

# THE CHRISTIE CAR PARK, MANCHESTER

Twelve miles of timber cladding is stand-out feature on multi-storey car park

## LOCATION

Manchester

## PROJECT

Timber cladding and aluminium folded panels on 818-space multi-storey car park, plus rainscreen cladding on stair cores

## DATE

Spring 2022

## CONTRACTORS

VINCI Construction UK

## ARCHITECTS

AFL Architects

## DESIGN

- AFL Architects worked with Maple and main contractors Vinci to create architectural façade that blends with its surroundings
- Timber cladding and aluminium folded panels sympathetic to local architectural vernacular in predominantly residential area
- Façade designed to protect privacy of neighbouring properties and prevent light-spill from car headlights

## MANUFACTURE

- Timber treated with blend of preservative and Brunnea pigment to provide long-term protection against insects, rot and fungal decay
- Façade manufactured to have narrow slats on upper levels (where inter-visibility is less of an issue), while wider-spaced timber fins at lower levels provide ventilation and protection from the elements

## INSTALLATION

- More than twelve miles of timber cladding installed
- Timber cladding enhanced by living wall – supplied and installed by another contractor
- Rainscreen cladding installed on stair cores
- Completed façade complies with all relevant fire regulations
- Accelerated programme for design, manufacture and installation

## VERDICT

“Visually, it looks very good for a car park. It’s exactly how the architect wanted it to look. And it had to be, because it was such a sensitive scheme with the locals.”

Peter Dodd, Senior Project Manager, VINCI Construction UK

## DID YOU KNOW?

Brunnea-treated timber holds colour for longer than similar products and reduces the rate of weathering. Maple installed more TWELVE miles of treated timber cladding on the project.

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