

THE BT TOWER (AREA 5)

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The BT Tower, Birmingham, is situated in Lionel Street, with the Fazeley and Birmingham Canal passing underneath the BT complex. Previously known as the GPO and Post Office Tower, the BT Tower was built between 1963-1965 and opened in 1966.

The Tower originally stood at 152 metres tall and included twenty-six storeys consisting of twenty-four technical areas and offices, a Band Branching area, five circular aerial galleries at the top and a roof mounted crane.

In recent times, the Tower has received a new logo and removed its crane, analogue and older satellite dishes, and antennas thus reducing the height to 140 metres.

Currently, work is being completed on a new commercial, retail and housing project underneath the Tower. However, the Tower still remains operational.

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