

CASE STUDY

Bournemouth Buccaneer...

5.9m wide Buccaneer Jet.
Moved from Bournemouth,
Dorset to Liverpool Docks.

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... OK, so its actually called a Blackburn Buccaneer, a low-level subsonic strike aircraft which served with the Royal Navy. However as this particular aircraft was moved from Bournemouth Airport in Dorset, we decided it was apt to change her name slightly. Having recently been acquired by an aviation museum in Southern Ireland, she needed to be moved from Bournemouth to her new home at the Shannon Aviation Museum. However, as she was no longer air-worthy, the only remaining option was by road. This tricky contract was given to Fitzpatrick Lowloader Service from Ireland, who, in turn chose Teahan Convoi Service to provide the UK transport permits and escort vehicles, as well as carry out a route survey to ensure the convoy could safely get from Bournemouth Airport to Liverpool Docks. Despite all permits being ready, a last minute hitch saw the plane being even more wider than originally planned..... No problem, TCS were able to secure new permits from the Highways Agency and the Police over the next couple of days, a procedure which normally takes a minimum of two weeks. Once this was all in place, the 5.9 meter wide plane set off from Bournemouth Airport with three TCS escort vehicles on an early August morning., two escort vehicles proceeded the load to warn oncoming traffic, whilst the third followed on behind, keeping close watch and liaising continuously with the driver. Once the convoy reached the motorway, one escort carried on with the load up to Liverpool, the whole journey watched by bemused onlookers.

