

HIGH STREET NORTH, BARGOED

Client

Caerphilly County
Borough Council

Location

Bargoed

Date

2012

Value

£1.35m



Works comprised the following:-

- Removal of existing surfacing, kerbing, street furniture and drainage gullies
- Excavation within the carriageway to new line and level
- Installation of surface water drainage to include a linear drainage system
- Protection works to existing basements and cellars
- Resurfacing of footways in natural pennant stone paving with granite kerbs and fluted channels to downpipes
- Carriageway resurfacing in tarmacadam with stone sets and tactile paving to crossing points
- Installation of new street furniture to include adjusting existing covers and frames to new levels
- Working concurrently with other contractors
- Working in a densely populated area with the need for constant public/contractor interface
- Working closely with Statutory Undertakers and other Stakeholders
- The need to protect the existing Environment from the works being undertaken

Difficulties Overcome

- Disruption to local residents and businesses was mitigated by early contact to gain awareness of concerns, with continued liaison throughout the works period.
- Problems with services were mitigated by close liaison and trial holes taken well in advance of careful excavation.
- Traffic and pedestrian movements were managed under a comprehensive traffic management plan.

Construction Methods

- Public realm works were undertaken in phased sequences separated into operational sections.
- A satellite compound for storage required both the piecemeal disposal of waste and supply of materials.

Health and Safety

- Health and safety was a major feature within a busy town centre. Well executed traffic management secured safe working operations for the labour force and general public.
- No reportable accidents during 52,000 working hours.

Working with the Community

- Public liaison was continued throughout the life of the scheme works with particular attention paid to the town traders to keep disruption to a minimum.
- An "Information Centre" in the centre of Town provided the opportunity for local people to make their enquiries – manned 2 days per week by our Community Liaison Officer
- Bulletins and Newsletters were regularly produced.
- The scheme was registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme and scored 31.5/40 – A high level beyond compliance.
- Working within a busy town centre requires well organised working and safety procedures, all of which have been achieved here. The Site Manager/Liaison Officer maintained personal contact with retailers to schedule works around individual requirements.