

Contract in brief

Location:

Grays, Thurrock

Client:

Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC

Consultant:

Brian G Hall Associates

Blackwell Role:

Main Contractor

Form of Contract:

JCT 1998

Contract Value:

£1.1M

Contract Start:

April 2002

Contract Period:

30 wks

Blackwell site management

Contracts Manager:

Charles Ratcliffe

Project Manager:

J Garwood

Services Included:

Civil Engineering ✓

Earthworks

Geotechnical

Remediation

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Contract Summary:

The works involved the widening, realignment and extension to existing roads, footpaths, kerbs, drainage and paved areas within a busy town to accommodate a major new superstore development.

The scheme required detailed planning to minimise disruption to local traffic whilst accommodating major alterations to the existing statutory undertakers plant and services, street lighting and the construction of a new gyratory traffic system with signalised junctions, bus / taxi waiting areas and dedicated pedestrian accesses.

Key Processes:

- Around the stores, the existing roads and pavements were improved by realignment and the provision of visually pleasing modern block paved surfacing
- New passenger access ramps from road level undertaken next to the existing railway station. This required trackside working to construct the interface retaining walls.
- The existing taxi rank was upgraded for both store and rail passenger use.
- All section 278 roadworks and paved areas to the shopping centre reconstruction were completed to the satisfaction of the adopting authority Thurrock District Council and completed in accordance with the phased programme constraints to meet the store opening date.

