Derby Corridor Mobility Scheme
Derby

The Brief

Danaher & Walsh were appointed by Balfour Beatty / Derby City Council for the Derby Corridor mobility scheme, which delivered significant improvements to active travel infrastructure and traffic flow across two major junctions and multiple side roads.

Key works included:

- The re-modelling of the ASDA entrance and the installation of a new pedestrian crossing to prioritise safety for cyclists and pedestrians.
- A continuous-width cycleway spanning 2.5km was also constructed, forming a vital commuter route into Derby city centre.
- The scheme also featured a high-quality tactile paving and improved public realm elements to enhance accessibility and safety.

At a Glance

Client
Balfour Beatty

Area of Expertise
Highways

Project Value
£5.96M

Date
2024-2025

Challenges faced and our Solutions

A major challenge of the Derby Corridor scheme was managing pedestrian safety in an environment that could not be closed to the public. To ensure safe and uninterrupted pedestrian movement, the team adapted working methods to accommodate foot traffic through and around live work areas.

Maintaining constant access to shops, private driveways, and businesses added further complexity, requiring careful planning and responsive site management.

Frequent design changes also arose due to environmental constraints such as tree preservation orders and root protection zones, which impacted the construction approach.

To maintain positive relationships with the community, the team complemented formal communications from the client with direct engagement, including door-knocking to inform residents, business owners, and shopkeepers about upcoming works. A flexible, collaborative approach between the delivery team and client ensured challenges were managed proactively and effectively.

Outcomes

Despite the constraints and evolving design requirements, the project was completed on time and within the revised budget. The result is a safer, more accessible route for both cyclists and pedestrians, supporting sustainable travel into Derby city centre.

The final scheme successfully balances infrastructure improvement with community and environmental considerations, enhancing connectivity while preserving local access and urban character.