

Birchgrove Shops Regeneration

City of Cardiff Council

Background

The Birchgrove Local Shopping Centre project was prioritised for improvement under the City of Cardiff Council's Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes (NRS) programme. The Programme funds local regeneration projects all over Cardiff.

The aim of the project was to deliver environmental improvements to the local shopping centre; including new paving to remove stepped access into shops, new seats and litter bins. A new pedestrian crossing across Caerphilly Road was also proposed, to improve public safety.

Following Council consultation with local residents and businesses, the following requirements were identified:

- New pedestrian crossings;
- More efficient use of existing car parking bays on Caerphilly Road;
- Targeted areas of new paving;
- New street furniture - bins, bollards, seating;
- Opportunities for introducing more greenery through trees or planters;
- Relocation of one bus stop further away from the main junction.



Works

Careful planning of the works was an important consideration throughout the tender and pre-construction phase to ensure continued access to properties; minimising disruption to members of the public and to local business owners.

The team at ERH delivered a wide variety of works including:

- Replacing and realigning the existing kerb line to provide a new controlled crossing location and additional parking bays;
- Excavation of existing footways which were then replaced with a combination of new block paving, and elements of the existing block paving which was cleaned and re-laid;
- Provision of street furniture.

Outcome

Works were successfully completed on the main contract and additional works, as instructed by the client, were carried out immediately after this. ERH worked closely with the City of Cardiff Council to inform residents and businesses of the ongoing construction activities. During the works, we ensured safety of the public using clear signage and barriers.

