

WICKES, WIDNES COMMERCIAL

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Central Group have completed a comprehensive roofing project at a Wickes store in Bowers Business Park, Widnes. This store supplies a huge range of trade-quality DIY and home improvement products. This project involved working on an active building site with other trades. The success of this project has led to further work with Wickes.

LOCATION
CHESHIRE

CLIENT
WICKES BUILDING SUPPLIES

TIMESCALE
2 MONTHS

BUDGET
£300K

SIZE
5,000m²



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Approach

This Wickes store in Widnes faced challenges with its roof, because of its proximity to a coastal area, which causes more rapid deterioration of some metal types. The existing factory-coated plastisol roof sheets exhibited severe deterioration and delamination, as well as extensive cut-edge corrosion. Fixings had failed, and rooflights showed signs of deterioration. Gutters had suffered from extensive corrosion. A full refurbishment was crucial to restore the roof's integrity and longevity, as the existing system had surpassed its recommended lifespan.

Central Group's expertise, meticulous planning, and commitment to quality ensured the successful completion of the project, providing the client with a durable and resilient roof solution tailored to withstand the coastal environment's challenges. The project was backed by a 25-year guarantee.

Solution

HD Sharman roof re-coating works and guttering products were used, including the application of the Seamsil system to encapsulate the cut edge, with a new bolt encapsulation system for enhanced waterproofing and corrosion protection. Delcote GS guttering coating and Delcote Architectural coating were applied across the entire roof. Isolated roof sheets were replaced, with stainless steel fixings used to mitigate corrosion risks from the coastal environment. The entire roof was under-netted to ensure strict health and safety compliance.

Challenges

The project faced significant challenges, including a strict deadline for the official store opening, dictating efficient project management and coordination. The active building site, with multiple contractors working simultaneously, required meticulous planning to ensure seamless collaboration. For instance, scaffolding had to be removed promptly to facilitate landscaping and cladding activities.

