

CASE STUDY

Barker Street Towers, Oldham



AT A GLANCE



PROJECT

Complete renewal of nine medium rise tower block buildings located on the same complex. Works included the stripping back of the original roofing build up and consequent replacement with a new felt system to each tower block as well as the community centre, ensuring the residents did not face any further water ingress. Backed by a 20-year guarantee. All roofing works completed over 3 phases.

ACCESS CHALLENGES

The first challenge that immediately presented itself when stepping on site was the undulating ground the complex was situated on. Access to site proved difficult for large trucks as the streets leading up the entrance were also tight and narrow. To combat this, we limited the number of vans we used to transport our workforce and materials to site to keep access open for the residents. However, we also faced the further challenge of Covid during this period. Following government guidance, we 'bubbled up' our workforce into groups of three, making sure that they arrived and left site in their designated van.

NEW WORKING METHODS

Limiting the number of vehicles on-site in this way presented another problem surrounding the transport of materials. As we had less vans, we took the decision to store the materials off-site and use a new position of 'Contracts Assistant' to deliver what was needed daily. It was through this challenge that we actually changed our working methods going forward. We now primarily only deliver what is needed for the working day on large projects, rather than storing all materials on-site.

From this obstacle we were able to alter our working methods and have now recently employed a further Contracts Assistant, proving an employment opportunity that may not have otherwise been available.

Challenges

- Undulating ground
- Narrow access to site
- Anti-social behaviour
- Ensuring resident safety
- Covid-19

Contract

- Nov 2020 - May 2021
- Bauder Total Plus Roof System
- 9 tower blocks & community centre



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