

# SPAR Storage/Distribution Centre, Transport Assessment

# Project Description Sheet



## Location

Preston, Lancashire

#### Client

James Hall & Co (Properties) Ltd

### Completed

Ongoing

# **Key Project Elements**

Transport Assessment

Negotiation of S106 contributions and S278 highway works with Lancashire County Council.

Design of re-modelling of M6 J31a motorway junctions.

PSA Design were commissioned to undertake an assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed relocation of the James Hall SPAR distribution centre to the 19ha Preston East site adjacent to junction 31a of the M6.

The development comprised:

- Distribution Centre (45,000 sqm footprint)
- Ancillary Offices (inc canteen)
- Mezzanine Offices
- Ancillary Maintenance Bldg
- Training Centre
- Petrol Filling Station (PFS)/Shop
- Crèche

Due to the scale and location of the development extensive liaison was required with both the Highways Agency and Lancashire County Council in addition to English Partnerships (as the site vendor) and their various consultants.

Following submission of the Transport Assessment (which formed part of the EIA for the development), further detailed analysis was undertaken regarding the operation of the M6 J31a junctions. This work identified improvements at both roundabouts, including measures such as dedicated bypass lanes and part-time signalisation which has received the approval of both the Highways Agency and Lancashire County Council as the two relevant highway authorities.

