



Arrestor Bed – A39 Porlock Hill



Project details:

Porlock Hill is a section of the A39. From the village of Porlock the road climbs approximately 400 metres in under 2 miles up onto Exmoor, producing a very steep hill with a gradient of 1 in 4 and hairpin bends. It is claimed to be the steepest 'A' road in Britain. The provision of an escape road speaks of the potentially dangerous nature of the hill. There have been numerous accidents when coaches have crashed into walls following brake failure.

Lytag[®] lightweight aggregate 4/14mm was used to construct the arrestor bed which is 17 metres long x 5 metres wide.

Project:

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Date:

2008

Client:

Somerset Highways

Engineer:

Somerset Highways

Main Contractor:

Atkins Global

