

Project Profile

Housing Market Renewal Area | Sandwell / Birmingham

Client	Urban Living
Client Sector	Residential
Project Value	£100 m
Services Provided	Project Appraisal Quantity Surveying Project Delivery
Project Size	
Architect	
Contractors	



Urban Living is the Birmingham Sandwell Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder, a partnership between Sandwell MBC, Birmingham City Council, other public agencies and local registered social landlords. The Urban Living area lies at the heart of the West Midlands conurbation, the area contains over 60,000 houses and has a population in excess of 150,000.

It is, in many respects, a typical inner city area with large areas of older terraced housing and local authority accommodation adjacent to traditional industrial areas.

The aim of Pathfinder is to stabilise the housing market and to promote projects which will have a long term positive impact on the area.

Rider Levett Bucknall was one of the panel of consultants which appraise the various projects proposed for the area, and determine which projects should be recommended for additional funding.

The appraisal process includes:

- Value for money, efficiency and effectiveness
- Eligibility for the funding applied for and that the costs are justified and clear
- Appropriateness of management arrangements
- Project efficiency
- Clarity of project definition
- Realism of project timescale
- Alternative ways of project delivery

Rider Levett Bucknall also carried out a cost benchmarking exercise of Urban Living, to give a framework for their value for money review of projects. We are currently with Urban Living testing the deliverability of their intervention programme.