

# *News Release*

## **BIRSE CIVILS WINS £5.5M INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT TO FACILITATE BRISTOL'S BIGGEST REGENERATION SCHEME AT HENGROVE PARK**

Birse Civils has been awarded a £5.5m highways infrastructure contract by Bristol City Council on behalf of the project partners to help deliver Bristol's biggest regeneration scheme at Hengrove Park.

The project involves creation of roads to service phase 1 of the Hengrove Park scheme which will provide new health facilities, jobs, homes, training places and leisure opportunities on a 76 hectare former airfield in the south of the city.

Overall the project combines highways infrastructure, improvement and an urban realm development scheme. Birse Civils' work involves upgrading of the existing Hartcliffe roundabout on the A4174 to a 4-lane signalised roundabout and will add two new lanes to the existing Whitchurch Lane including repaving of the current surfacing.

High quality urban realm finishes including more than 8,000 sq m of block paving will be required. Birse Civils will also manage the installation by Statutory Undertakers for all necessary services to the scheme on behalf of the project partners.

All of the works will be carried out while maintaining traffic flow through the existing road network and providing access to the development partner plots on the Hengrove site. Birse Civils will be seeking to maintain access to the construction of the public realm buildings throughout the infrastructure works to provide access to the Hengrove site.

When completed, the new Hengrove Park development will provide a community hospital, a state-of-the-art leisure complex, a skills academy, a headquarters building for a major local employer and new offices for Constellation Europe and their partners Matthew Clark Holdings. Once completed, phase 1 of the regeneration scheme will secure more than £100 million of investment in new public facilities for South Bristol while retaining around 2,000 jobs – critical for a relatively disadvantaged area.

The principle external funders of the public sector projects at Hengrove Park are the Learning and Skills Council, the Departments of Health and Culture, Media and Sport and the South West of England Regional Development Agency, who are key investors along with the city council.

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