

Wickes: Building Success

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Wickes Folkestone is a new two-storey warehouse on Park Farm Road which has been constructed for the Travis Perkins Group on a site owned by Davies Street Properties Ltd. The project included the erection of a new warehouse, plus a significant amount of soft and hard landscaping.



Construction work on a large-scale project for the Travis Perkins Group has reached completion.

Construction work on the 24,300 sq ft site, which includes a mezzanine, began in June 2013 and reached completion in February 2014, with Boss Design & Build as the main contractor and MGM Chartered Architects Ltd providing all architectural services. Boss Design & Build was the chosen contractor on the project as the company has a long standing history with the Wickes brand and they also offer a competitive price.

Whilst work was conducted on the project working hours were restricted due to nearby residences, however the build ran smoothly and the contractor reached completion ahead of schedule. With construction work now complete on the project, fit-out work is currently underway ahead of the store's grand opening in mid-March, which will include the installation of fixtures and security systems.

A spokesperson for Travis Perkins, said: "Completion of the main contract was due on 10th February 2014. The schedule was met by Boss Design & Build ahead of schedule. The contractor has excelled on the project and is highly recommended."



Wickes Folkestone was built from a steel frame construction, with a mix of red brick and Kingspan cladding panels, a pitched roof and double glazed windows to the front entrance. The store has been constructed with accessibility in mind, and includes a platform lift to the mezzanine area and a DDA compliant disabled toilet with shower basin.

The new warehouse was built on a Greenfield site which originally had a sloping surface. During the works the ground was levelled off by Boss Design & Build using three different forms of retaining structures at various locations to make the land suitable. Wickes Folkestone is surrounded by industrial and retail estates, which suites the nature of the business.

With a history that dates back to 1854, Wickes opened its first UK store in 1972 in Whitefield, Manchester. By 1976, Wickes' portfolio of stores had expanded to four sites, which then grew to 25 over the next ten years.





In 1990, Wickes opened its 50th store which introduced the 70/30 format which saw 30% of the store's space dedicated to home projects. Five years later Wickes doubled its portfolio with the opening of its 100th store in Hanworth, Middlesex.

The Travis Perkins Group acquired Wickes in 2005 for £950 million and continued to drive the brand forward with the launch of a dedicated website, an installation service and the Wickes Catalogue, which featured more than 10,000 products. In 2011, Wickes opened its 200th store with even more products being added all the time.

Boss (D&B) Limited

Owned by husband and wife team, Stuart & Hazel Medd, Boss (D&B) Limited is a Design & Build commercial contractor, working on turnkey projects from care homes and retail units through to hotels and more. The Two principals have been in operation for over 44 years and within this time have worked with many leading clients, including Boots, TK Maxx, Next, Pure Gym, Travelodge, Campanile, Aldi, Cine World and many other household names and Developers.



Wickes Store:

Boss (D&B) Limited recently worked on Wickes Folkestone, constructing a new-build warehouse for the brand. The husband and wife team have built over 30 developments for Wickes in the past, however, the Folkestone store marked the first time the contractor had worked with Travis Perkins. Boss (D&B) Limited Co-owner, Stuart Medd, said:

“This continued relationship with Wickes is exceptionally important to us. I am now busy pricing another new Wickes store, as well as three other, Travis Perkins outlets on a site in Cirencester, which has come from the success of Folkestone. It is important for us to continue working with Travis Perkins.”

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