

FORT PARKWAY (AREA 1)

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Wished I had gone to IKEA!

I found the whole pathway bleak, desolate, uninspiring and totally unfriendly to Pedestrians to the point I got an Uber back to Spitfire Island. During the 3 miles, I was the only pedestrian. The noise from the A47 and the motorway was deafening. Never again.

Spitfire Island is dominated by the Sentinel sculpture by Tim Tolkien, great-nephew of J.R.R. Tolkien. Spitfires were manufactured nearby in Castle Bromwich.

Jaguar Land Rover takes up the whole of the right hand side of the A47 till the next roundabout, where there is the Fort Dunlop and Heartlands Power Station. The Fort was previously a tyre factory and the exterior is Grade A listed. Further along before the Fort Shopping Centre is Dunlop Aircraft Tyres.

The Shopping centre and the luxury car showrooms are all new anonymous buildings. Just before Bromford Lane, there are the large storage silos for Esso Petroleum Industrial Gas Supplies.

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