

CASE STUDY – Part 1
Brightwells Yard, Farnham



In partnership with



CREST
NICHOLSON

The Project

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Brightwells Yard is becoming the buzzing hum of the vibrant town of Farnham in Surrey, breathing new life into the historic town.

This vibrant destination offers something for everyone, with a new 23-unit shopping centre, a six-screen cinema, seven cafés, bars & restaurants, together with beautiful open spaces, 239 new homes and a multi-level storey car park.

The Brief

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In late 2021, Daylight London embarked on a transformative journey with Crest Nicholson at Brightwell's Yard in Farnham. This mixed-use development, referred to us by a luxury house developer, required a sophisticated blend of contemporary design and heritage sensitivity. Challenges ideally suited to our expertise.



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Town Square



23

Shops



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Restaurants



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Screen Cinema

A number of big-name brands have been confirmed for the shopping centre including Marks & Spencer, Reel Cinema, Nando's, Heaven's Kitchen, Cook and Seasalt.

Crest Nicholson needed a glazing partner to advise, design, supply, install and project deliver specialist glazing across all 30 commercial units and communal access areas (car-parks, bin stores, secure cycle sheds etc).

Original Site & Plan



Our Key Stakeholders

Main Clients:



Sainsbury's

Main Contractor
& Architect



SCOTT BROWNRIGG⁺

Glazing Systems
Used:



The Challenge

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Brightwells Yard presented a unique challenge.

A 23-unit commercial centre comprising a cinema, restaurants, bars, and more, set within a historically rich environment.

The project demanded a glazing partner with the flexibility to navigate the intricacies of modern commercial needs and the nuances of heritage preservation.

Our Approach

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Rooted in our 'D Philosophy - Design, Dedication, Dependability & Delivery - Daylight adopted a comprehensive and holistic strategy that also provided flexibility, adaptability & contingency

Design Ingenuity

For the Coppa Club Restaurant, set in a Grade II listed 18th Century building, our solution was twofold. Heritage timber sliding sash windows and French doors were used to maintain historical authenticity. Concurrently, modern elements such as large span glazed units and a Brise Soleil feature were seamlessly integrated, marrying old with new.

Technical Adaptation

The Reel Cinema presented complex technical requirements. We designed a curtain wall system with structural mullions capable of supporting heavy signage while maintaining aesthetic coherence. In other areas, we employed fire-rated curtain walling, ensuring safety without compromising on style.

Execution & Results

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Daylight's commitment to precision and excellence is evident in every aspect of the large scale project.

- Coordinated and managed the design, supply, and installation with remarkable efficiency.
- Managed the technical design and RFI requirements of all elements.
- Managed diverse partners and subcontractors, aligning each component with Crest Nicholson's high standards and schedules.
- Balanced SAP calculations for thermal efficiency, fire rated systems requirements and multiple system types, navigating the complexities of modern glazing requirements.

**Heritage
Meets
Modernity**

Daylight London's bespoke solutions set new standards in commercial development



Conclusion

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The Brightwells Yard project stands as a beacon of Daylight London's ability to excel in complex environments.

Daylight's adherence to the 'D Philosophy' meant not only meeting but exceeding expectations, delivering a perfect blend of heritage respect and modern efficiency. This project serves as a blueprint for future developments, showcasing our commitment to innovative design, technical mastery, and collaborative success.

**Leigh
Phillips**
Build Manager

"Daylight London's contribution to Brightwell's Yard was pivotal. Their expertise in blending contemporary design within a heritage context was remarkable, ensuring the project's success."

Unit Schedule



We are managing the entire schedule of commercial unit installations and working on sequential and concurrent phases, ensuring we are meeting the priorities of all stakeholders.

UNITS	BUILDING	GROUND FLOOR (SQ FT)	FIRST FLOOR (SQ FT)	TOTAL FLOOR AREA
RETAIL				
1&2	D20	18,076	-	18,076
3	D21	801	-	801
4	D21	1,034	-	1,034
5	D21	987	-	987
6	D21	-	1,372	1,372
7	D21	-	2,025	2,025
8	D1/D14	968	-	968
9	D1/D14	2,742	-	2,742
9a	D1/D14	1,500	-	1,500
10/10a	D1/D14	1,294	1,246	2,540
11	D1/D14	1,544	1,373	2,917
12	D1/D14	1,505	1,335	2,840
13	D1/D14	1,812	1,699	3,511
14	D6	1,855	1,855	3,710
15	D6	984	984	1,968
16	D6	1,461	1,461	2,992
17	D6	954	-	954
18	D6	1,109	-	1,109
19	D6	911	-	911
20	D6	988	-	988
21	D6	944	-	944
22	D6	1,461	-	1,461
23	D6	1,587	-	1,587
24	D6	1,766	-	1,766
MSU1	D20	4,040	4,302	8,342

UNITS	BUILDING	GROUND FLOOR (SQ FT)	FIRST FLOOR (SQ FT)	TOTAL FLOOR AREA
RESTAURANT AND LEISURE				
RU1	D12	3,156	943	4,099
RU2	D12	1,587	2,506	4,093
RU3	D8	1,760	1,512	3,272
RU4	D8	1,878	2,178	4,056
RU5	D8	2,373	1,710	4,083
RU6	D8	3,477	2,416	5,893
RU7	D4a	3,319	-	3,319

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Beyond the tangible results, the project at Brightwells Yard has had a broader impact.

The project demonstrates how thoughtful consideration to design function and aesthetics can enhance community spaces, turning functional areas into vibrant, attractive destinations.

Daylight's approach helped establish a new narrative for mixed-use development, one where functionality, aesthetic appeal, and historical integrity coexist harmoniously and seamlessly.

**Finbarr
Doyle**
Managing Director

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