



Inland Border Facility

SEVINGTON, NEAR ASHFORD, KENT

Nationally-important infrastructure on an epic scale

Having successfully delivered the Inland Border Facility (IBF) at Manston Airport, we were approached by Kent County Council to construct a second, much larger project at Sevington, near Ashford. This was a time-barred contract, commencing in July 2020, with a fixed 38-week completion deadline. It was also the biggest project we've undertaken in our history.

The greenfield site consisted of two areas, each roughly 31 hectares (76 acres), separated by a public right of way. The original requirement was to strip the topsoil from one block and cover it with 250mm of 6F5 capping, overlaid with 200mm of Type 1 product - over 245,000 tonnes of 6F5 and 80,000 tonnes of Type 1 in total.

As the project progressed, the specification changed rapidly and continuously. Our package eventually encompassed a wide range of works, including:

- Upgrading the entire site to a SUDS surface, requiring an extra 92,000 tonnes of material.
- Tarmacadam and kerbing for all circulation roads.
- Cabling and ducting for CCTV and ANPR.
- Lighting columns, security fencing, noise and environmental barriers.
- Fire-fighting facilities.
- Five Customs inspection sheds.
- 15 modular offices.
- Hard and soft landscaping throughout requiring other quarry products totalling 35,000 tonnes.

With teams often working six or seven days a week, and up to 250 staff on-site, the project was completed on time, despite the wettest autumn since 1891, followed by the coldest winter in 50 years. All materials were supplied by Gallagher Aggregates.

Project Details

PROJECT SECTOR:

Distribution & Logistics

CLIENT:

Kent County Council

GALLAGHER CONTRACT VALUE:

£80 million

LENGTH OF CONTRACT:

38 weeks