



CASE STUDY

Project:

Abbey Quarter

Client:

Link Housing Association

Sector:

Affordable housing

**Spectus Approved
Window Contractor:**

Walker Profiles Ltd

Product:

Spectus Elite 70 flush tilt
and turn windows

Location:

Paisley

Spectus Elite 70 specified for high profile affordable housing development

150 Spectus Elite 70 flush tilt and turn windows were specified in the development of 26 flats in the centre of Paisley

Planning permission was secured to build a block of 26 two bed flats for social rent, including 10 amenity homes for older people on an urban site in the heart of Paisley. The flats replaced the former Arnotts department store in the town's new Abbey Quarter.

The window contractor selected for the project was Spectus Approved Window Contractor Walker Profiles Ltd, a leading manufacturer, supplier and installer based in Motherwell.

Spectus' Elite 70 flush tilt and turn windows deliver the required aesthetics and performance

The high-profile city centre location of the flats meant the aesthetics of the windows were paramount. The flats had a streamlined design aesthetic with a carefully selected materials palette and well-planned interior spaces offering

generous daylight from the windows.

Walker Profiles secured the contract with Elite 70 flush tilt and turn windows from Spectus Window Systems.

This innovative window is an ideal solution for both medium-rise and high-rise buildings and has been specifically designed so the framework doesn't overlap, giving a 'flush' appearance that means it delivers the aesthetics of an aluminium window at a more attractive price point. In this project, the windows were manufactured in smooth anthracite grey on white to build on the aluminium aesthetics required.

The window has been tested to PAS 24: 2016 up to a maximum size of 1450 x 2400 and has a weather performance of 2400 pa, so was capable of delivering the light-filled spaces the project required too.

The Elite 70 flush tilt and turn window can achieve a Window Energy Rating of A++, which keeps ongoing running costs to a minimum, which is an important consideration on well-planned affordable homes.

The windows had Secure by Design certification as required, which is a police-backed initiative that recognises only the most secure windows and brings an extra level of security for the occupants.

A straightforward installation for an experienced contractor

The city centre location opposite the town's bus station meant this was a project that required careful planning and collaborative project management. Due to the high-traffic location, noise reduction was a critical element to the project and acoustic glazing was used throughout to provide the calm, quiet interiors needed. As an experienced contractor, Walker Profiles had a clear understanding of all the demanding requirements and found installation smooth and straightforward.

A much-needed development

The flats support Renfrewshire's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21, which aims to deliver 1,000 affordable homes by 2021. In addition, the city centre location means car ownership is not essential for residents, thereby supporting environmental efforts.

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Walker Profiles' David McGregor commented: We were delighted to work on this project. We have helped to create a striking building that delivers much-needed affordable housing in this area.

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