

**Name of Project**  
The Grange Shopping Centre, Birkenhead

**Client**  
Legal & General

**Architect**  
Bradshaw Rowse & Harker

**Structural Engineer**  
Beattie Watkinson

**Services Engineer**  
WSP

**Quantity Surveyor**  
Todd & Ledson

**Project Description**  
Extension to the Grange Shopping Centre  
and new multi storey car park

**Contract Value**  
£7.5 million

**Contract Period**  
Apr 96 - Oct 97

**Main Contractor**  
Carillion Building

**Contract Type**  
JCT 1980



The project comprised an extension to the existing Grange Shopping Centre in Birkenhead, including the demolition of a public house and the construction of new two-storey retail units and a six-level multi-storey car park. The contract included a major store unit for Argos, complete with loading bays and service areas, and the construction of a new Yorkshire Bank including fit-out. Externally, new pavings and feature canopies were provided to the existing shopping mall.

The car park was built using large reconstituted panels which were craned into place. Due to access requirements some panels could not be installed during the daytime, so we cordoned off the mall and installed them at night, enabling the works to progress to programme.

We provided innovations such as the rubberised waterproof surface treatment used in the car park. Three colours were used to indicate designated parking areas, footpaths and roadways.

The contract was carried out while the shopping centre was still in operation, so regular liaison with the centre manager and local shopkeepers was needed to maintain access and egress to various parts of the centre. Delivery schedules were arranged and agreed with the management and shopkeepers to ensure minimal disruption to the centre. A liaison officer was appointed to provide a single point of contact for any queries or complaints.

We liaised closely with Argos to enable them to commence their fit-out whilst we were still in operation. This ensured they were able to maximise their income by opening their store on time.

Carillion successfully delivered a quality shopping centre extension and car park, on time and to budget. Good relations were maintained with the client throughout the project, and they were very pleased with our work.