



Vue Darlington

A multiplex at the heart of a new leisure destination.

The new Feethams leisure destination in Darlington is an exciting £30 million development on the site of a former bus station. It opened in June 2016 and is already proving to be an incredibly popular venue for food and entertainment in the town and beyond into the wider areas surrounding Darlington. At its core, is the 9 screen Vue cinema, which was equipped and installed by Sound Associates.

SA has had a long and successful relationship with Vue Cinemas, and when we were asked to tender for this latest multiplex, (their 85th in the UK) we knew that together we could create a cinema that was not only well designed but that was also innovative. Here Vue have installed their first Sony Double Stack R515DS projectors, this system delivers 30,000 lumen brightness levels for superb quality and definition in 3D and 2D on a 14m wide screen.

There are 9 screens in total, three of which offer 3D. We used state of the art Sony R515DS, R515 and R510 projectors and Dolby CP750 processors together with QSC amplifiers powering QSC loudspeakers for spectacular sound systems.

‘Picture quality and sound quality was amazing’ – Google review

SA’s Project Manager, Derek Soden worked closely with Vue’s architects on loudspeaker layout and positions to create the optimum surround sound experience. He then liaised with fit-out builders, the electrical contractors and FF&E contractors and coordinated the teams efficiently to avoid conflicts due to the tight schedule and very limited storage space.

In ten short weeks the 9 brand new shells became cinema auditoria, the installation of all nine screens ran smoothly and the cinema opened on time. Nadine, Head of Technical Services for Vue said: “Thank you to our partners Sound Associates. Your support is much appreciated.”

Fact file:

- Vue’s 85th cinema in UK
- £4.6 million venue. Part of the £30 million Feethams leisure destination in the town
- 9 screens (3x3D)
- 1,258 seats





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Technical Specifications:

- Nine screens
- Sony R515 or R510 4K projectors in each screen (Sony Double Stack projectors in screen 1, the first in the Vue estate)
- 3D in screens 1, 3 and 8
- Dolby 7.1 surround sound
- Dolby CP750 processors
- QSC stage and surround speakers powered by QSC DCA amplifiers with DCM crossover/monitors
- Dolby Fidelio DDA HVI1 equipment

