

Summary case study

Brent Civic Centre

Key facts:

Client: Skanska

Contact area: 2,507m²

Value: £1.2M

The opening of the Brent Civic Centre was planned for Spring 2013. They contacted us in the January to delivery a £1.2 million hard and soft landscaping scheme in just 12 weeks.

In partnership with a major contractor and a design team, we led the process through design and build. Working within a sequence on site, we used alternative materials and innovative techniques to achieve the timeline.

The project was a half podium concept, including a wedding garden covering the entrance to the car park. This had to be built as it was being designed.

Co-coordinating the services on a 'live' site was just one of the many challenges to overcome. Restrictions in deploying equipment and running vehicle activity meant that we had to ensure close collaboration with all trades on site at all times.

We adopted a pro-active approach. Phasing the works enabled us to lead the project and deliver on time without compromising on quality.

Key features:

- Innovative use of alternative materials and techniques to achieve client deadlines
- Hard landscaping
 - over 1,440m² Pallas paving
 - 567 linear metres of granite setts
 - 500m of stainless steel edging
 - security planters
 - street lights
- Soft landscaping
 - 70 Pleached Tilia Europea trees
 - Over 4,500 plants
 - 8,000 bulbs
- BREAM excellent status.

