

## GREAT CHARLES STREET (AREA C)

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Great Charles Street was formerly part of the Colmore Estate. In 1747 under an Act of Parliament Ann Colmore, as a representative of the family, gained the right to cut up the estates and to grant building leases. In the development that followed Great Charles Street was named after Ann's heir. Charles, It had previously been named Great George Street after one of her brothers-in-law. Incidentally other Birmingham streets eg Lionel Street, Margaret Street, Edmund Street were also named after members of the Colmore family.

Great Charles Street, which is part of the A38, forms a section of the £35 million inner Ring Road which was opened by Queen Elizabeth 11 on 7th April 1971.

The Council had decided one section between Great Charles Street and Holloway Circus would be named Queensway but at the end of her visit the Queen named the whole of it as Queensway instead.

On the former car park, adjacent to Ludgate Hill (images with crane) 722 rental apartments are scheduled to be built completion expected 2026.

The footbridge links Church Street to Ludgate Hill and can be felt swaying whilst people are walking across.

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