



Case Study: TKR - Kimberley Clark Paper Mill

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The Project

With 42,000 employees world wide, Kimberley Clark manufacture some of the world's best known brands including Huggies and Kleenex. This Design and Build contract, required us to refurbish the clients welfare facilities over two floors of their Flint site production mills.

Temporary changing, showering, toilet and locker facilities were installed for all of the plant's 5 shift teams, with work commencing in August 2018.

On the first floor we stripped out the existing commercial kitchen, server and mess room, before fitting new ceilings, flooring, services and kitchen/dispense facilities. On the ground floor we formed a new opening, completely refurbished the toilets, showers and locker rooms and installed a new lift.

Challenges & Solutions

Throughout the duration of this project we were required to work in an occupied building where existing facilities were still required and therefore temporary facilities had to be installed as a priority. To avoid any unnecessary disruption, we had to use extensive hoarding, work outside of normal hours and reuse existing below ground drains, rather than digging up the floors. This process meant we needed to raise the levels of the existing floors using screeds and epoxy resins, to allow for the installation of channel drains in the showers.

A lack of both disabled access to the first floor and a goods lift for the kitchen, resulted in the need to construct a block work lift shaft to the underside of the first floor, to act as both temporary and permanent works, avoiding steel erection. We then cut out the first floor slab and installed a self-contained platform lift. In addition to these challenges, the client personnel changed throughout the design process, resulting in new ideas and changes to original plan. We worked closely with the new personnel, re-produced a number of mood boards and supplied many samples to receive final sign off on the new designs.

Outcome

We successfully completed the project within budget and without any accidents or surplus materials left over. We finished a week over the original schedule, due only to additional works being completed. Overall our client was very pleased with both the lack of disruption throughout the works and the resulting finished product.

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**Jon Bagley, Construction Director,
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“This has been our first design and build refurbishment venture on the Kimberley Clark site with our TKR partners. Previously we've carried out projects centred around civil engineering and works in the plant areas, so it was great to get involved in a new fit out project with them.”

