

Talk of the Toon



Located in the heart of Newcastle's thriving city centre, the Time Central building in Gallowgate highlights how the popularity of Trent's stone faced cladding products has spread rapidly with the region's architects and main contractors.

The distinctive seven storey office building, just 100 yards from Citygate, now features spectacular Stanton Moor stone faced cladding that provides it with a lasting and impeccable aesthetic - epitomising the modern urban environment currently being created in Newcastle.



▼ We're proud to see such recognition of our work. As the third successful project in the area, we're delighted to see that local architects are seeing Trent Concrete as a source of quality and look forward to working with many more contractors in the region to help future projects come to life. ▼

David Walker,
Managing Director, Trent Concrete

Project: Time Central Building, Gallowgate, Newcastle

Client: Gallowgate Properties Ltd

Architect: Lister Architects

Contractor: Tolent Construction Ltd

Products: External pre-cast panels in Stanton Moor stone faced cladding

Completion date: November 2007



Hat trick of success

The company had already placed two high profile projects in the North East under its belt. The move alongside Tolent back up to Newcastle, to create the Time Central Building, secured the third.

Trent Concrete's three fold success in the area began with an earlier project in the Newcastle's Citygate area, which caught the attention of a local architect. Recognising its stunning aesthetics and durable performance, he specified Trent's products for Sunderland's prestigious new Echo 24 residential development - built by Main Contractor, Tolent Construction Ltd.

The Brief

It was essential that the cladding embodied the city's contemporary environment and reflected a vibrant aesthetic that complemented the architect's bold design. However, it was imperative that the building was not only provided with a modern and spectacular visual appearance, but also one that was guaranteed to last.

Solution

For this project, 1,500 square metres of Stanton Moor stone faced cladding, divided across 217 individual panels, was produced at Trent's Nottingham factory. It is part of a comprehensive service that offered Tolent many substantial benefits over traditional stonemasonry.

All finished products arrived on a just in time basis, where they were lifted off the trailer using site cranes and fixed directly to the structure, with no additional plant, equipment or scaffolding requirements.

Benefits

With all products manufactured off-site, Trent ensured that the entire production process was of the highest standard, providing certainty of quality. More importantly, it meant Tolent could confidently commit to a tight construction programme. This simply wouldn't be possible with a traditional stonemason, who would not only have to work slower but is often at the mercy of weather conditions.

Working with Trent Concrete afforded its client tremendous environmental benefits. It meant that the building could have a grand aesthetic, with far less environmental impact compared to alternative methods. Therefore, with Trent Concrete and its experienced use of pre-cast concrete, the site was able to improve its green credentials.

In addition, Trent's approach to partnering meant it was able to work closely with interfacing trades to ensure all related products could be manufactured around accurate tolerances.