



# GREENER GRANGETOWN WERDDACH

**December 2017**

Dear Resident,

Thank you all for your patience and co-operation during the ongoing Greener Grangetown construction work. Since our last update in August, we've made good progress and are on track to complete the project by spring 2018. Over the Christmas holiday period, all road junctions and streets in the area will be open and fencing removed wherever possible.

## **What is Greener Grangetown?**

Greener Grangetown is an innovative £2 million project that aims to improve the management of rainwater in Grangetown. The project involves the installation of planted areas to help absorb the water, increase biodiversity and provide the community with more green space. The project is a partnership between Cardiff Council, Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales.



## **What about parking?**

We know that parking during the ongoing works is **the** big issue for residents. As more streets are completed, we will advise when and how to apply for resident parking permits.

Once the project is completed, 50% of available on-street parking across all 12 streets covered by the project, will be for residents only.

## **Project Update: Where are we now?**

By Christmas, construction work will be largely complete in Ferndale St, Coedcae St, Blaenclydach St, Clydach St. (not surfacing), Bargoed St, Aber St & Abercynon St.

Several rain gardens on Taff Embankment, the junctions with Corporation Rd, new signage and road linings will also have been installed, along with some additional lighting. Some trees will also be planted.

## **What's next?**

Resurfacing work on Clydach Street will begin in the New Year, along with work starting in Cymmer St, Ystrad St & Taff Terrace.

Planting of trees and shrubs will also continue in the New Year – hopefully with the involvement of local residents.



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## Taff Embankment: Wales' 1st 'bicycle street'

Once completed, the innovative plans for the road will be the first design of their kind in Wales, significantly improving conditions for cyclists and pedestrians.

The layout will slow down and reduce 'through' traffic - but still maintain vehicle access for all local residents – making it safer & less congested.

## What about the trees and shrubs?

As well as forming part of the rain gardens, the trees and shrubs aim to bring a cohesive identity to the Greener Grangetown area.

The layout, species, shapes and colours of the planting will give each street an individual look. In total, 127 trees will be planted – a total of 19 different species.

All the trees that will be planted share certain characteristics. They are:

- Generally deciduous so that natural light is maximised during the winter.
- 'Street trees' that can tolerate urban environments.
- Trees that provide interest all year round either due to leaf colour, bark or flowers.
- All trees are UK sourced.
- Trees with root control zones.
- Trees with a 2.5 metre clear stem to deter vandalism.
- Trees with a high biodiversity value.

## What is a rain garden?

Rain gardens are planted areas that mimic the natural environment and provide a sustainable method for catching and cleaning rain water. This is an example of how they look when complete:



## What if I need to talk about the project?

If it's about a problem on site, please contact Ken Evans on 07972 126806.

You can also get in touch via our:-  
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Or, pop in to Grangetown Hub from 1-2pm on Wednesday, or 6 – 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month, for one of our drop-in sessions.

**And finally...another big thank you for all your patience and co-operation during the ongoing construction work. Merry Christmas.**