



Project Fact File



Standard Life

Pexhurst delivers a complete rebuild of large industrial premises in a high-quality project for Standard Life at London's Staples Corner.

Project Manager
Malcolm Hollis

Location
1000 North Circular Road,
London, NW2 6LU

Value
£1.3 million

Programme
20 weeks

Pexhurst has completed a high-quality refurbishment of industrial premises at London's Staples Corner for client Standard Life and project manager Malcolm Hollis, overseeing a complete rebuild of what was the former European headquarters of electronics giant Casio.

The revitalised building will become a regional hub for builders' merchant and home improvement retailer Travis Perkins. The site is ideally located on London's North Circular Road, adjacent to Staples Corner Business Park.



Essentially a two-phase design and build project, Pexhurst has overseen and co-ordinated the work of many different subcontractors in a £1.3 million, 20-week programme, stripping the existing premises right back to its shell before taking out two bays, removing steelwork and breaking out flooring to reduce the footprint and create the necessary new hard standing. On the right hand side of the building an attractive wooden arch feature has been created.

The property now comprises the warehouse unit and three floors of offices fitted out to a very high standard, with an M&E installation including new lighting, central heating and mechanical ventilation for toilet areas. The result is a space that has been brought bang up to date with a clean, minimalist look. Existing steelwork has been painted in Travis Perkins' yellow and carpets are the company's trademark green.

The new roof, insulated cladding and drainage was installed during this winter's extreme weather conditions, with strong winds and rain to contend with. The building also needed a new electricity supply, so part of the build was carried out using site generators until the new electrical infrastructure was in place. The warehouse includes new epoxy flooring, loading pit, roller shutters, fire doors and new windows at the front.

As ever, health and safety has been of utmost importance. The bulk of work at height has been safely carried out using cherry pickers and mobile elevated work platforms without the need for scaffolding.

Pexhurst's expert project management has once again been vital. The tight programme and the need for co-ordination of contractors proved to be a challenge, but one that the team has more than met, with evening and weekend working if necessary. The result is a happy client and a space fit for the 21st century.

