



The Hippodrome
case study

The Hippodrome Market Drayton, Shropshire

Project: A New Public House
Budget: £1.5 Million
Completion date: November 2007
Architect: Tuffin Ferraby Taylor
Comments: John Shemming (Project Manager)



The Hippodrome occupies a former cinema and one of the town's landmark buildings dating back to 1896. Following several changes of use, the building had slipped into disrepair before being taken over by JD Wetherspoons who commissioned a complete refurbishment from Coccion. The fit out has retained and embellished many of the building's original features, restoring a valuable piece of the town's heritage to once again being a centre piece of the community. The success of project has been recognised with the 'Drayton Civic Society Commendation Award'.

How did you get Coccion Construction Limited involved in the project?

Coccion have worked with us on many refurbishment projects for JD Wetherspoons building a strong reputation in the process, so I had no hesitation in using them again for The Hippodrome project.

What were you trying to achieve from the project?

The Hippodrome is large retail unit which we took over in a pretty derelict state – the exterior cladding was all falling off. So it was a

case of completely gutting and refurbishing. We wanted to bring some style to a bland exterior and quality inside. The approach is traditional with plenty of leather chairs and oak panelling on view all decorated in burgundy and cream colourways. The design places a heavy emphasis on the quality of the craftsmanship in the panelling, book cases and bars which Coccion managed to deliver.

Were you kept up to date during the construction phase of any alterations and cost issues?

Communication with Coccion is always excellent and we have regular site meetings in which any such issues are discussed and agreed.

How was your working relationship with the construction team during the construction work phase?

Again, we've worked with Coccion on several projects and have always had a great working relationship; they understand what we need; they're very professional in the way they work; they deliver quality projects, on time and to the budget; and, perhaps most

importantly, they're proactive so really contribute to the success of the projects.

Were you satisfied with project on completion?

The project was really well received by the client as the quality of work was excellent.

Were you satisfied with Coccion's after care service?

Inevitably there are a few snags with a big job like this, we expect them, but it's how quickly they're resolved that's important and Coccion dealt with them in a very timely fashion.

Do you have any future plans to use Coccion?

We've worked with Coccion before and would be more than happy to work with them again!

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