

URSA scores at Craven Cottage

URSA was selected to provide insulation to the upgrading of Fulham's Craven Cottage stadium, which will include an increase in capacity and new amenities, as well as seeking to enhance the space for residents, fans and tourists, with a public promenade running along the banks of the Thames. **Ian Claydon**, technical manager at the company, explains more about the project

Fulham is the oldest of the 10 London Premier League football clubs. Founded in 1879 by the Reverend John Henry to offer the neighbourhood's young workers an alternative to unhealthy temptations, since 1896 it has had its home in the mythical Craven Cottage.

However, the site and the club have evolved dramatically since. Located on the banks of the River Thames, close to the refined London neighborhoods of Chelsea, Kensington and Chiswick, the stadium is one of the main tourist attractions of the London capital, due to its significance in the history of football, and its extraordinary location.

However, the south-western part of the British capital is now undergoing an ambitious redevelopment plan that includes the legendary Riverside Stand being demolished and reconstructed.

The scheme is being led by the club itself, appointing Buckingham Group as the main contractor and Populus as its lead architect.

As part of the wider scheme, an URSA specification has been made to ensure all thermal and acoustic targets are met.

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The project will see the redevelopment and expansion of the current Riverside Stand to increase its capacity from 4,689 to 8,650, whilst increasing the overall capacity of Craven Cottage to 29,600 seats.

A new public riverside walk, as well as new restaurants, cafés, bars, corporate hospitality, and event space also forms an important part of the scheme. Below ground, a new basement will provide 'back of house' facilities, club, and lounge area, whilst nine serviced apartments will be made available on-site.

Class leading benefits

Partnering with distributor, Encon and liaising directly with the installation team at Grant Plastering, the project used URSA TERRA glass wool slabs to insulate the ceilings and soffits. Normally used behind rainscreen cladding systems, URSA WALLTEC 32B was chosen because of its thermal conductivity of 0.032 W/mK, acoustic performance and ease of installation.

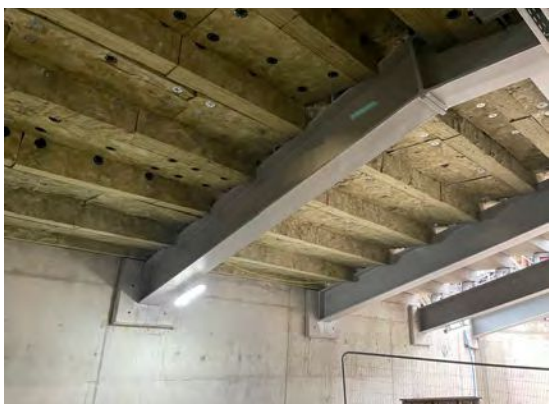
In addition to the low thermal conductivity, the slabs have exceptional acoustic absorption and are non-combustible (Euroclass A1), so they do not contribute to the propagation of fire, an advantage that is fundamental in an installation of this type, which is designed to house thousands of people.

Another noteworthy aspect is the sustainability that they bring to the buildings in which they are installed, and which are recognised by the most prestigious European certifications.

URSA's range of glass wool insulation products are completely recyclable and use less energy in their manufacture, transport, and installation.

This is an incredibly important development for the capital that sees a huge amount of investment in one of the UK's oldest football clubs. The site location and wider ambitions of the project make this an incredibly exciting development to be part of.

URSA has worked closely with the project managers, technical teams, and installers to ensure they made the very best specification. Opting for one of its core products, the company has managed to fulfil all of their wider needs in terms of the insulation specification. **rci**



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