

WHITE OAK LEISURE CENTRE, SWANLEY

Signal-yellow curved façade makes waves at new Kent leisure centre

LOCATION

Swanley, Kent

PROJECT

Expanded mesh panels align to profile of building to create curved façade

DATE

Autumn 2021

CONTRACTORS

ISG

ARCHITECTS

Saunders Boston

DESIGN

- Architects envisaged large yellow façade as the standout visual feature of new leisure centre
- Façade designed to align with the curved profile of building to create 'wave effect'
- Maple recommended expanded mesh panels, powder-coated in signal yellow, to bring architect's concept to life

MANUFACTURE

- Maple teams fine-tuned the design – liaised closely with metal supplier and steelworks contractor
- Expanded mesh rolled to create the precise profile required by architect's brief
- Samples supplied to approve panel design and powder-coating colour

INSTALLATION

- Specialist brackets used to achieve clean lines demanded by the brief
- Maple's experienced installation team rated 10/10 by main contractor for health and safety
- Installation of architectural façade completed ahead of schedule

VERDICT

"The (yellow façade) is what sticks out for me the most. It gives the building the character and colour it needs. I'm still quite impressed with the curves and how they work. I'd definitely use Maple again."

Karl Taylor, Senior Project Manager, ISG

DID YOU KNOW?

The new White Oaks Leisure Centre replaces a tired 1960s building, and was Sevenoaks District Council's largest project in more than 30 years. It includes a 25m swimming pool, multi-purpose sports hall, fitness suite, activity studio and café.



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