

G F Tomlinson | Priory Shopping Centre, Worksop | SVEA Barrier System

Delivering a secure construction environment within a live retail setting.

The renovation and partial demolition of the Priory Shopping Centre in Worksop required a carefully coordinated approach to site safety within a fully operational retail environment. With high pedestrian footfall, active businesses, and a busy one-way road system running alongside the site, maintaining accessibility while establishing a secure work zone was critical.

This project demonstrates how a tailored combination of barrier systems and operational planning can successfully integrate construction activity into a live urban setting without disrupting the public or surrounding businesses.

The Challenge:

Working within a busy shopping centre brought a unique set of constraints. The client needed to create a secure and clearly defined construction zone while ensuring that businesses within and around the site could continue trading as normal.

The environment presented multiple pressures: restricted access points, height limitations in certain areas, and constant pedestrian movement throughout the day. At the same time, the site bordered a key route within Worksop's one-way system, meaning that any disruption to traffic flow was not an option.

A solution was required that could deliver robust crash protection and site security, while maintaining safe pedestrian routes and preserving the day-to-day operation of the surrounding retail environment.



The Solution:

Taking these constraints into account, the Ramudden Urban Solutions team developed a bespoke approach focused on both safety and minimal disruption.

A secure site compound was established using the **SVEA barrier system**, creating a strong and reliable perimeter around the works. This was enhanced with **integrated sound panels**, helping to reduce noise impact on nearby businesses and improve the overall experience for the public moving through the area.

To further strengthen site security, an additional third tier of wire mesh fencing is being introduced, ensuring the compound remains fully protected throughout the duration of the project.

Careful planning was also required to manage installation in such a restricted and high-footfall environment. Increased operative levels allowed for the safe escorting of Moffett vehicles through pedestrianised areas and tight access points, while working within height-restricted zones.

To protect the surrounding road network, stop/go traffic management was used during key installation phases, ensuring that the one-way system continued to operate without disruption.

The Outcome:

The result is a secure, well-contained construction site that integrates seamlessly into a busy retail setting.

By combining robust barrier systems with thoughtful logistical planning, the project delivers high levels of safety for pedestrians, the workforce, and road users alike. At the same time, surrounding businesses have been able to continue trading without interruption, maintaining normal footfall and customer access throughout the works.

The addition of sound-reducing panels has further enhanced the environment, minimising the impact of construction activity in a sensitive urban location.

This project highlights how modern barrier solutions, when applied with a tailored and proactive approach, can support complex construction activity while preserving the functionality and experience of the surrounding space.

Client Feedback

“Thanks for erecting the site hoarding and barrier last week, it was a very efficient installation.”

Stephen Spiegelhalter, G F Tomlinson

