

A50 Highway



Key information

Construction cost **c. \$70 million (1996)**

Length **35 miles**

Lighting **1,200 street lights**

Vehicles **14 million per year**

Introduction

In May 1996, Balfour Beatty Capital was awarded a \$84 million, 30-year public-private partnership project (PPP) to design, build, finance and operate the A50 highway in the UK.

Balfour Beatty's share of the investment company is 85%. As of December 31, 2005, Balfour Beatty had invested all its committed investment of \$12 million.

Project overview

- Comprises 35 miles of two- and three-lane highways
- Construction was completed ahead of schedule in March 1998
- Provides a strategic east-west connection between the M6 and M1 highways and, for longer distance traffic, is an alternative to the M6 highway
- Has reduced traffic through nearby towns and has enhanced the environment by constructing a five-mile bypass (a joint venture with Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering)
- Traffic capacity along the highway has been increased to accommodate predicted traffic growth.
- Balfour Beatty Capital, in conjunction with BBISL, is operating and maintaining the highway, including major maintenance for worn-out elements, for the life of the 30-year contract.



Community engagement

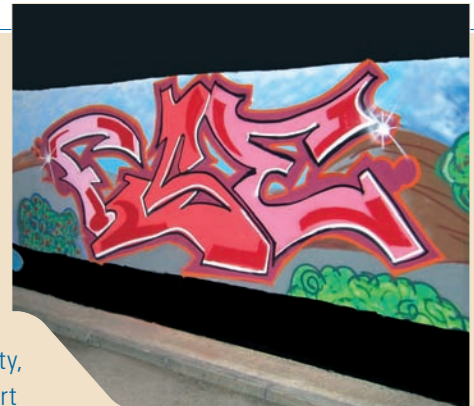
The Findern Underpass on the A50 highway has been revitalized by a community project supported by Balfour Beatty Capital.

The underpass, running beneath the A50 through Findern, was the site of youth antisocial behavior. Now it has been transformed thanks to young people participating in a project launched by the Derbyshire County Council youth service.

After consulting local youths about what would interest them, a rural arts project was set up by South Derbyshire youth service. With the support and assistance of Balfour Beatty, the Findern Underpass was identified as an ideal location to create a lasting artwork. The art creates a sense of ownership of the area by its residents.

Balfour Beatty removed the graffiti and prepared the underpass to be used as a base for the artwork. Financial support was provided for the necessary art materials.

Youngsters, age 11 to 17, worked with the youth service creative arts team to plan and paint the mural, which runs along one side of the entire underpass. A total of 13 children from the local area were involved in the project. They had six practice sessions to prepare to create the mural. The mural was completed over three weeks and was officially opened on July 27.



“The result is absolutely fantastic and has shown to everybody that kids can do fantastic things!”

Councilman Mike Lauro, Chair of South Derbyshire District Council