



Planning

Case study

Tooleys Boatyard and Banbury Museum

Architect: ECD

Contractor: Interserve Project Services

Cladding contractor:

County Roofing

System manufacturer: Euroclad

System type: Composite panel

Profile type: Flat

Local planning authority:

Cherwell District Council

Colorcoat® product:

Celestia® (walls)



Sirius



A new home for industrial heritage

The new construction at Banbury Museum and Tooleys Boatyard had to combine modern design within a traditional and historic setting. The work was undertaken on behalf of Cherwell District Council with the aim of creating a leisure and educational experience from the historic remnants of Banbury's past. The project involved linking sites on both sides of a canal to form a continuous new centre comprising a museum, a

glazed bridge gallery and a tourist information centre. The museum incorporates Tooleys Boatyard, a working boatyard built in the 1700s and a key part of Banbury's history. Given Tooley's centuries of boat making experience the planners were keen to incorporate this heritage into the design.



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Colorcoat Celestia® in Sirius was specified for the walls of the structure housing the fully functioning historic dry dock. Material specification and construction type was bound by the Ancient Monuments Commission, as the dockyard was designated a scheduled monument and had to be carefully preserved. “Effectively, we kept the dock and built a box around it,” says Simon Johns of the architects.

Colorcoat Celestia provided an attractive and robust product and offered the required durability given its proximity to water. This was important on this project given the location of the development. The use of *Colorcoat Celestia* on the walls also allowed the dock to blend in with the ultra modern museum and adjacent buildings which used an abundance of glass.

