

ANGLO-IRISH COOPERATION ACHIEVES WATERTIGHT DEAL AT IRISH PARLIAMENT



Anglo-Irish cooperation helped provide all the right answers when Leinster House, the seat of the Oireachtas, the Parliament of Ireland, underwent a full internal and external refurbishment.

McCorry Access Solutions were engaged to provide a bespoke, weather tight scaffold structure and temporary roof to protect the integrity of internal spaces and its historic fixtures and fittings while the twelve-month renovation project was undertaken. They faced the added challenge that they had to ensure that the day to day business of Parliament could continue unhindered throughout the project.

McCorry Access Solutions used their in-house system for the scaffold structure but turned to UK System Scaffold Hire to supplement their existing stocks of the HAKI 750 Temporary Roofing System for the project.

As Davitt McElroy of McCorry Access Solutions explains: "The challenge was to design a structure that kept the building totally weather tight while the old roof was removed and the new one installed, but which also allowed multiple trades safe access and the optimum clear space to undertake their work. The most difficult task from a build and design perspective was having all of the scaffold and roof structure in place without being allowed to touch or tie to the existing listed building.

"When it came to the Temporary Roof we knew that the HAKI 750 was the best solution, but we also needed to work with a company who really understood and "bought in" to the finer details of the project. We knew, from working with the team at UKSSH in the past, that UK System Scaffold Hire would tick all the boxes.



"Despite the fact that on this occasion we only required UKSSH to supply a relatively small amount of kit to supplement our existing stocks, they were more than happy to offer advice and technical support whenever it was required.

"The team at UKSSH has vast experience of working on similar projects so understood the requirement to avoid contact points and the need for the roof design to create large, clear, work areas. They also understood that to minimise impact on the general public and local communities, delivery times would be agreed well in advance - so there was a need for accurate and on-time delivery.

"Perhaps most important of all was UKSSH's total commitment to delivering safe systems of work: Our remit involved carrying out all works in the knowledge that Parliament Buildings and the adjoining car park were remaining live at all times so we had to plan and manage safe systems of work that allowed this to happen."

The project went seamlessly and received positive feedback from all interested parties – approval reflected in the fact that the project has been shortlisted in the Irish Construction Excellence Awards 2020.

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