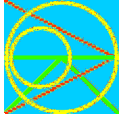


Kerrygold, Leek



Project Data

Client/ Occupier

The Kerrygold Company

Location

Leek

Type

Industrial Unit and office

Size

20 000 sq m

Value

£20m

Completion Date

Aug 2008

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Woods Hardwick have designed a replacement cheese processing and packaging plant for the Kerrygold Company at existing site in Leek.

A challenging brief was given as the new development was to have built into it an expansion of the current size bases on Kerrygold Company targets. In fact the brief requested that the new building be designed in such a way that an expansion in line with business expectations up to and including the 2013 trading year would be possible. Furthermore an additional constraint was placed upon us in that the existing building had to remain in full operation whilst the new extension was being constructed this was despite the fact that both parts do overlap.

Several key design and operational principles had to be understood before the design could be developed the main objective being to understand the functionality and logistics of the building and how the cheese process and packaging flow works for Kerrygold. A principle flow diagram was developed with the client which was then used as a basis to form the building organisation and structure.

The architectural language of the industrial units is primarily made up of cladding systems, but the proposal has been designed to breakdown the building massing by the use of these materials, expressed columns and horizontal elements to create rhythm in the modular flow of the elevation.

