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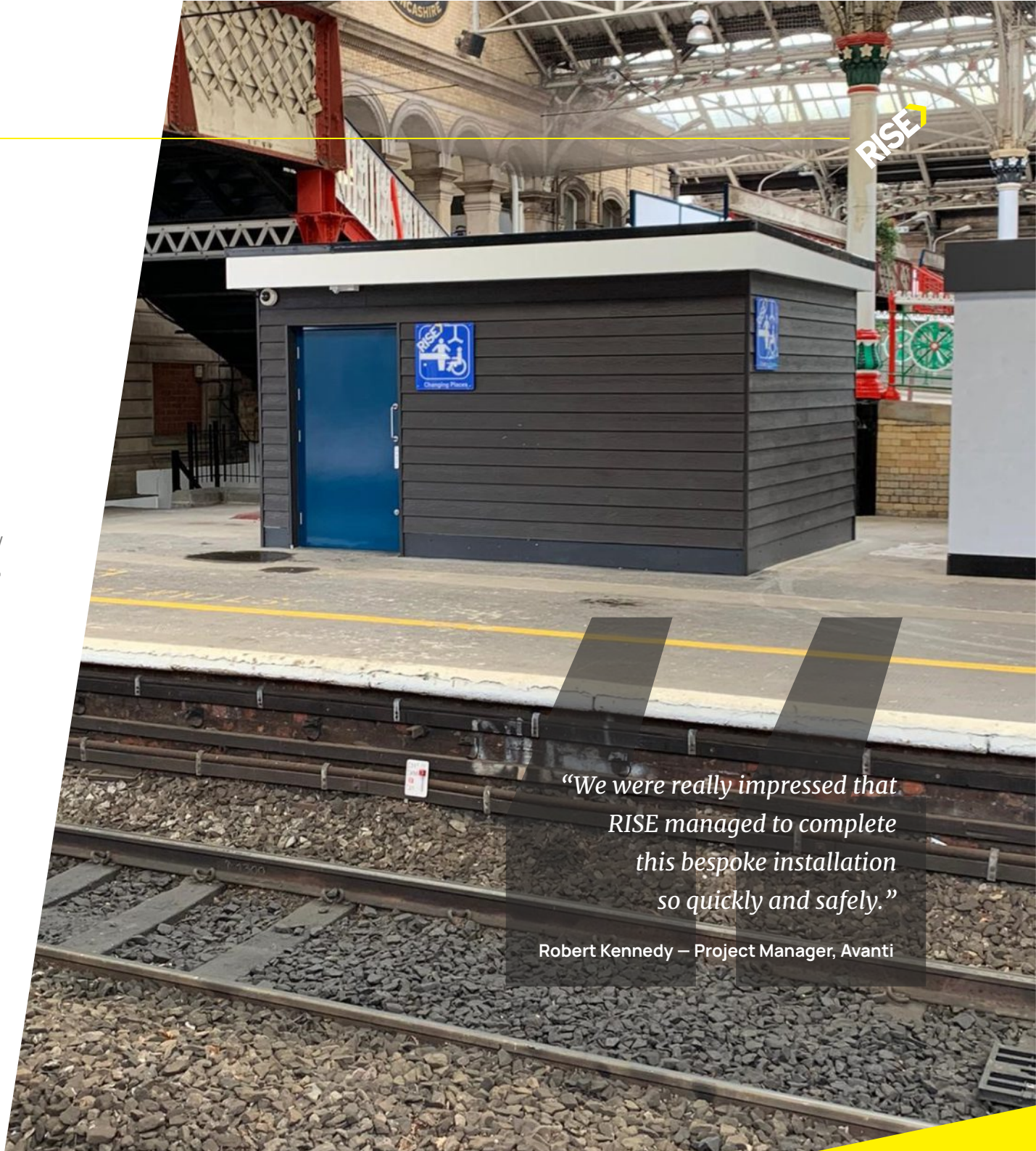
Our brief with Avanti West Coast Rail was to consult on various schemes both internal and modular. In this particular case, the RISE team worked with Preston Railway Station alongside principal contractor, Consortia Integrated Services, to install a modular Changing Places facility.

Preston Railway Station, managed by Avanti West Coast, acts as a halfway point between London Euston and Glasgow Central – a popular station, which attracts many commuters, rooted in the North of England. With the aim to create more accessible facilities within the transport network, for people with multiple and profound disabilities, the installation of a Changing Places facility at this station was a high priority.

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Our scope of works included everything from the foundations up. Building directly off a concrete slab, the RISE team quickly erected the walls and roof. We completed all joinery works, installed wall panelling (with graphic feature wall), safety flooring, 1st and 2nd fix electrics and plumbing, and installed, tested and commissioned the facility – including all specialist equipment – within a four-week period.



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▲ **Premium Equipment:** The new CP facility at Preston features leading specialist equipment throughout to aid rail passengers.



◀ **Fully Erected Onsite:** Limited site access meant that a standard modular installation wasn't possible, so we built this particular facility whilst trackside.



The Project: Installation of a Changing Places Pod

The RISE team were faced with the challenges of space and access to the current toilets in the station, which inhibited us from using our usual standard practice of delivering a fully assembled pod and using a crane to lift the pod into place. Instead, the team adopted a new approach to fully erect the Changing Places facility on-site, altering the original build method to fit the needs of the station. The team worked closely with Consortia who managed the project as principal contractor and provided foundations and services for the new toilet.

We had to adhere to strict health and safety guidelines to protect our team and railway passengers alike. With the facility being erected less than 5 metres from trackside, and the station still being in operation, health and safety was paramount – effectively managed by both Consortia and Avanti teams.

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Within just four-weeks, a modular Changing Places pod was installed at Preston Railway Station. Once the pod was assembled, we installed the required Changing Places equipment and added the finishing touches making the facility ready to use immediately.

Expanding The Transport Network For All

“Installing a Changing Places facility means more travellers of all abilities will now be able to use the station,” concludes Robert. “There is a great need for more accessible travel in the UK and we’re happy to be doing whatever we can to help more rail passengers travel in comfort.”

RISE has successfully added another Changing Places installation to the travel network, increasing accessibility and allowing people to feel safe and considered when they travel by rail.



◀ **Trackside Convenience:** The newly installed CP toilet sits less than five metres from the track.

For further information about Changing Places or to schedule a free consultation, please call **07729 224 738** or email **hello@riseadapt.co.uk**