

PRESS INFORMATION

COST EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS AT HM TREASURY

SITE MANAGEMENT SOLUTION FROM THE LOGISTICS BUSINESS FITS THE BILL

The two year, £165 million refurbishment of the historic HM Treasury building in Whitehall has been completed with careful management of site deliveries, despite restricted access at this vital Government administrative headquarters.

With the help of the Zone Manager vehicle and crane management solution from The Logistics Business, contractors Clipfine delivered and directed over 70 truck loads of material per day to the confined King Charles Street site in the heart of London.

“This is a very large project, but we only had space for two vehicles at a time, so had to organise things precisely,” says Steve McHugh, Logistics Manager of Clipfine. “We used Zone Manager to create a schedule for all our cranes, hoists and vehicle deliveries which we can then use to manage what could easily have become chaos if we were not on top of it.”

Day-to-day operations at the Whitehall site can be demanding. A no parking policy around the Treasury building was strictly enforced and with the Cenotaph across the road and Downing Street around the corner, there were demanding security restrictions. Clipfline were responsible for the site logistics and worked directly for main contractors Bovis to ensure the smooth running of this prestigious project.

“Site access was extremely tight and King Charles Street is accessible from one side only. It was therefore essential that we control and manage our suppliers and sub contractors around the clock. We simply can't have any late deliveries. Zone Manager was the tool that assisted us in achieving this control, ensuring that the project ran efficiently and cost effectively.”

Zone Manager software produces a weekly delivery schedule sheet that is distributed to all contractors on site. Each delivery that arrives within its allocated 15-minute slot is directed to a booking-in area for unloading by crane or sub-contractors. Materials are then taken directly to the area of the site where they are required.

“We have also been using the system to pinpoint suppliers that are continually early or late and have in fact put together a trade contractors performance league table. Through enhancements the system continually evolved to suit the needs of the site and we posted the schedule onto the intranet site, ensuring real-time site-wide visibility,” concludes McHugh.

Design and build contractors Bovis were instrumental in the choice of this system, “We chose Zone Manager to assist in streamlining site activities and to ensure the project ran effectively and in line with our logistical intent and agreed procedures,” commented Nick Daniel, Project Manager for Bovis Lend Lease.

Nick Hoare, Consultant at The Logistics Business believes this is one of several steps forward for supply chain thinking in the traditional building sector. “Zone Manager is essentially a Dock Management system that we have specifically developed for the construction industry.”

“For years now, other industries have used logistics techniques to improve cost and operational efficiency while saving time, providing maximum competitive advantage in the market. It is now the turn of the construction industry. “

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