



Falmer House at the University of Sussex

PROJECT

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Design for University restored



WHEN a replacement fenestration programme was proposed for the iconic Falmer House at the University of Sussex, Crittall was contracted to supply a selection of its Corporate W20 profiles and Corporate 2000 cold form doors for the project.

The building, which houses various University services and the University of Sussex Students' Union, was designed by famous architect Sir Basil Spence in the 1960s.

Brick faced with a vault and column structure and extensive glazing, the unusual building is the first to be seen when entering the campus.

The window replacement scheme is part of a multi-million pound venture to upgrade the self-contained site, which was awarded a bronze medal from RIBA for its design and architecture and which enjoys a Grade I listed status for a development of exceptional interest.

It is also one of the most beautiful campus locations in Britain, being situated in rolling parkland on the edge of Brighton and bordered by the South Downs National Park.

The window specification therefore had to be sensitive to the original design criteria and not detract from the visual appearance of the

building. Crittall supplied its Corporate W20 profiles as a like-for-like replacement. English Heritage-approved, the W20 profiles were the ideal choice for the replacement scheme, with the narrow sightlines minimising any obtrusive mullions and transoms, and allowing the glazing to blend unobtrusively into the existing architecture, enhancing its aesthetic value.

In addition, a number of Corporate 2000 windows are also being used in Mandela Hall in Falmer House. They offer larger panes, meeting the structural requirements for the double glazing.

With Phase 1 of the project completed and Phase 2

already under way, Falmer House is being restored to its former glory with the new windows and doors enhancing the original and innovative Spence architectural design.

In total, the university is investing £100 million through a campus-wide capital programme lasting three years, which will see the University's facilities and buildings fully rejuvenated.

Client: University of Sussex
Contractor: Sussex Building Co Ltd
Architect: BLB Surveyors

