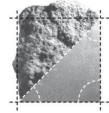


portland stone - naturally



ALBION STONE

# St Helen's Hotel, Dublin



**Architect/Designer:**  
**John McCurdy**

**Client:**  
**Radisson Hotels**

**Main Contractor:**  
**N/A**

**Location:**  
**Dublin, Ireland**

**Portland Stone:**  
**Independent Basebed**

**Scope of Project:**  
**Restoration and extension  
of country house hotel.**

Set in woodlands overlooking Dublin Bay, St Helens Hotel is a premier country house hotel with an impressive history. It was therefore important that the restoration and enlargement of the hotel was carried out in a sympathetic fashion and to an exceptional standard.

Portland stone was specified for the various restoration projects including pier caps, balustrades, steps and minor repairs as well as cladding for a new wing containing bedrooms and conference facilities.

Various samples were used to find the closest match to the existing Portland Stone. After all the test results were reviewed Independent Basebed was selected as the closest match to the existing material.

During the restoration process, care was taken to ensure that there was an even mix of old and new material being used. Balustrades were moved from the rear

of the hotel to the front and were replaced by newly turned identical balustrades.

As the Independent Basebed begins to weather the repairs will blend into the building. New pier caps around the perimeter of the hotel grounds are in keeping with the building design and add to the impression of grandeur.

The new bedroom and conference wing, to the side of the hotel has used traditional Portland Stone cladding but has mixed the old stone with the new in a more contemporary design.

The end result of this project is a fine building which incorporates all the specifications from the Radisson Hotel Group whilst maintaining the original Portland Stone and creating a new contemporary wing which clad in Portland stone follows the design of the original house.

[www.albionstone.com](http://www.albionstone.com)

t 01737 771772 e [enquiries@albionstone.com](mailto:enquiries@albionstone.com)

ALBION STONE