

RAM Quarter

Wandsworth, South West London

Kier Construction Major Projects

BIG Challenge 2015 submission category: Temporary

Project overview

5-8 planters have been introduced around the site compound at RAM Quarter and have been planted with a variety of plants.

The building site is located in a urban area of London and the planters total cost to date is £400+.

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

Before the site works took place there was no biodiversity, just a large amount of crushed concrete, except for some small wild areas on the river boundary.

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

There were no conditions that led to the work being carried out, it was simply to enhance the image of the site.

What were the biodiversity measures taken?

So far 6 planters have been planted up and the plan is to add a few more over the coming weeks. Staff have given up their lunch break to collect and plant the plants.



Photo: The planters

This is a small but innovative idea and already the feedback has been very positive.

It was agreed that one member of staff will maintain and water the plants on a regular basis and other staff are welcome to contribute either time, ideas or materials to the project.

The project started when planters were acquired before being skipped (they used to be in the MasterChef studio). They were then half filled with recycled material dug up from site before topping

with compost and filling with plants.

Under the Considerate Contractors Scheme the plan is to get local school children to design pictures to be stuck to the planters.

How would you best describe the project?

An enhancement.

Further information

Simply to make the site more aesthetically pleasing around the entrance and compound. This will increase mood and morale. We are only in the early stages of the project but if I was to start again I may

wish to research further into types of plant.

Tips to others wishing to start a similar project would be – start small and build up, as it can be deceiving how much work one planter requires.

What was your personal motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

Motivation from this project comes from not wanting to see the same old entrance when we come to work everyday, something that grows and changes can bring a different variety of benefits as well as image.



Photo: The planters