

## ONE STOP SHOPPING CENTRE, PERRY BARR (AREA 6)

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The junction of Walsall Road (A34) and Wellington Road / Aston Lane (A4040) is a muddle of roads, underpasses, cycle and rail tracks, the River Tame and a shopping centre (One Stop) that houses everything you need, or probably don't.

The pictures were taken mid-morning, mid-week and on a rainy day, meaning it was much quieter than rush hour and there were very few pedestrians around. It looks and feels like the area is built for cars not people.

Built in the 1990s, One Stop is owned by London and American investment companies. Architecturally it's not very appealing, but just look at the full the car park to see how popular it is. There are even car sales and breakdown services there.

The railway station was redeveloped for the commonwealth games in 2022, subsequently blamed for Birmingham City Council going broke. Take a look at some of the hoardings and the underpass colours, you can still see evidence of the optimism around the games.

On the other side of the road is the dog track and the housing development built for the games and pictured in *Districts*.

On a soggy road  
Passengers step off  
Consumed by One Stop

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