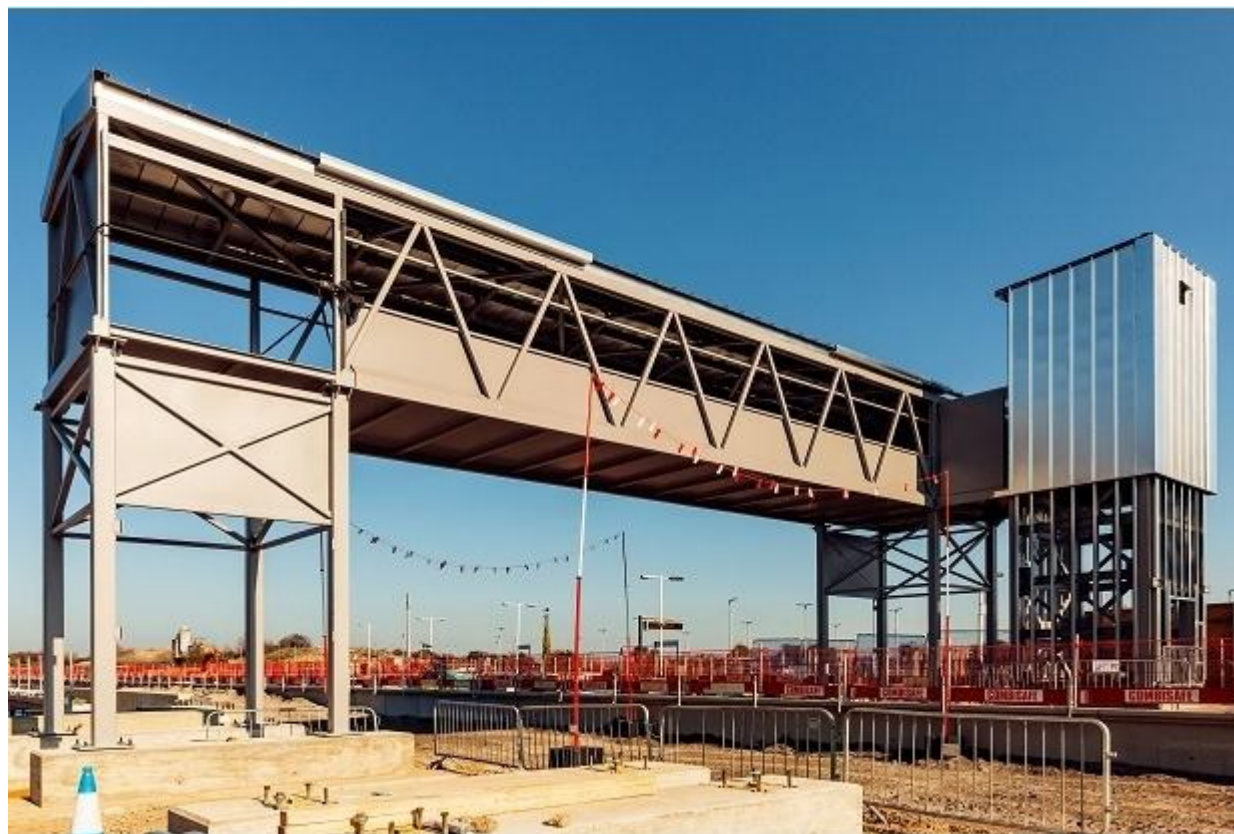


Britcon Engineering Services secure new rail contracts

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Britcon Engineering Services (BES) has secured two further contracts in support of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan.

To support the redevelopment of Ferry Boat Lane Station in Mexborough, South Yorkshire, BES has been awarded a £900,000 contract with Construction Marine Limited to supply all steel materials and fabrication drawings. This forms part of the 'Access for All' upgrade where a 15m span footbridge, stair structures and 160m ramps on both sides of the track are being provided. Because of the restricted nature of the site with limited evening track possessions for installation, BES will trial assemble the bridge, its support towers and stair assemblies in its own stockyard and store to deliver to site in the sequence to be erected.

As part of the complete refurbishment and modernisation of Market Harborough Station, BES has been instructed by Amey Limited in a £500,000 contract to provide a 15m span link bridge, stair enclosures and two lift-shafts. This is to provide new access to a previously redundant platform that is being reactivated. BES has supplied all materials, prepared fabrication drawings, fabricated and installed on site. To minimise site working during limited track possession periods, BES allowed for cladding of the bridge, stairs and lift shafts off site and installed during a series of night-time possessions.

The fabrication for both projects incorporated all Network Rail standard protection specifications such as

anti-trip nosings, corduroy deck inserts on the stairs for the visually impaired as well as bespoke handrail/balustrade system.

Peter Redfern of BES, said, *"We are pleased to secure these contracts and remain a recognised and prominent contractor to the Network Rail upgrade programme. Our expertise in the rail sector spans many decades and our capacity to trial assemble components off site significantly helps the restrictions imposed by limited access for installation. All of our fabrications conform to exacting Network Rail standards and CE level 3 accreditation."*

BES has also recently completed a £1 million project to provide new structural steelwork for the creation of a new station at Ilkeston Derbyshire, a £480,000 steelwork upgrade project for Carillion at Doncaster Station, and a £540,000 project for Balfour Beatty at Abbeywood Station in South East London.