

Name of Project

Birmingham Business Park

Client

Arlington Securities plc

Project Description

Design and build of over 20 offices including infrastructure and external works

Contract Value

£100 million+

Contract Period

1988 - ongoing

Main Contractor

Carillion Building

Contract Form

JCT with Contractor's Design and Amendments



Carillion commenced the first of numerous contracts at the award winning 148-acre Birmingham Business Park in 1988. Since then we have completed the design and build of over 20 offices, delivered the Park's infrastructure, and undertaken hard and soft landscaping.

The client's objective was to achieve a quality development, which would be attractive to outside funders, low maintenance, and built using tried and tested techniques.

Arlington wanted to eliminate the old adversarial contracting style and create a collaborative partnering approach. This has developed very successfully over the 15 years we have worked together.

We delivered

- Well presented sites to support the Arlington brand and help them attract quality investors and tenants
- Landscaping which looks cultivated and mature upon project completion
- Project managers meetings held every two months to discuss issues and best practice
- Risk registers carried out for every project we undertake for Arlington
- Value Engineering carried out on every job to ensure best value

We have developed a tender protocol process using our management skills to predict programme times very accurately. We plan each project in great detail, from team selection to design planning, costings and so on.

Building specifications are always carefully written to produce an open work space, capable of being fitted out in a number of ways to ensure flexibility.

We have won much repeat business as a result of this very successful alliance at Birmingham Business Park. The total value of contracts undertaken by Carillion for Arlington currently stands at over £300m. Birmingham Business Park is still ongoing and we expect to be working there for about another five years. Other projects we've undertaken for Arlington include business parks at Manchester, Hatfield, Theale and Coventry.