



Cathedral Square

A new premium public realm in Worcester

Summary

Cathedral Square was created to provide a centre point for both business and social activity in Worcester, whilst also providing an ideal space for al fresco dining and events. The scheme is part of a programme of Public Realm works aimed at updating town centres across the county. The plans are to provide public spaces that are both robust and functional as well as being distinctive, attractive and which help to preserve the county's historic character.

The Background

- The scheme consisted of three main phases:
Phase 1 – A major reconfiguration of the road to remove the roundabout, thereby enabling the creation of a new public square
- Phase 2 – The construction of new retail and leisure premises by Salmon Harvester
- Phase 3 – The construction of the public square

Features of the scheme include the creation of a public square suitable for al fresco dining and events, new retail and leisure facilities, new street furniture, improved lighting and enhancement of the popular Elgar statue.

The Benefits

- The redevelopment brings 10,000sqm of floor space back into use and redefined the retail and leisure space available in Worcester
- Worcester's Cathedral Square redevelopment welcomed big name brands to the city centre, including: H&M, Cosy Club, All Bar One, Miller and Carter, Fitness4Less, Yo Sushi!, Starbucks and
- **Gary Woodman, Chief Executive of Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, said:** "We are delighted to hear that Cathedral Square has won a Revo Gold award. This is great recognition for a project that has modernised retail in Worcester and helped to boost the local economy."

Key facts

LEP: Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership

Location: Worcester City

Project completion: Summer 2015

LGF funding: £500,000

Outputs: The £20million Cathedral Square attracted a number of new big-name brands to the city centre and has since been awarded the Revo Gold Award for 'complete transformation'.

