



## Mistory

Just 12 minutes from St. Pancras International and the heart of London, Brent Cross Town is the vibrant new redevelopment of Brent Cross Cricklewood. Best known as part of a commercial district with one of the UK's largest shopping destinations, Brent Cross has been given a refresh in the 2020s as part of Argent Group's Brent Cross Town redevelopment scheme, bringing 6,700 new homes to the area and a vision for the development to be carbon net zero by 2030.

## Streamlined by Design, Delivered by Sapphire

Sapphire played a key role in supporting Maccreanor Lavington, Whittam Cox and Argent Group's aspiration for a clean, safe and aesthetically unique development at Brent Cross Town (formerly known as Brent Cross Plot 12). This aspiration was part of the core constraint of the development – water management.

Water management was core to the design – both Sapphire and architects Maccreanor Lavington & Whittam Cox needed proof that waterlogging would not be risked at the ground level. Sapphire supplies a unique rainwater management plan alongside our



innovative controlled edge drainage method, meaning no rear water pipes would be needed throughout any balcony elevations on the plot. Furthermore, drainage channels were incorporated into the hard landscaping below the balconies, meaning the controlled drainage option could be used.

Sapphire worked alongside the architects, client and contractors to standardise the original design plan. Rationalisation here meant bringing a cantilevered Cassette® balcony to more sections of the project and making the project more cost-effective for our customers.

Brent Cross Town called for a visual flair, so Sapphire worked to add a bespoke laser-cut aluminium panel to some elevations, giving the project its now distinctive aesthetic appeal.



## **NBS Specification**

## Brent Cross, Plot 12 & 202

Manufacturer	Sapphire Balconies Ltd 11 Arkwright, Road Reading, RG2 0LU 0344 88 00 553  support@balconies.global  www.balconies.global
Reference	Glide-On™ aluminium Cassette® balconies with vertical bar balustrades and aluminium sheets fixed to frame.
Balcony anchor	Cast-in anchors incorporating thermal breaks.
Arms	Splice plate, fillet welded to beam.
Casette® structure	Standard 400mm modular Glide-On™ Cassette® balconies.
Soffits	Polyester powder-coated aluminium-controlled draining soffits.
Deck finish	Vista® A2 aluminium decking fixed with hidden clips.
Toprail	60 x 15 aluminium extrusion, polyester powder-coated.
Guarding	$40\mathrm{x}12$ aluminium flat vertical bars. Some variations include a solid aluminium sheet or laser-cut aluminium sheet fixed to the outside face of the vertical bar balustrade.
Base fixing	Mechanically fixed to Cassette®
Fascias	Behind vertical bars with toe-out detail, polyester powder-coated.



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