

Chapel Street Pedestrianisation

Chapel Street in Southport is one of the main shopping areas with the route containing national chain shops such as Marks & Spencer, BHS, Boots, Woolworths etc. As part of the Transportation Strategy for Southport, it was agreed to pedestrianise Chapel Street to create a safe and attractive environment for shoppers and visitors, that is the creation of a public open space.

Bethell Construction Ltd commenced the works in January 2006, phasing the works with the Client to minimise the effect on the businesses. The works involved the installation of over 7,000sqm of granite paving, street lighting, CCTV, surfacing and street furniture with soft landscaping.

The major challenge linked to the delivery related to the managing of third parties, that is those not involved however affected by the works. Weekly forums were set up by the Project Team (Client and Contractor) at which business representatives were offered the opportunity to discuss the works and review the progress.

Day to day liaison was maintained throughout the period as the inevitable variations in the works resulted in local changes in the planned works.

A close relationship was established and maintained with representatives from Southport Business Enterprise so that construction matters could be filtered to the stakeholders. Regular newsletters were published and distributed to all to provide an update on the delivery. The works are progressing towards delivery with the intention that there is limited construction works visible during the Christmas 2006 period.

client

Sefton Council

location

Southport

value

£2,250,000

duration

52 weeks

