



Decent Neighbourhoods case study – Cinderhill, Bulwell



Works have been undertaken by Nottingham City Council Housing Services to improve the external spaces surrounding Cinderhill flats in Bulwell.

Background:

To improve the appearance and functionality of the space around Cinderhill flats in Bulwell, Nottingham City Council Housing Services has installed new pathways, drying areas, external bins (metroSTOR) and refurbished benches. Works are also underway to improve the parking facilities.

Challenge:

Before the improvements, the external areas surrounding the flats were unimaginative and were not functional spaces for the tenants. There were no spaces that felt welcoming to sit and spend time outdoors. Litter and neglected waste was also an ongoing issue.



Before:





Solution:

To overcome the challenges, Nottingham City Council Housing Services has reconfigured the pathways throughout the external areas to include new seating areas and drying spaces with timber fenced privacy screens. These areas give the space an increased feel of community. The newly installed metroSTOR bins also encourage surrounding residents and the public to dispose of any waste appropriately in the designated bins.

After:

Our estates have visible and hidden original features that can be brought back to life, using as much of the existing material that is possible and relocating them if necessary. The benches were a good example:





The improvements have received positive feedback and the external space has a new and more communal, functional feel.