



CASE STUDY: **Wokingham Council; Trial Installation of *nu-flex* Recycled Porous Surfacing**

Project: Bader Way
Provision Of Porous, Flexible Surfacing
Client: Wokingham Council
Procurement: By Invitation
Location: Reading, Berkshire
Date Undertaken: October, 2017

PROJECT OUTLINE:

The trial was undertaken to enable Wokingham Council to determine that the nu-flex process was a satisfactory material for inclusion as part of its wider Greenways Project.

The Greenways Project is a major initiative, designed to create links between existing communities and areas of future development in Wokingham. These facilities will allow citizens to enjoy non-car commuting journeys to work and school as well as providing access for recreation and to the countryside.

A main aspect of the project is to provide a hard, permeable surface which will be accessible in all weathers for those who use the routes. The design properties offered by nu-flex are a perfect match to the requirements for the Greenways Project.

The trial scheme was located in a residential area and required our team to work in co-ordination with the council's main contractor, Balfour Beatty, who had prepared the stone sub base and installed timber edgings.



'Nuphalt Contracting carry out a successful trial installation of nu-flex recycled, porous surfacing for Wokingham District Council'

OUTCOME:

The installation was carried out by our team in October 2017 and completed to an extremely high standard to the full satisfaction of Wokingham Council. Following the success of the trial, the Council has since welcomed a successful tender submission from Nuphalt Contracting for the installation of nu-flex on 'Phase 2' of the Greenways Project.

'Phase 2' sees the continuation of the 'Phase 1' route (completed in 2016) as it passes through the attractive California Country Park. This forest park is an area of natural beauty and work will commence in the summer of 2018.



PROJECT CHALLENGES:

Environmental – Protection of the environment from possible spillages of binder and materials during the mixing process.

Operational – The cycleway was difficult to access due to its proximity to a busy strategic road and extensive grassed areas along both sides.

Comment:
The client is delighted with the finished outcome and the positive comments received.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

The finished project has been well received by user groups and other local residents.



BENEFITS:

The asset manager and end-users alike have welcomed a number of benefits including;

- Well drained surface due to the porosity of the material
- Easy to repair
- Visually attractive compared to traditional surfacing
- Significant reduction in the effects of ice and snow
- Surface is excellent for cyclists
- Innovative recycled material

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