integrated piping systems
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Waitrose store, Balham



location

Balham, London, UK



year

2026

application

HVAC system

product

VSH XPress
Pegler Valves

market

commercial

contractor

W J Mechanical Services Ltd.

project profile

Waitrose Balham recently underwent a multi-million-pound refurbishment, with works taking place from July to September 2026. The investment was designed to refresh the store and included improvements such as updated counters, a new Fine & Rare wine area and an improved service desk for quicker click and collect. The store remained open during the refurbishment, with efforts made to keep disruption to customers to a minimum.

W J Mechanical Services Ltd. worked on the project, using a range of products from Aalberts integrated piping systems to support the installation. Products included 15–108mm copper press fittings alongside 15–100mm Pegler press-fit and flanged valves.

With the refurbishment operating to a fast-track programme, installation speed was an important consideration. Press fittings offer a faster installation method compared with traditional soldered or brazed fittings, while also removing the requirement for hot works. The press installation method can also make flushing and cleaning the pipework quicker after installation, as fewer foreign materials, such as flux, are introduced into the system. This can help save both time and money during the installation process.

Support was provided ahead of the project, with W J Mechanical consulting Aalberts integrated piping systems' Area Sales Manager, Ryan Pickard, before work began. Having fittings and valves available on call-off throughout the project helped the contractor access the products required and supported the team in completing the fast-track project on time. The wide range of fittings available

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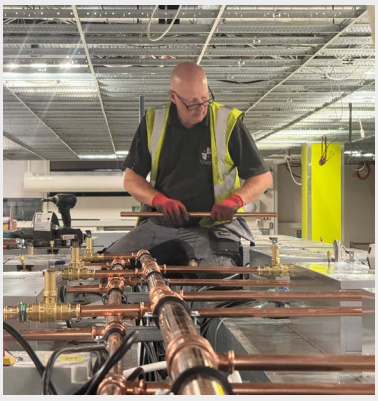
also allowed W J Mechanical to complete the required works while achieving a clean-looking installation.

The Waitrose Balham refurbishment also highlights some of the wider benefits associated with press solutions for commercial projects, including faster installation, no hot works, corrosion resistance, a long service life and a professional, clean-looking installation.

Alongside the speed of installation, the use of press fittings provided a practical solution for the project. By reducing the need for traditional soldering or brazing and helping to simplify the flushing and cleaning process afterwards, the system offered benefits across different stages of the installation.

The project demonstrates how the availability of a comprehensive range of fittings and valves, combined with support before and during a fast-track installation, helped W J Mechanical successfully complete its work at Waitrose Balham.

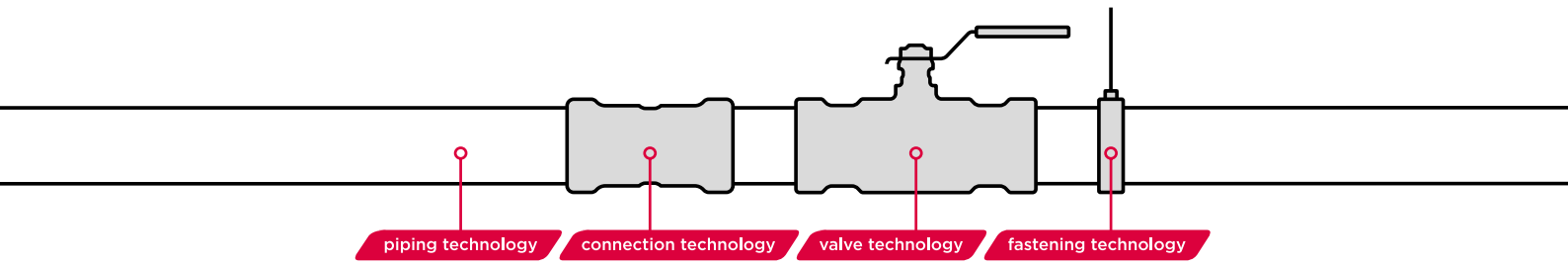




customer testimonial

Stephen Wallis, WJ Mechanical Services Ltd. Director, said: **"The range of fittings available (from Aalberts IPS) allowed us to complete the works and produce a clean-looking install."**

Stephen added: **"Overall, we have had a great experience from start to finish dealing with Aalberts IPS."**



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