Case study – Kielder Observatory, Northumberland

Brief
Designed by London-based Charles Barclay Architects, the Kielder Observatory is the result of a flagship project for Northumberland and they needed a stable and strong wood that would still look good in twenty years time.

Solution
Offering a life expectancy in excess of 45 years, Vincent Timber supplied 280m² of Siberian Larch half lap cladding and around 400m² of Siberian Larch planed all round.

Benefits
FSC Siberian Larch is both environmentally friendly and visually stunning. The perfect choice for the observatory, which is very exposed to the elements, it boasts long life durability and exceptional impact resistance.

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The ‘Star’ attraction FSC Larch

Vincent Timber’s Siberian Larch has been fixed to the impressive timber-built observatory at Kielder Water & Forest Park – home to two brilliantly strong telescopes, 2.2m and 2.5m high. A prime site for Europe’s newest stargazing facility, minimal light pollution means that Kielder has the darkest night skies in England. The state-of-the-art observatory is being used by specialist astronomers and scientists to reveal the mysteries of time and space.

Project:
Kielder Observatory

Products:
FSC Siberian Larch

Architects:
Charles Barclay