

SuDS - Getting it Right!

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Statutory SuDS – It's better design

- Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) Statutory Guidance For local authorities on the implementation of Schedule 3 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, the mandatory use of SuDS on new developments and approval and adoption by the SuDS approving body (the SAB).
- 6 standards have to be met if SAB approval is required.
- If approval is not received, then construction cannot take place.

The 6 Welsh Standards

- Where does it drain to?
- Manage flood risk
- Quality
- Amenity
- Biodiversity
- Who owns it/adopts it/maintains it

The Key Challenges



TRAINED
TECHNICAL STAFF



COLLABORATING
WITH PLANNING



MANAGEABLE
MAINTENANCE



CONSISTENCY

The Benefits



Delivering Multi-
benefits from the
start



Creating cleaner &
greener places to
live & work



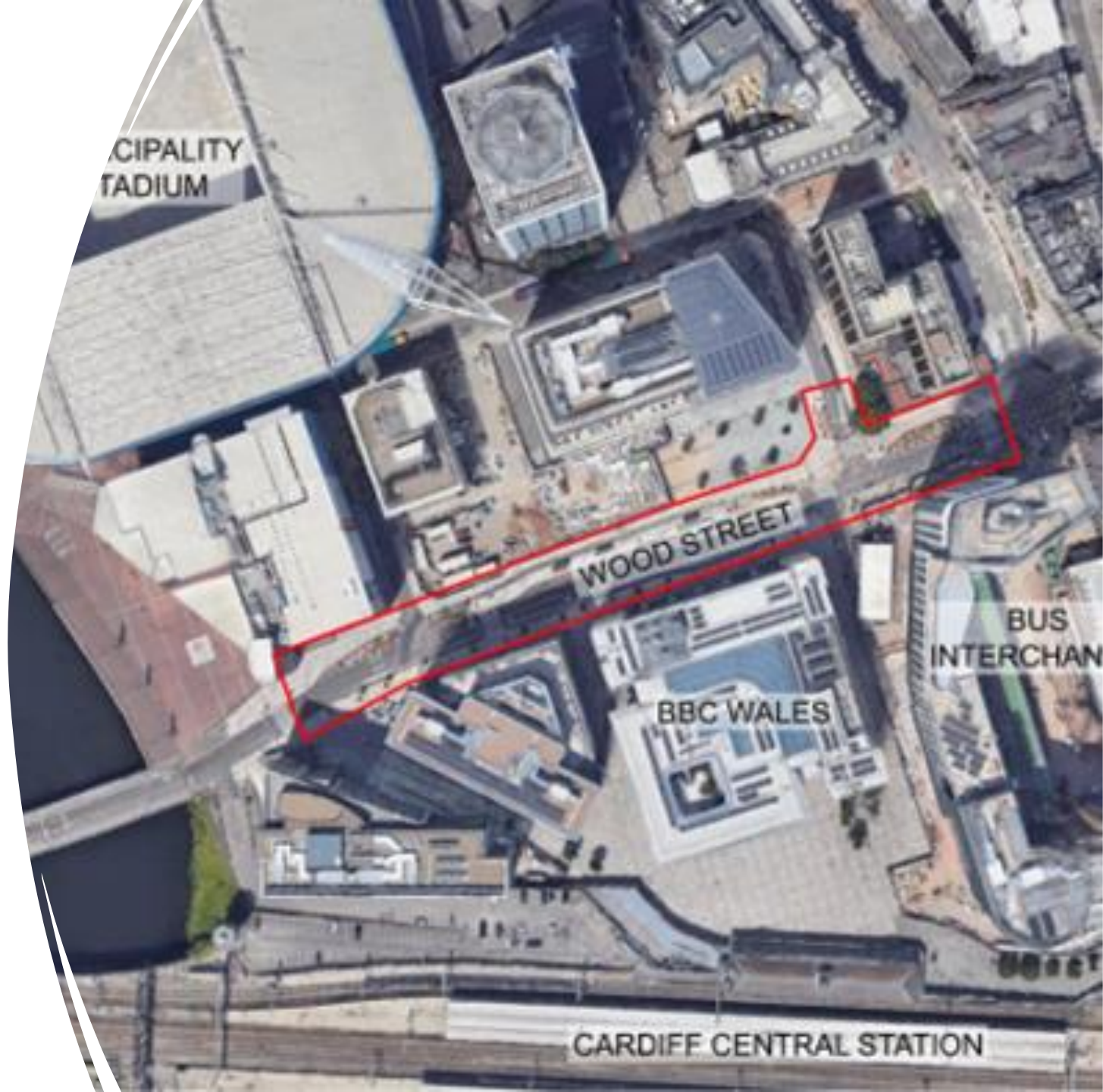
Taking
maintenance more
seriously



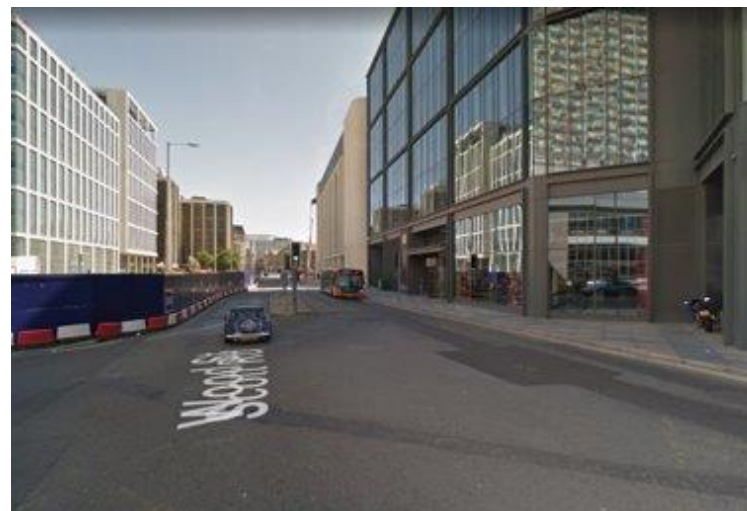
Delivering better
design

Central Square

A City Centre Design



Wood Street – City Centre Challenges



Design – Installation - Maintenance



Greener Grangetown

- A Residential Design



Greener Grangetown: Location & Delivery



Key Facts

- 12 streets
- 555m improvement to Taff Trail - Route 8 NCN
- 14 safer junctions
- 108 new rain gardens
- 130 new trees
- 4.2 Ha surface water removed from the sewer network
- 1,700m² of new green space
- 19 native species
- 26 cycle stands
- 4 new outfalls
- 10 new benches and seats

