



Stoke-on-Trent City Centre Bus Station, Hanley

Challenge:

To recreate a style that reflects the former coal seams and indigenous materials, central to Hanley's recent history, in the City's new Bus Station.

Solution:

Sweeping around the site's edge to create a wave-like form, the dramatic curved aluminium-clad roof is lifted on a steel frame above a brick-clad plinth, rising and falling as necessary to suit the internal use.

To create the style required, the architects chose Staffordshire Slate Blue and Dark Grey Glazed bricks for the plinth. The bricks were laid in a variety of bonding patterns, with predominant areas of stack bonded stretcher and header brickwork, and combined with a relief pattern of protruding and recessed courses to break up the mass and create an interesting modern visual.

Architect: Grimshaw (SBS Architects), London

Brick:

Staffordshire Slate Blue Smooth, Dark Grey Glazed