

Project Profile

Town Centre Redevelopment | Chelmsley Wood

Client	Fordgate Midlands Properties Limited
Client Sector	Retail Regeneration
Project Value	£40m
Services Provided	Quantity Surveying
Project Size	128,000 sq ft
Architect	
Contractors	



Plans to transform Chelmsley Wood Town Centre are well underway, with a £40 million redevelopment by centre owners Fordgate, in partnership with Solihull MBC, which began in early 2007.

The mixed use regeneration proposals include the creation of 128,000 sq ft of new retail and commercial space, comprising a new build ASDA Store, a large non-food unit, refurbishment of the existing retail centre, a new library and bespoke new offices for Solihull MBC.

Improvements to the existing infrastructure, including additional car parking, a new bus interchange and the removal of two pedestrian footbridges will also form part of the works, resulting in improved access to and around the town centre.

As Quantity Surveyor for Fordgate, Rider Levett Bucknall has been involved in the cost control of the scheme from its inception, working closely with the client, Solihull MBC and ASDA to satisfy the multiple requirements of the tripartite agreement.

Key areas tackled have included detailed negotiations with third parties to ensure satisfactory and cost effective solutions and the development of bespoke reporting systems to meet the needs of the tripartite members.

This role will continue throughout the programme of works, with completion scheduled for 2010.

On completion, the redevelopment will fulfil a key objective of the council's 15 year regeneration programme for the north of the borough of Solihull.

Client Benefits

- Full cost control and reporting service from inception to completion.
- Pro-active role in providing key data for the development appraisal process.
- Assertive and pro-active approach to contractor selection, procurement and interview process. Team working approach with all members of the tripartite team.
- Successful negotiation and consultation with existing tenants and potential new occupiers to ensure key dates are achieved.