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The Flood Company serves up protection system for supermarket

The Flood Company has helped Sainsbury's continue to serve up the goods by installing flood protection at one of its supermarkets.

Experts at the flood protection company were tasked with designing an aesthetically pleasing flood mitigation solution for the Carlisle site after the store was forced to close for several weeks as a result of flooding following Storm Desmond in 2015.

The supermarket chain was left with a multi-million pound insurance claim following the disaster, which also saw its insurers threaten to increase its premium or even withdraw flood cover altogether, should preventative measures not be implemented to protect from future flooding.



The Flood Company was called in to survey the site and devise flood prevention measures that could be retro-fitted to the building. The Buffalo Panel System was chosen as a way of creating an exterior flood proof seal that would match the appearance of the supermarket. The Flood Company also installed Buffalo Glass, which provides a visually appealing barrier for use in public areas, as well as a Buffalo HD Barrier System around doors and loading bays.

The panels are made from rigid, sealed aluminium, and can be fixed over the existing cladding of the building.

In addition to these three types of barriers, The Flood Company also installed secondary pumps and control systems which control the flow of water and create a secondary line of defence for the store. The design creates a systems which is 95% passive, which means that only doors and loading bays require manual operation to implement, and can be done in under an hour by four members of staff.

The complete system minimises down time for the store in a flood event, and satisfied the insurer to re-insure the site.

On the successful installation, James Ruddiman, Sales Director at The Flood Company, commented: "We're delighted to have been involved in this project, and we're confident that the solution we have installed will protect the store from damage in the event of future flooding.

"We know just how disastrous flooding can be to a business, not just in terms of loss in revenue, but also with the loss of assets as well as the cost of staff, and clearing up the aftermath. By installing flood mitigation products, businesses can ensure fast business continuity once flooding has subsided."

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