



CASE STUDY
Parkside



INTRODUCTION

Ubique Project Management is providing NEC Project Management and Client Facing Consultancy to St Helens Local Authority, project managing Parkside Link Road in conjunction with the appointed contractors Balfour Beatty.

OBJECTIVE

The Parkside Link Road provides enhanced highway access between the M6 and local road networks and the new Parkside development, therefore diverting goods traffic away from the A49 and residential areas, improving connectivity for commuters and helping to mitigate local environmental concerns.

SOLUTION

After receiving planning approval from St Helens Borough Council in 2019 for the regeneration of the former Parkside colliery site and the Parkside Link Road, the government called in the decision for review. The green light was finally given on the regeneration plans in November 2021, when the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities granted approval for plans to go ahead on the first phase of development on Parkside and the Parkside Link Road. The first phase will see 93,000 sq. meters of new employment space, bringing 457 jobs during construction and potentially more than 1,330 additional new jobs on the completion of phase one. This will result in a £80m annual boost to the local economy and see a £2.2m annual rates income for investment in local public services. Kate has been consulting with Balfour Beatty, who has been appointed by the council to construct the new link road on behalf of St Helens Local Authority. The road has been designed to ensure that the goods traffic generated by the Parkside development can access the site directly from the M6. This will help remove traffic from the local road network and limit emissions.

AT A GLANCE

Challenges

- Multiple Stakeholders
- Interface with the Highway Network
- Interface with Statutory Undertakers' Equipment

Benefits

- Boost to Local Economy
- Improved Road Network
- Improved connectivity for commuters



"Parkside Link Road is the key to unlocking the opportunities that Parkside presents as a regionally significant development site thanks to its Freeport status. That includes a diverse group of industries from logistics to advanced manufacturing on-site that can benefit from Freeport status.

Councillor Seve Gomez-Aspron,
Deputy Leader of St Helens
Borough Council and Cabinet
Member for Strategic Transport.

