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The Coombes



INSULEAD® · STEELYTE® OPENING CASEMENTS · APPLIED SQUARE LEADING

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THE BUILDING

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THE BRIEF

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THE SOLUTION

After the initial consultation it was agreed that we would replicate the squares in the wooden windows with our square leaded Insulead[®] units and Steelyte opening casements. The specification of the unit was 4mm Planibel A toughened on the inner pane with 4mm Pilkington Optiwhite toughened on the outer pane. The outer pane was distorted in the kiln in order to give an aged appearance and was leaded using a heritage section applied lead, soldered and blackened. The Insulead was fitted using our own design of clip that is plugged directly into the masonry and then we pointed using a modified polymer. Much debate was had over the colour of the windows, whether they should be white like the original or black, the favourite colour of the Touchstone team. In order to help with the decision process, we super imposed our windows onto an elevation photograph of the Coombes and Mr and Mrs Wilson came up to Yorkshire to look at some examples of our windows. It was decided that the black frames would look the best and compliment the black diaper brickwork.

THE RESPONSE

The project was completed on time and leading and the black frames looked fantastic along-side the beautiful brickwork. Mr and Mrs Wilson are very happy with the overall look of the windows and more than happy with vastly improved thermal qualities.

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