



HMRC: Holyhead Inland Border Facility

In a drive to enhance its ability to efficiently conduct customs checks on HGVs and reduce delays at the borders post-Brexit, HMRC sought a contracting partner to transform a temporary Inland Border Facility at Holyhead into a permanent facility with enhanced capabilities

The solution

Building Solutions (the specialist building and refurbishment arm of VINCI Facilities) secured the project due to its track record of success delivering similar works at Inland Border Facilities in Birmingham and Warrington.

Following 15 months on site, the £15m design and build contract was completed successfully thanks to a focus on the following areas:

Delivering value

In a drive to maximise value, Building Solutions' design team developed value engineering initiatives that created savings of £6m. For instance, although the brief specified that an on-site building be enhanced with a mezzanine and extension, the team was able to eliminate these costly works without compromising the required functionality of the building.

Community support

Keen to support the surrounding community, Building Solutions directly employed 20 local individuals to work on site and ensured that local SMEs were used for c.50% of all subcontracted works. For example, c.£150k of works were conducted by Campbell Grindlay Engineering, a business located just 15 miles from site. Where necessary, additional training was provided to the smaller SMEs to help them gain confidence in working with a Tier 1 contractor for the first time.

Maximising productivity

The team worked tirelessly to fast-track the project. This involved hiring additional labourers and, with the permission of the Isle of Anglesey County Council, working evenings and weekends throughout the duration of the contract.

Efficient logistics

Representing a major challenge, the site was required to remain operational throughout the works, with as many as 35 HGVs being on site for inspection by HMRC at any one time.

For this reason, it was essential that all deliveries, equipment and plant was managed as efficiently as possible. To ensure this, Building Solutions employed multiple banksmen and traffic marshals to monitor vehicle movements. Additionally, in order to take pressure off surrounding roads, the team established a holding area at the top of the site and created a temporary redirection of the neighbouring road when required.

Health and safety

Numerous solutions were used to minimise health and safety risks, including scaffolding, MUPEs, trench boxes, ground penetrating radars to identify hidden services below ground, and MSite turnstiles with biometric face recognition to ensure secure access to site.

Thanks to these rigorous health and safety measures, all works were successfully delivered with zero accidents.

SCOPE OF WORKS

- » New build, two-storey inspection shed constructed using a steel frame and rainscreen cladding. The building houses a four-bay vehicle area, offices, secure storage, security rooms, viewing areas, and a refrigeration unit.
- » Construction of a new substation.
- » Remodelling an existing building into offices complete with an upgraded sprinkler system.
- » Installation of eight electric vehicle charging bays.
- » Various civil works, including drainage alterations.
- » Various security works, including new security gates.



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