

Case Study

Offices



Albion Square

Facts about the project

Albion Square, Whitehaven, Cumbria

Architect: Hurd Rolland Partnership

Contractor: Morgan Sindall Project Managers

Project size: 6,300m²

Project value: £101k

Products: Ecophon Solo Square, Solo Baffle, Focus Dg



Albion Square is a new £18 million, turnkey commercial office development designed to play a transformational role in the regeneration of Whitehaven's town centre. The building provides new premises for 1000 office workers originally sited at the nuclear and decommissioning power plant situated at Sellafield, about 30 minutes away from the town centre.

The development features large open plan offices, break out and reception areas. As such, it's vital that this new space should provide a comfortable and productive workplace.

Paige Hodsman, Ecophon's Office Concept Development Manager, stressed the importance of getting the acoustics right: "Good acoustic solutions can have a profound effect on the health, wellbeing and productivity of office occupants. This is especially the case in open plan office environments. There are physical, physiological and psychological implications. This project is a perfect example where acoustics have been taken seriously."

Ged Connor from architects Hurd Rolland Partnership explained: "A high standard of acoustics is key to the development's success."

Ecophon's Lindsay Beck, Bob Moon and Martin Keogh collaborated on the project, addressing the specific acoustic parameters for the large open spaces.

"We've had success with Ecophon products on many occasions and knew that the large scale Focus™ and Solo™ Baffles they recommended would work really well at Albion Square," said Ged.

"We've worked with Ecophon on widely differing projects, both new builds and refurbishments. The team is knowledgeable and helpful and it's a very good product," he added.

Hurd Rolland have also specified Ecophon products in several upcoming developments.

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