

Loudoun & Nelson House

City of Cardiff Council

Background

The City of Cardiff Council's Neighbourhood Regeneration Team is committed to promoting and developing sustainable communities through regenerating housing estates environmentally and socially. This is achieved by creating safer and more attractive communities for local residents to live in.

The scheme (retirement and sheltered housing) comprised landscape improvement works to the North and East side and the South West side of the site.

The front and rear outside areas of Loudoun and Nelson House were prioritised for improvement by the Council. Concerns were raised about how these areas looked and worked for residents living in both Loudoun and Nelson House.

Residents living in Loudoun and Nelson House participated in several community consultation events during the design stage of the project; helping to shape the project through listing their requirements.



Works

Along with the residents of Loudoun and Nelson House, the area of works was also surrounded by residential properties and public facilities. Ensuring the safety of residents and members of the public was our top priority during the construction period. Through the use of clear signage and barriers, along with careful planning of material and plant deliveries, we ensured continued access to properties.

ERH carried out various civil engineering activities including:

- Removal of existing slabs and street furniture;
- Preparation of the area for re-laying existing kerbs;
- New children's play equipment;
- New railings and street furniture;
- Landscaping / planting and;
- Installation of a series of concrete wind baffles to deal with the strong winds along the footpath to the building.

Outcome

This was quite an architecturally driven project and the end result is a safer and more attractive environment for local residents. Although the project experienced a number of crime related incidents, and at times this impacted the health and safety of our teams, by working with the local authorities, and by liaising with the residents, we were able to progress the project which was completed in May 2016.

