

**FAIRBURN VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
STANSFIELD DRIVE,CASTLEFORD,WEST YORKSHIRE**

Kier Construction - Northern

BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award category: Pollinator

Project overview

This project will be carried out in two construction phases.

Phase one will be construction of a new breathable building that will become a school.

Phase two will be demolition of the old school building and replacement with a new football MUGA pitch, with a retaining wall, a football field and carpark.

Throughout the construction phases we have implemented a Biodiversity Garden within our site compound. This has a bug hotel and bird feeding areas for children from the new school. It also has plants and a small pond area. The children of the school were given *say what you see* paper work which they then used in class as part of the school work.

What were the biodiversity conditions on site, prior to the enhancement?

The new school buildings were built on existing playing fields.

Were there any specific reasons that led to this project?

The Local Authority wanted to demolish both the old school buildings and construct one bigger state of the art, breathable school building.



Biodiversity Garden area

What were the biodiversity measures taken?

The site team decided to create a Biodiversity garden within our Phase two works so the children of the new school could use this area. The garden was built from all re-usable materials from site (Pallets and bricks and so on) and the caretaker and staff of the school also got involved with the construction of the garden area. Once this was constructed the site team made up some say what you have seen sheets for the children to be able to write what bugs and birds they have seen and take them away to there class room to do works in there with.

There was also a memorial tree within the old school grounds for a student that passed away, This was taken away from site and retained by a landscaper and re installed once the new building was completed.

The measures regarding suspected bats in the area was carried out in line of a bat survey the site team had carried out. It was found that there was no bats within the old school , however we did install two number of bat boxes onto the new school once it was constructed.



Say what you have seen registers for the Children and children using the garden area..

How would you best describe the project?

Enhancement

Further information

The Biodiversity garden was constructed by both Kier staff and the school staff, We saw this as a great chance for the children to get involved and all materials were re used from site construction.

Lessons learnt is to ensure all future projects have this implemented within the site.

What was your personal motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

We wanted to implement somewhere for the children of the school to be involved with the environment and construction project.



Children from the school topping up the bird feeders.