

# LONDON ROAD

Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey

## **This eye-catching building was an exciting project to work on and showcased the vast design capabilities available when using our products.**

This interesting project involved incorporating a glazed ceramic tile to the outside of the building for a stunning finish. The scheme had been approved to convert and extend vertically a retail/office development to a retail development with private apartments.

Trinder Architectural Ltd, Chartered Architectural Technologists, specified the Alsecco system as they had previous experience of the system and were impressed with its versatility since the ceramic tiles could be used externally. This was an important part of the design plans as the building is in an area of special character.

Alsecco provided samples of the tiles for the client matching to specific RAL colour references. The green colours and tones were selected by Trinder Architectural Ltd and an arrangement was developed on CAD to provide a transitional colour gradation that would suggest a tonal change vertically through the building, thus avoiding a banding effect.

Façade specialist, Wall Solutions, installed the Alsecco external wall insulation system, adding EPS to the substrate using Armatop MP Adhesive and a mechanical fixing. We then added Armatop MP Basecoat & Mesh 32 on top of this, followed by bonding mortar AF and ceramic slip. The ceramic tiles were then bedded directly to the reinforcing layer. In total, approximately 250m<sup>2</sup> ceramic tiles were used on the project with a white render finish on the upper floors of the apartments stretching down the side street.

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CREATING THE DESIGNER'S VISION OF A GRADED TONAL EFFECT OF TILE THROUGH THE BUILDING WAS CHALLENGING, BUT WORKING CLOSELY WITH ALSECCO'S IN-HOUSE DESIGN TEAM WE ACHIEVED A VISUALLY GREAT RESULT.

- Darren Parker,  
Wall Solutions

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