

Burlington Gate Mayfair, London

Brookfield Multiplex Construction Europe

BIG Challenge 2015 submission category: Temporary

Project overview

This project is a new build combination for gallery space on the ground floor and residential on the upper floors.

The project is located in Mayfair around the corner from the famous Saville Road and the Burlington Arcade. At present there are approx 50-100.

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

As the new building is being constructed on the footprint of an existing building, there was not biodiversity on the site prior to this enhancement. This was also confirmed by an ecologist's survey.

Were there any specific conditions that led to you carrying out this work?

None.

What were the biodiversity measures taken?

We have created a temporary garden for workers on site and visitors.

The garden included a mixture of sensory and ornamental plants. There are also Bay trees.



Photo: Site planting

The garden has been created on a raised platform on site. The plant boxes used have been made from reused timber on site. The project was a collaboration with JP Dunn who are our subcontractors. The plants were selected for their hardiness and also for their ability to attract pollinators such as bees to site.

How would you best describe the project?

An enhancement.

Further information

The scheme was the brain child of the Sustainability Advisor at the time Ama Seery, who was looking to add some biodiversity to the site during construction.

Ama asked for help from both Brookfield Multiplex and JP Dunn to make the garden a reality, which they agreed to.

The plant boxes were suggested and made from reused timber by JP Dunn. The plants and soil were provided by us.

There have been bees spotted around the garden. It has been a revelation to all involved that a site with a relatively small area to work on can provide such a space.

What was your personal motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

This project was undertaken primarily to enhance biodiversity of site, in particular insect species.



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