



Public Realm – University of Leeds

Project Brief

To act as internal and external project manager on various Public Realm schemes. This involves strategic master planning with the Design Team and Estates over the next decade to suit the development plans and achieve a satisfactory S106 agreement with the Local Authority. Whilst creating a coherent and legible campus.

Project Summary

University Square – The delivery of the initial schemes, University Square is in the heart of the Campus of 4,000 sqm of tarmac streets, limited gardens and footpaths near the students Union and conference facilities. This area also contains several bars and nightlife for the students. They suffered in the past with delivery vehicles and car parking which conflicted with public usage. The aim of the refurbishment was to create a high quality public realm space for staff and students to enjoy, study and live within. This space created a public piazza restricting vehicles and giving them a large free enjoyable space for displays, stalls etc. We also created an increased amount of external benching for the students and staff to enjoy and learn within.

Cooling Pond – The refurbishment of an existing pond area which was first built in the 1970's and was looking dated and uninviting to students and staff. This area was fully refurbished with new water fountains and external decking to an existing cafe. Additional benching and lighting were included to create an enjoyable space for the students and staff to learn within.

Problems and Solutions

Noise and dust created the main problems, along with access restrictions for the surrounding buildings. Disruption to research, exams and degree ceremonies were an issue because of the location of these works. We held weekly liaison meetings with the users and we managed their expectations. We ensured the planning requirements were fully met with the local Fire Officers relating to assembly points and access issues.

Project Duration

2009 to 2011.

Project Value

Cooling pond £500k
University Square £2.2m.

Project Overview

Client

University of Leeds

Location

Leeds

Market Sector

Education

Role of Aspect 4

Quantity Surveying and Employers Agent

