

## My first impression of City Centre: *'Wow, what a size!'*



*The Shopping Building in Central Milton Keynes in 1980*

*'I was driving for ready-mixed concrete when we worked on the City Centre – pouring in all the bases.*

*It was an enormous building site. You couldn't tell what it was. It was just poles and holes, thirty foot square, with signs saying, This is hole one, This is hole two...*

*We were putting in the bases for the steelwork – thirty foot cubes of concrete. Massive – that's the size of a house...*

*I'd back up to a hole, pour a great load of concrete down the hole and say, There you go, and another lorry would be pushing you out the way to put his load in. They'd put six or seven lorry loads straight into one hole. And that was the base for the steel work. They said the bases for the concrete are designed to last 5,000 years...*

*When it first opened and we saw it, it was wonderful –*

*Wow, what a size this place was!*

*It was the largest shopping centre in Europe, each mall down each side half a mile long!*

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