

Name of Project

Star City, Birmingham

Client

Richardsons Developments

Architect (Concept)

The Jerde Partnership

Architect (Design)

Geoffrey Reid Associates

Project Description

395,000 sq ft leisure development

Contract Value

£48 million

Contract Period

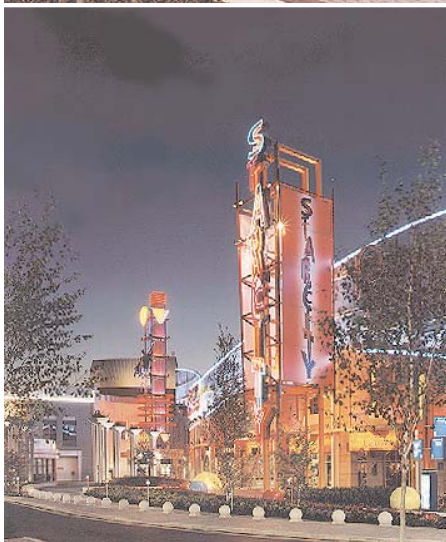
July 1998 to June 2000

Main Contractor

Carillion Building

Contract Form

JCT Design & Build



Star City encompasses 395,000 sq ft of premium leisure facilities including a state of the art 30 screen Warner Village cinema complex with 6,200 seats. This is complemented by an entertainment centre offering swimming, bowling, a fitness club, casino and night club. In addition to a range of café bars and restaurants, the Star City experience also includes a number of lifestyle retail units. Parking for 2,750 vehicles is provided in the form of multi-deck and surface.

The site had previously housed a power station, which meant complex preparations were needed to make it ready for construction. Carillion carried out the £7m enabling works package which was then followed by a lengthy process of design development and value engineering. We were able to negotiate the contract for the main works due to our long and successful relationship with the client.

Star City is a unique development including many one-off elements:

- The elevation treatments used a variety of materials including glazed bricks, stonework, acrylic render and metal cladding
- A large central atrium 35m high by 35m wide was built, topped with a steel cone
- The external scrim wall used metal mesh to create the illusion of a roller-coaster ride, forming the eye-catching backdrop for the scheme
- The street entrances, atrium and external facades incorporate £1m-worth of state of the art feature lighting which can be remotely programmed to vary and change
- The prefabricated lighting towers were fully wired and painted before being craned into place

In just 96 weeks we successfully transformed a 25-acre contaminated site into the largest leisure development of its type in the UK. This entailed an extremely fast pace of construction on a very unusual and interesting project.

Our goal of handing over on time and to budget was assisted by the high levels of teamwork and cooperation on this project.

This project is further evidence of Carillion's major contribution to the transformation of Birmingham into one of Europe's premier destinations for leisure and business.