



Case Study



Millwrights Place &
Coopers Court, Bristol

“From a building manager’s point of view, I’ve had no problems at all - ten out of ten.”

Iestyn Francis, Building Manager, Willmott Dixon



Millwrights Place & Coopers Court, Bristol

Client: Cubex Land Ltd

Willmott Dixon Construction

Contractor: Willmott Dixon Construction

Architect: The Bush Consultancy

Location: Bristol, North East Somerset

Balconies: 126 balconies in two colours, black and gold, across 5 types.



History

Located in Bristol's city centre, just minutes away from the bustling Cabot Circus shopping centre, Millwrights Place sits on the former site of the Avon Fire & Rescue headquarters, next door to their current fire station. Situated over the river from Bristol's historic Castle Park, Millwrights Place is just a stone's throw from the city centre and this brand-new development of 231 private rental apartments provides both amenities for the working population and a useful link to the city centre.



Streamlined by Discovery, Delivered by Sapphire:

With Millwrights Place & Cooper's Court being both an inner-city job, in the heart of Bristol, and located next door to a busy fire station, there were a number of logistical challenges that came with providing balconies both quickly and without disturbing the peace in the area.

Having worked on all the blocks on this project, the challenges largely came from the need to fit large, dual-apartment balconies without disturbing the functions of the local fire station. Beyond this, getting balconies to the inside of the complex's courtyard was a further challenge that we were eager to meet.



Sapphire approached the hurdles faced by Willmott Dixon with quick and simple solutions. Our offsite production facilities allowed us to manufacture all the balconies ahead of time and deliver them to the site once ready, meaning balconies were able to be fit onto the building without the need for cumbersome onsite storage.

Furthermore, fitting the balconies to the inside of the building was made simple through the use of our innovative Glide-On technology, meaning balconies could be simply lifted from the ground to the inside of the complex and fit in far less time than a bolt-on alternative.

Sapphire's assistance led to a snag-free installation, being commended by Willmott Dixon for our excellence in defect-free balcony handover. This is a testament to Sapphire's innovative Passport® app, allowing for on-site, instant quality control, meaning quality control is now easier, more accurate and faster than ever before.

We are incredibly pleased to have helped to deliver seamless install for Willmott Dixon at Millwrights Place and are proud to have left our stamp on another exciting development.



NBS Specification

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Reference Glide-On™ aluminium Cassette® balconies with vertical bar balustrades

Balcony anchor Cast-in anchors incorporating thermal breaks

Arms 2-piece galvanised steel

Cassette® structure Standard 400mm modular Glide-On™ Cassette® balconies

Soffits Polyester powder-coated aluminium controlled draining soffits

Deck finish 0 Vista RAL 8019 & 7016 composite decking fixed with hidden clips

Toprail 60 x 35mm tapered toprail (RAL 7016 & 7008) capping

Guarding 40 x 12mm bars (RAL 7016 & 7008).

Base fixing Mechanically fixed to Cassette®

Fascias Behind-bar integrated fascia in RAL 7016 & 7008



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