

Project: Lower Marsh, South Bank's Market in Lambeth
Client: Lambeth Council
Consultant: Atkins Global

Charles Endirect supplied the Distribution Pillars and GIFAS Floor Pits for the project to regenerate Lower Marsh, the South Bank's Market in Lambeth.

The historic street has operated as a street market and center of local shopping since the mid nineteenth century and is now the home of a bustling street market at the rear of Waterloo Station, within walking distance of the Southbank, attracting a mixture of artists and tourists. Lambeth Council funded the refurbishment of the market place, the objective being to revive the area incorporating the café culture and vintage store look. Market stalls catering for street food required power for cookers, refrigerators and lighting, however due to the high footfall in the area, it was necessary that the distribution system was unobtrusive.

The consultant, Atkins Global, approached Charles Endirect to discuss the project and the requirement for supply of power to the market stalls, street lighting and festive lighting in the area. It was decided that the GIFAS Floor Pits would provide the ideal solution for supply of both electricity and water to the market traders and CEL Distribution Pillars for the electricity supply to the street lighting, festive lighting and floor pits. These items were added to the detailed specification itemizing the required number of sockets and circuits.

The GIFAS floor pit is designed for the distribution of electrical power, compressed air and water and can be used with the lid in the closed position once connection is made, providing a safe environment for the general public. The lids are recessed and at Lower Marsh were filled with York Stone to match the surrounding area.

CEL Distribution Pillars are designed, manufactured, and tested in house to BSEN 60439-1. This project had very specific requirements and the feeder pillars were bespoke and were manufactured with partitions and extra doors to separate the incoming supply and meter from the outgoing supply.

Once the project was designed and specified, Charles Endirect worked with the contractor, Bouygues E&S Infrastructure UK Ltd, to supply the floor pits and distribution pillars to agreed schedules. The units were installed on time and the market is now host to some of the finest independent shops and stalls in the capital.

