

CHELSEA CINEMA

LONDON SW3

Originally used in the 1930s as a department store (Habitat) as well as a 700-seat cinema (Odeon) in the 1970s the building closed briefly in 1981 before reopening as the Chelsea Cinema which now specialises in classic and arthouse films.

Located on the Kings Road, one of the busiest and most well-known streets in London's West End the exterior of the building was in need of renovation.

Over time building's steel framed frame had rusted causing nearby in-fill brickwork to crumble. Although this had not compromised its structural integrity the landlord had requested it be repaired on aesthetic grounds.

Having identified and removed the damaged areas, the steelwork was cleaned and a rust inhibitor of a minimum 75 micron thick zinc rich phosphate primer and bituminous coating was applied. The brickwork was then replaced and re-pointed.

A specialist rolling bridge scaffolding system was erected to gain access to a sloped asbestos roof which was found to be leaking.

This was sealed by applying Acrypol Polymeric Roofing System. A Kemperol V210 Roofing system was applied to the main flat roof area.

The cinema remained open throughout the duration of its four-month repair.

Discipline: Building

Duration: 4 weeks

Value: £375k

Client: Cadogan Estates Ltd

The cinema, offices and retail premises within the building remained fully operational throughout the course of the building . The presence of shoppers and pedestrians below the scaffolding presented additional obstacles to the execution of this project. Clifford Devlin were found to be a very responsive and efficient contractor who successfully delivered the renovation works in difficult circumstances.

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