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Client \\  
Belmont House

Architects \\  
TP Bennett

Contractor \\  
McLaren Construction

## **CORIUM gives a tired old building a new lease of life**

The £30 million redevelopment of Belmont House boasts some of the largest floor plans in any Thames Valley town centre, providing more than 11,600m<sup>2</sup> of office accommodation over five storeys.

Designed by architects TP Bennett for Aviva, the tired 1980s façade was stripped back to the original concrete frame to facilitate the modernisation. The central core area was completely demolished and major strengthening works to the existing concrete frame enabled an additional fifth floor to be added at roof level, as well as two terraces, a full height atrium, and a brand new entrance.



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### **CORIUM is a joy to work with and easy to fix**

“We moved away from the original design, which called for a traditional brick,” says David Blair from TP Bennett. “We didn’t want the building to look overly uniform, so we worked to create a blend that would give the façade a ‘multi’ type characteristic that our client was looking for in the original design.”

Project Director, Peter Denness, of contractors McLaren Construction explained how happy he was with his first experience of using CORIUM on site; “It’s a joy to work with, easy to fix, and one of the biggest advantages is the flexibility it offers to a build.” Peter continued, “We actually built Belmont House from the top down. By putting the roof on and starting on the top floor, it allowed us to get water tight very quickly, so that when the following floors were being installed, they were off the critical path and we could start the fit out process a lot earlier. This level of flexibility really suited us and the project. I’d definitely use CORIUM again.”

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“Everyone seems to be very happy with the finish of the building”, says David. “It has met all expectations and looks very crisp.

The brick cladding has rebranded the building and given it a new lease of life. The finished project is exactly as everyone had hoped, if not better, which is a great result.” Peter Denness agreed, “Everyone involved with the process agrees that the new Belmont House looks fantastic.”



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