

CURZON STREET (AREA 2)

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North of Curzon Street, partly behind the narrow strip of Eastside City Park, there is a staggered line of high rise building façades bordering the eastern part of Birmingham's city centre. South of Curzon Street is HS2 building works, with Curzon Street Station, The Woodman Pub, and the Digbeth Branch Canal sitting amongst the chaos.

Photo A shows the view from Curzon Circle looking west along Curzon Street towards the city centre. There is HS2 work to the left, and on the right a high rise student residence and the red slatted Curzon Building of Birmingham City University. The tree lined Digbeth Branch Canal runs underneath Curzon Street.

Photo B looks back along the reverse view of A, over the bus travelling on the B4114, along a tree lined path that runs towards and then alongside Curzon Street towards the red slatted Curzon Building.

I have not systematically photographed every building, rather taken what I fancy, in particular featuring the wonderful coppery coloured horizontal slats of Millennium Point. I have been especially drawn to the concrete edges and ledges that are beloved by skateboarders and BMX bike riders. These lie adjacent to the Thinktank science park and play area for the young at heart.

The last three photos are taken across the HS2 area showing how Curzon Station and the Woodman Pub currently sit amongst the disorder.

The final shot shows the HS2 behemoths about to straddle the Digbeth Branch Canal, probably wrecking the home of my favourite heron who has his hideaway home in bushes just behind where I am standing.

The high rise grey Compass student residence in the background takes us back to the beginning of this series as this is behind Curzon Circle where I took Photo A from, out of a 12th floor window.