARD drainage channels made from the company's specially formulated recycled Polyethylene-Polypropylene (PE-PP) were chosen complete with neat stainless steel mesh gratings. Tim Connolly, Hauraton's Sales and Marketing Director is confident this environmentally friendly drainage system, perfected by the company in the 90's, will provide reliable façade drainage and prevent the build-up of water around the building's main entrance.

With many such schemes successfully installed throughout Europe; based on this vast experience, Hauraton was able to provide a free hydraulics design service to help the contractor choose the correct channel size and configuration, ensuring optimum drainage conditions for the project.



Photographs shows The Inspire building

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