



KEY INFORMATION:
CLIENT: Cheshire East Council
LOCATION: Crewe
CONSTRUCTION VALUE: £2m
CONTRACTOR: MC Construction
START - FINISH DATE: Dec23 to Oct24
SECTOR: Civic
FORM OF CONTRACT: NEC4 Option C
DELIVERY TYPE: 2-stage D&B

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Crewe Cultural & Civic Space project enhanced and reconfigured the public realm within Crewe's cultural quarter, delivering a new two-storey entrance to the operational Magistrates' Court alongside significant improvements to circulation and accessibility across the site.

The works removed outdated structures that created visual and physical barriers, opened pedestrian movement, and established a development platform for the forthcoming History Centre. This included a two-storey Magistrates' Court entrance, new pedestrian routes, paving, and formation of a surface-level car park. A buildability-led approach provided value engineering opportunities including an extensive drainage redesign which reduced material costs and shortened construction duration.

Operating within a complex, high foot-fall town-centre required careful planning of public safety with close coordination of access routes and local stakeholders. Environmental management ensured continuous operations of the Magistrates' Court, retail spaces and occupied commercial space. The team delivered demolition, service duct installation, hard landscaping and lighting upgrades while public safety remained the number one priority.

SOCIAL VALUE PROMISE:

- Monthly donation to local Salvation Army Foodbank.
- Support for the Salvation Army in the form of repairs to their building.
- Commitment to using a local supply chain.
- Commitment to using local labour, including apprentices.
- Litter pick in the local community.

KEY DELIVERABLES/CHALLENGES

- **Construction of double storey front to an operational Magistrates' Court with strict noise and vibration control.** Monitors were installed at pre-agreed thresholds and noisy works were carried out outside of operating hours. Hydraulic crushing tools replaced traditional breakers to reduce noise and vibration levels.
- **Managing logistics in a busy urban setting.** This required phased deliveries and segregation of construction and pedestrian zones. This was aided by consistent communication with stakeholders.
- **Maintaining public safety.** Due to the live environment, water suppression and scaffold nets were used to maintain public safety at all points of delivery.
- **Integrating complex works into existing service networks.** This required careful planning to avoid disruption to essential utilities during drainage and duct installations.

"Manchester and Cheshire Construction delivered this difficult project on time and with a minimum of disruption. The combination of a live court building and significant internal demolition work meant that good communication skills were essential and they formed excellent working relationships with the Court's representatives. They demonstrated a proactive attitude throughout and the quality of work was first-rate."

Tim Russell, Contract Administrator, DTZ

