

New concrete batching plants





"We have been on-site for over a year now and have made great progress on the project to date. We have successfully commissioned three batching plants and have already produced over 30,000m³ of concrete, meeting some key milestones along the way."

Adam Cox, Tarmac commercial manager - HS2

Tarmac has secured a major contract to supply readymixed concrete to a number of work packages as part of the UK High Speed 2 line (HS2). This will see the installation of 11 new concrete batching plants during the length of the contract as works progress. Our National Commercial and HS2 teams have been working closely with Align and its supply chain partners for over a year, continuing to put collaboration at the heart of this joint venture as we move forward on this significant and exciting contract.

Installation of the new plants started in 2020 replacing temporary plant on site. We have installed three readymixed concrete batching plants at Align's South Portal compound in partnership with Berkshire Engineering Supplies. All three plants are now supplying material to produce tunnel segments, precast elements and general concrete supply both with the compound and along Align's section of HS2. We are working closely with Align to ensure the material we supply is optimised to deliver sustainable, whole life performance and meets the needs of the project. The project will see Tarmac supplying over 800,000m³ of concrete over the next five years.

Daniel Altier, Align project director, said: "The working relationship we have established with Tarmac over the past 18 months has been very collaborative, and we have been very impressed with the approach to this complex project and evolving environment. The contract is one of our biggest supply chain awards and we are delighted that we will be working alongside Tarmac over the years ahead to deliver what will be a key iconic element of HS2."

