



Dovercourt Design!

When John Cocker, the Construction Manager for Citywide Property, first saw that HardiePlank™ siding had been specified for the company's newest development of eight apartments at Dovercourt in Essex he was initially apprehensive. "I had never used a fiber cement siding product before and was pretty nervous about the whole thing. I wasn't too sure about the construction process and was worried that it would prove a nightmare to install. I was also concerned about how the building would look when it was finished!" Fortunately for John he needn't have worried! "We found the product pretty straightforward to install even though we had never used it before. It was no harder to install than traditional shiplap and featheredge weatherboarding." Another key benefit from John's point of view was the fact that HardiePlank™ siding requires no additional treatment either before or after installation.

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Tor Coatings For Durham University

Tor Coatings has completed a major roof refurbishment programme for Durham University. The project has been completed with the firm's Elastaseal system.

The existing asphalt roof membranes had been degraded by thermal fluctuations that had resulted in water ingress, which was becoming increasingly problematic.

The University required a long-term solution to the problems it was experiencing. Elastaseal, from Tor Coatings, provided the most practical and effective long-term solution. Elastaseal is a cold liquid-applied waterproof coating system that can be applied directly over an existing roof membrane to prevent roof leaks for up to 25 years, depending on the specification. Elastaseal works by seamlessly encapsulating the existing roof substrate, creating in effect a new membrane that is not only 100% waterproof but also allows the roof beneath to 'breathe' due to its vapour permeability. The Elastaseal coating system was applied to the University roof by brush and roller, just like a regular paint. It offers the significant advantages of no on site mixing and no need for naked flames as with comparable hot work bitumen roofing systems.

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