



Heads of the Valleys, Gateway Arch Wales, UK

Client: Welsh Government
Design Team: Atkins, Costain

Design: 2013-

The A465 Trunk Road provides a vital east-west connection to, from and between the heads of the South Wales Valleys.

The improvements involve the dualing of the road, addition of several road bridges, foot bridges and retaining walls.

Knight Architects are working with Atkins and Costain on 'Section 2', which passes through a heavily protected environment including World Heritage Site status, SAMs, SSSIs and Conservation Areas.

The 'Gateway Arch' will form a key feature of the route, spanning 98m across the road below.

The arch creates a reference point that can be viewed from many walking and cycle routes in the surrounding Valley, demarking the boundary of the Brecon Beacons National Park to the east.

