

B&Q WAREHOUSE, SUNDERLAND

Situated within a short distance of Sunderland city centre and the Stadium of Light, home of Sunderland Football Club, this B&Q Warehouse provides 150,000 sq.ft. of retail accommodation with 570 dedicated car parking spaces. The complex consists of a 100,000 sq.ft. main trading building together with a 20,000 sq.ft. builders' centre and a 30,000 sq.ft. garden centre as well as car parking and service areas.

Henry Boot Developments' ability to perform quickly was crucial to the success of the scheme which progressed from site acquisition and pre-let to B&Q through to construction and practical completion in just nine months.

The geology of the site was composed of bedrock at 8m below the finished floor level with sand layers above. Prior to construction starting, numerous underground obstructions and remnants of an old power station with its 150 ft. high chimney had to be cleared from the site. Foundation treatment comprised a mixture of piling and vibro-compaction.

The store itself is built to high B&Q standards and consists principally of brick,



composite panels and curtain walling topped by a metal-clad system roof. Construction was completed ahead of programme

which allowed B&Q early access ready for stocking and opening in time for the lead-up to the busy Christmas period.