

Paradise Circus

Client: Agent LLP

Commencement: March 2015

Completion: Ongoing



ARGENT






<https://www.ParadiseCircus.co.uk>

The Project History:

Paradise Circus covers an 18-acre area of Birmingham City. The area included several buildings including the Old Library of Birmingham, Paradise Forum, the Birmingham Conservatoire, Chamberlain House, Fletchers and several night-clubs. Future phases of work will see the demolition of the Copthorne Hotel and Convention House.

The Project Description:

In 1999 Paradise Circus was sold to Argent Group. Glenn Howells Architects produced a masterplan for the site. Planning Application 2012/05116/PA was submitted in July 2012 and was approved on 8 December 2013 by Birmingham City Council for the following:

-  1.8 Million square-feet of workspace.
-  Up to ten high quality buildings offering.
-  A four-Star hotel with up to 250 bedrooms.
-  New public spaces.
-  New retail and leisure facilities.









Gattica Associates Responsibilities:

Gattica Associates have been involved with the Paradise Circus Birmingham project from the early planning through to the present day. Early infrastructure works began in January 2015 and Gattica Associates continues to work there today.

The site has remained live since 2015 and as a result any diversions of existing utilities and placement of new infrastructure has had to be undertaken in a timely manner with as little disruption as possible, all the while ensuring that there is no break in service.

Negotiation has been a key factor in the success of the Paradise Circus Birmingham project, with so many third parties to consult, agree and assure, Gattica Associates have been a vital decision broker throughout the project.

Gattica's responsibilities include:

-  Diversion, protection, disconnection and abandonments of utilities no longer required.
-  Decommissioning and removal of two substations and associated works to keep the Birmingham School of Music live during this process.
-  Relocation of Western Power Distribution (WPD) HV mains around the new development which included major equipment upgrades to the A38 tunnel supplies whilst keeping the tunnels open to traffic.
-  Realignment of multiple communications core routes within Sandpits & Summer Row which included Virgin Media, Vodafone, Colt & Openreach.
-  Road junction improvements Great Charles Street, Sandpits, Lionel Street, Cambridge Street, Suffolk Street & Broad Street this included diversion / adjustment of the associated utility infrastructure.
-  The Paradise Circus area is served by strategic communications infrastructure with a huge Openreach footprint and therefore the required outage periods of 3 months had to be carefully orchestrated.
-  Procurement and coordination of installation of new supplies specifically aligned to wayleaves and easement.
-  In addition to Statutory Authorities and Utility Providers, Gattica Associates were required to liaise with third parties in order to protect their infrastructure (incl. Birmingham City Council, Midlands Metro and English Heritage).