

# The Atrium, Camberley



Client: Crest Nicholson Developments Ltd  
Contractor: LaingO'Rourke  
Project Manager: GTMS  
Structural Engineer: Thomasons  
Quantity Surveyor: Gardiner and Theobald  
Contract Value: £67 million

Project Completed: 2008

A shopping and leisure destination for Camberley, the scale of the buildings is designed to reflect and relate to the neighbouring areas and is linked by the Pedestrianisation of Park Street, and the creation of a new public realm through courtyards and extensive areas of landscaping.

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The scheme is designed to create as seamless a transition as possible between the predominantly residential neighbourhoods on the fringes of the site and the new town centre environment. Links with the existing retail centre of Main Square will be enhanced by the new pedestrianisation proposals for Park Street and other landscape and public realm improvements around the site.

The leisure uses which include a multiplex cinema, bowling, health and fitness and restaurants are linked together by a naturally lit central atrium that uses passive thermal controls with a solar wall and etfe foil roof to assist tempering the internal public areas. Central to the concept was to make the Atrium the hub of the development providing both a unique destination and a memorable arrival point for the town.

The residential element with 217 flats, 55 of which are affordable and key worker units, creates the transition between the garden city environment bounding the south and western approaches to the site and the urban life style concept of the new development.



"We are delighted to have played an integral part in the delivery of this complex project which secures Camberley's current and future position as a great place to live and as a primary shopping and entertainment destination for the local and wider community. As it opens its doors to the public for the first time it brings a wealth of much needed family-orientated leisure facilities that are enclosed within a safe environment".

Paul Bradley, Associate Director