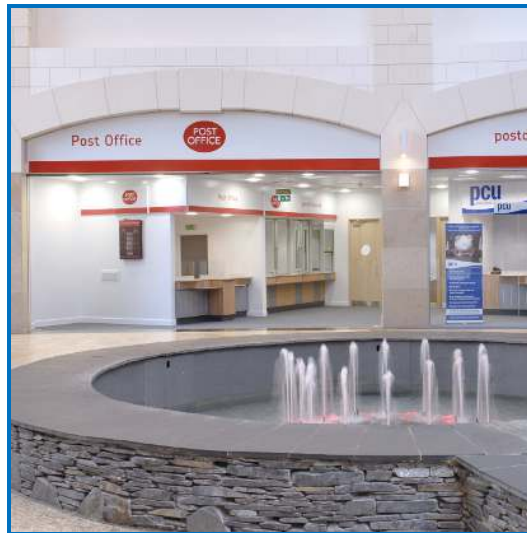


Case Study



Pollok Post Office & Credit Union

Client: Pollok Credit Union
Location: Silverburn Shopping Centre, Glasgow
Value: £240,000
Timescale: 7 weeks
Design Team: BDP Architects, WSP Consulting, Gordon Harris Partnership



Challenge

When Pollok Credit Union stepped in to run the Pollok Post Office branch, they formed the first partnership of its kind in Britain to offer both vital services to the community from the one location. As the Post Office was the only remaining tenant in the old market area of the existing Pollok Centre, premises were secured for a new branch within Silverburn Shopping Centre, where footfall is expected to rise dramatically.

Approach

Pacific Building were tasked with the full formation of the facility: both Credit Union and Post Office were required to have their own counters, and retain their own branding, while sharing all front and back office staff and back office facilities. All available space was utilised to create economies of scale and enable staff integration – which a necessity for delivering a comprehensive financial service to the local community. As the unit was to be constructed within a fully functioning covered shopping mall, it was essential that all works were completed without disruption to the adjoining tenants or Silverburn Shoppers. Pacific Building worked closely with mall management to facilitate the works, ensuring as smooth a build as possible. Pacific Building's previous experience of working in live environments led to the majority of the project taking place using Silverburn's service corridors to the rear of the mall and, where access within the mall was required, night shift operations were scheduled to ensure that the public were never affected by the works.

Results

Completed works were to an extremely high standard, to reflect both the benchmark set by the Silverburn centre, and the Post Office branding, with Maple hardwood veneers used throughout. Pacific Building worked closely with the tenants and mall management to ensure that all requirements were met. The project was completed on time and on budget, and without any disturbance to the operation of the mall. The Credit Union and Post Office will provide a unique offering to the people of Glasgow: Pacific Building were delighted to be involved in the creation of the branch, and in the continued expansion of Silverburn itself.