

Thames Valley Award

Reading Elevated Railway

Cost: £70m
Location: Caversham Road, Reading
Completed: August 2014
Submitted by: Network Rail
Team: Network Rail, Atkins Ltd, Balfour Beatty
Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd, **Sword Contracts Ltd**
Lafarge Tarmac, Danny Sullivan & Sons Limited
McGinley Support Services Limited, Maccaferri Ltd.
Commercial Marine & Piling Limited
Caulfields Contractors Ltd, Steelway Fensecure Ltd
Stirling Lloyd Construction Ltd



Reading is a critical rail hub, linking destinations such as London, Southampton, the South West, Wales, Manchester and Edinburgh. The Elevated Railway is the last key piece in Network Rail's Programme to unblock this notorious train bottleneck. Located to the west of the station it will lead to smoother, more reliable services, increased capacity and reduced journey times for passengers and freight.

It has involved the delivery of the largest reinforced concrete structure on the UK rail network one year ahead of programme. Thousands of passengers and freight users will benefit from one of the biggest new infrastructure investment programme carried out on the Western route over recent years.

Safety is at the centre of everything from planning, value management, design and delivery with the project being Balfour Beatty's best performing major project. This has been achieved by close collaboration of all parties involved around a set of shared goals.

