



**MERSEY STREET APARTMENTS, BELFAST
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A Heritage cast aluminium rainwater system from Alumasc has contributed to the sympathetic conversion and refurbishment of the former Mersey Street primary school in East Belfast.

A sensitive design solution by architects Isherwood and Ellis saw the redundant Grade B1 listed primary school converted into 30 self-contained apartments by building contractors Connolly and Fee Ltd for the social housing provider, Connswater Homes.

As a Grade B1 listed building, the facade could not be significantly altered; leading Isherwood and Ellis to specify Alumasc's Heritage cast aluminium rainwater system with a black textured finish to replicate the school's original cast iron system.

The Heritage cast aluminium range is ideal for traditionally designed buildings and can be used for the direct replacement of cast iron, whilst offering all the benefits of modern aluminium casting techniques and factory finish.

The system, which was supplied by Alumasc approved supplier PFC Rainwater Systems of Newtownabbey in County Antrim, has minimal maintenance requirements and is lightweight, durable and easy to handle and fix. The moulded profile specified for Mersey Street was one of five profiles that are available in the range, alongside a choice of imperial sizes and RAL colours to suit all projects.

The Social Development Minister, Nelson McCausland opened the new £3 million development and said “This really is an impressive development and good news for the people of East Belfast. Not only does this innovative project provide much needed new housing in an area of high housing need, but it rescues a much loved historic building of local importance.”



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