

**Name of Project**  
Oasis Refurbishment, Meadowhall

**Client**  
Meadowhall Centre Ltd

**Concept Architect**  
Fitch

**Design Architect**  
Jefferson Sheard

**Engineer**  
Connell Mott Macdonald Group Ltd

**Management Contractor**  
Carillion Building

**Quantity Surveyor**  
Deacon & Jones

**Contract Value**  
£9.3m

**Contract Period**  
August 2002 - November 2003

**Contract Type**  
Bespoke Management Contract



The project comprised the updating and refurbishment of the Oasis food hall in Sheffield's Meadowhall Shopping Centre with Carillion Building acting as management contractor. Works included the removal of an old water feature, the addition of a new mezzanine floor, emergency escape stairs, two new internal staircases, a new comfort cooling system and re-tiling of both the seating area and existing mezzanine areas. Also included was the replacement of the old lift with a scenic lift, refurbishment of the escalators, a new fabric ceiling and a revised lighting scheme.

We delivered:

- Food hall seating capacity increased from 900 to 1400
- Reconfiguration of The Lanes speciality shopping area
- Ground floor toilets refurbished and new toilets installed at first floor level
- Externally a new outdoor events space, vehicle turning area and drop off zone were created
- New access route from the Orange Car Park with totem signs and illuminated canopies installed

The biggest challenge on this project was that we could not carry out work during trading hours. This meant our works were done between 11pm and 8am when the centre was shut. It was of paramount importance that the food hall was made clean and safe every morning in time for the 8am opening. We employed a gang of men to protect the floors and cover all furniture before work began every night. The coverings were removed at 6am when we brought in cleaners to ensure the stringent levels of hygiene necessary for a food hall were adhered to.

Carillion handed over the completely refurbished and renewed Oasis food hall in November 2003. The night-time working programme had made it a very challenging project, but we managed it professionally and delivered a quality product to the satisfaction of the client.