

**ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD**  
**REPORT OF HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT**

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**SECTION B– MATTER FOR INFORMATION**

**WARD(S) AFFECTED: MARGAM  
PORT TALBOT**

**PORT TALBOT PARKWAY RAILWAY STATION –  
COMMUNITY AWARD – KIER CONSTRUCTION**

**Purpose of Report**

To inform Members of the CIRIA ‘BIG Challenge’ Community Engagement Award won by Kier, contractors on the Port Talbot Parkway Station development.

**Background**

Kier are the contractors for Network Rail constructing the Port Talbot Railway Station development. They have recently received a Community Engagement Award from CIRIA (the Construction Industry Research and Information Association) for their work entitled ‘Discovering What Birds Like to Eat: Port Talbot Railway Station’.

This is testimony to the time and effort Kier took to engage with Central Junior School for Rail Week, which includes the wildlife workshops, safety related activities, safety poster competition for the dangers of level crossings and construction sessions with straws etc.

Delivering to approximately 226 children over 3 days Kier has run several workshops on ‘wildlife and the environment’ with the children at the School. The aim of workshops was to inspire and demonstrate the importance of looking after and understanding the local wildlife and environment as well as introducing hands on activities including making bird feeders and dissecting owl pellets.

An important aspect of the workshops included enhancing the pupil's awareness about the dangers of playing on/near building sites and railways to ensure the children living near our sites are kept safe.

Further information can found at <http://www.bigchallenge.info/#!big-challenge-award-winners/c1nud>

### **Appendices**

None

### **List of Background Papers**

Not applicable

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