

# City Centre Regeneration Project deploys CCTV Security for community updates.

## Introduction

The £5 million regeneration of King's Square in Gloucester was awarded to the construction firm E G Carter and Co. Ltd, a leading community-focused builder. The project is part of a massive £85m rejuvenation of the city's centre to create a lively, dynamic King's Quarter, with significant improvements to the square, including the installation of sweeping, granite seating areas, water fountains, tree plantings, and atmospheric coloured lighting.



## Overview

<b>Sector</b>	Construction
<b>Customer</b>	E G Carter & Co Ltd
<b>Challenges</b>	Protecting high profile development from plant and equipment theft and vandalism Dynamic building site with rapidly changing perimeter and scope.
<b>Solution</b>	Temporary CCTV monitoring through VPS Smart Tower system Integrated time-lapse cameras to show site development.

## The Security Challenge

Firstly, plant and equipment theft and vandalism in the construction industry is a global problem that has become the domain of international organised criminal gangs, and not just down to opportunistic thieves.

In January 2021, for example, a pan-European crime gang were convicted in a Belgian court over a million-pound series of thefts of cranes, excavators and trailers. The haul, including a £430,000 cement pumping truck, a £100,000 bulk tanker, and £45,000 worth of trailers, were stolen then resprayed, and sold to unsuspecting customers across the UK and Ireland.

The Kings Square site is a high-profile development in an easily accessible location, with hoardings and viewing panels surrounding the site. During the coronavirus lockdowns, when the shops and department stores in the surrounding streets were closed, there were far less people around the site's location, making it even more vulnerable.

The second challenge is that building sites are dynamic, changing daily in shape and form, and so the challenges they pose for protection is that the scope

and the perimeter requirements can alter too. For this construction project, VPS have been involved from the demolition and preparation stage and will be supporting the security needs through new building, fit-out and completion of works.

*"We provide the whole range of security solutions for our customers, from simple but secure steel screens and hoardings, through to guards, wireless alarm systems and leading-edge stand-alone CCTV systems. So, it is much easier for us to recommend a tailor-made solution that best fits each site.*

*For the Kings Square development, we recommended our in-house built VPS Smart Tower CCTV systems, specifically designed to support the security of construction sites. Smart Towers are easy to set up and to move if and when the site's development requires it. They also provide 24-hour protection - they never sleep!"*

**Steve Moreton,**

Key Account Manager, VPS



## The Solution – plus an innovative additional added-value option

As part of the contract win, E G Carter chose VPS to review, assess and implement a bespoke and temporary CCTV monitoring system.

### Added-Value

In addition to prioritising site protection, E G Carter needed a security partner that could provide time-lapse photographs of the development for the City Council and the public to view.

Part of the reason the firm won the contract was by successfully fulfilling the council's Social Values policy. This requires any council-led contract worth over £50,000 to be awarded to firms aiming to achieve several social benchmarks including promoting local skills and employment and promoting social innovation.

*“As a business that was founded in Gloucester, we were thrilled to win such a high-profile project here in our home city. A renewed King's Square is a key part of Gloucester's future identity, and it's very exciting for E G Carter to have a role in creating this central space. Using the CCTV security system to provide the photographic record of the development not only helps provide extra protection to the site by promoting its use and acting as a deterrent, but also supports our drive to engage the community and encourage them to get involved with the project.”*

**Sam Carter,**

Director, E G Carter & Co Ltd



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