

CASE STUDY











**Architect:** WHp Architect

Main Contractor: Interserve

**Products:** Lakeside Demountable Aluminium Flood Barriers;

Lakeside Slimline Demountable Aluminium Flood Barriers

Flood Barrier Accessories

Completion Date: February 2022

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## **Background**

West Yorkshire has repeatedly suffered from flood events, with the "worst flood event in 70 years" occurring in 2015. A 'major incident' was declared after more than 2000 homes were flooded and left without power, and army troops were called in to assist emergency services. Following the 2015 floods, Lakeside Flood Solutions were contracted to provide flood defence solutions to Waterside Court, the Home Office's main hub for immigration functions in West Yorkshire. The complex of buildings houses a reporting centre, case working teams and an immigration compliance and enforcement (ICE) team.

Solution

Lakeside installed 69no. Demountable Flood Barriers to the site. In total, 360 metres of barrier was required to protect all potential ingress points to the premises, including both door and window protection.

## **Bespoke Design Services**

Lakeside were selected at project design stage by the architect WHp Architecture, to provide input into the design elements of the flood defences and their integration with the building. The design stage was of paramount importance due to the Grade II Listed status of the property. This allowed us to provide the following bespoke product innovations for the site:

- Slimline Stainless Steel 304 Barrier Side Posts, only 65mm wide to fit optimally in the narrow door and window opening reveals.
- Storage Container solution.
- Powder coating of barriers to bespoke colour to match the building façade.

## Barriers proven to work in last flood

In February 2022, three storms hit the UK within a seven-day period, with Storm Eunice labelled the 'worst storm in decades'. We are pleased to report that the Lakeside barriers have been proven to work in this latest real-life flood event:

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JPS Projects (Contractor), February 2022