Residential Design Challenges



Proper Consultation = Community Pride

GREENER GRANGETOWN WERDDACH Bargoed Street

1 You said...

- ...that litter was an issue
- ...you liked the idea of trees
- ...that you didn't want benches
- ...that parking was an issue in this street

2 We did...

3 You decide...

Roadside rain garden with tree to catch and clean rain water

Dead end rain garden to catch and clean rain water

Proposed plan (option 2)

New cycle stand (if requested)

An effective increase in resident parking 50% residents only parking

New bollards

New litter bin

Dead end rain garden

Area for refuse vehicle turning

Proposed plan (option 1)

Key

- Existing tree to be retained where possible
- Proposed tree
- Proposed road, side rain garden
- Proposed shrubs and grasses
- Proposed new surface
- Proposed permeable paving
- Proposed stone paving

Trees to be removed

Permeable paving colour options

What planting would you like to see?

Trees

Shrub planting (flowering months)

Other shrubs and grasses

Proposed view (sketch)

Current view

Please fill out the questionnaire

Community Pride = Community Action



Maintenance Manages Pollutants



Before



After



SuDS Will Become the New Norm

Well designed and installed SuDS deliver flood risk management, water treatment, enhanced biodiversity, community amenity and nicer places to live and work.

As the consequences of the climate crisis encroach upon us, putting off such multi-benefit solutions is unsustainable.

All SuDS good solutions are a clever combination of civil engineering & landscape architecture.