



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET



PROJECT TITLE

Brixton Town Centre - Phase 2

CLIENT

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VALUE OF WORKS

£1,200,000

DATE OF COMPLETION

April 2009

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

A £1.2 million streetscape improvement project by FM Conway transformed the centre of Brixton. The scheme is part of a Transport for London investment programme which funds work to improve the capital's transport system and urban environment.

FMC was principal contractor for phase two (and three, see separate project information sheet) of the three-stage project. To improve access to shops and services and creating a safer, more pleasant town centre environment.

Plans included improved pedestrian crossings, wider pavements, less street clutter, and new bus lanes to ease traffic congestion.



The Civils / London Paving team working on the scheme, was headed by Senior Contracts Manager Larry Kyan and Contracts Manager Paul Williams, including Site Manager Joe Jarvis, Supervisors Mark Featherstone and Alan Perrin, Senior Quantity Surveyor Peter Jarvis and Quantity Surveyor Randolph Alimodian.

Some 20 FMC plant and general operatives, plus Stonemason Mark Webb, completed the team on site. A wide range of FMC plant was deployed on the work, which involved two other Conway divisions as well as Civils / London Paving. Cleansing personnel carried out the drain and gully cleaning and CCTV surveys of existing drainage, while Surfacing laid more than 4,000m² of new stone mastic asphalt and 1,200m² of anti-skid surface dressing.

Improvements were made along a 350-metre stretch of the Brixton Road, in the middle of which is the Underground station.

For health and safety reasons work in the vicinity of the station was only carried out when the station was closed. Joe Jarvis explained that this had necessitated 24-hour and weekend working.

“We’ve had to do a lot of night work,” he said. “There have been many challenging aspects of the job, not least the sheer volume of people and traffic in the area – it’s so congested.

“Brixton has some of the busiest bus stops in London, and the footpaths are very narrow. We’ve had to keep two lanes of carriageway open to traffic during peak hours and maintain access to shops.”

Stalls at two local street markets had to be moved during the works following negotiations with the market managers.

The scheme involved the introduction of two new bus lanes, upgraded pedestrian crossings with new traffic signals, more than 20 new street lighting columns, new drainage systems, litter and recycling bins, highway signage and 40 bicycle stands.

FMC is laid 3,500m² of granite paving slabs, 1,000m of granite kerb stones, and pouring around 330m³ of concrete.

Up to five lorries a day were taking arisings from the construction work to Dartford for recycling.

Work on the improvements began in April 2008 and was completed April 2009.

