

UltraScape Features in Award Winning Scheme



Birmingham's historic Central Fire Station has been brought to life following a multi-million pound redevelopment.

SITE: CENTRAL FIRE STATION, BIRMINGHAM

MATERIALS USED: FLOWPOINT

All paving was grouted using Flowpoint, the renowned rapid setting grout from UltraScape.

The £35 million redevelopment has given the disused Grade II listed 1930s fire station a new lease of life as apartments for students of Aston and City of Birmingham Universities. The station has been transformed into stylish apartments, as well as shops, bars and leisure facilities, yet still retaining many of its iconic features such as the 40ft fireman's pole and the drill tower.



As part of the redevelopment, Construction Group, Watkins Jones, reclaimed 300m² of original cobblestones from around the site which they cleaned, re-laid and grouted with UltraScape's BS 7533 compliant Flowpoint rapid set grout. Simple to use, requiring only the addition of water on

site, it is poured over the area and washed clean, filling all joints evenly, without staining. This slurry method provides an easy method of grouting large areas, quickly. The material is particularly suitable for use on irregular joints and can accommodate widths between 5mm and 50mm and depths of up to 200mm in a single pass. It is fast and efficient to apply, leaving a perfect stain free finish. Flowpoint can be opened to pedestrians in just 1 hour and vehicular traffic after only 4 hours, minimising disruption.

Site Manager, Terry Hyslop commented ' Flowpoint is a great product, it was easy to use and its fast setting time enabled us to keep downtime to a minimum.'

The site has been transformed into a vibrant location, combining classic styling with modern design. It was recognised for its innovation and sustainability credentials at the RICS awards 2016, where it was crowned the UK's national design through innovation winner!