



CASE STUDY:

**Wokingham Council; Recycled, Porous
Surfacing On A Pre-prepared Sub Base**

Project: California Country Park

Provision Of Porous, Flexible Surfacing

Client: Wokingham Council

Procurement: Open Tender

Location: Reading, Berkshire

Date Undertaken: Aug-Sep, 2018

PROJECT OUTLINE:

Following on from a successful trial installation of nu-flex surfacing for Wokingham District Council in 2017, Nuphalt Contracting were invited to take part in a tender process for the delivery of 'Phase 2' of the Greenways Project. The tender process was designed to assess both value for money and organisational quality.

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.

This second phase would see the completion of a Greenways route through the beautiful California Country Park.

Nuphalt Contracting won 'Phase 2' of the project by clearly demonstrating the ability to deliver a quality asset with environmental sensitivity and professionalism whilst also offering commercial competitiveness. We were extremely pleased to have been selected as Wokingham's partner of choice for the project.

PROJECT DELIVERY:

In delivering this project, our teams constructed a 700 linear metre length (2100 square metres) of Greenway. They approached this important work with careful planning, consideration and care for the environment. Throughout, our staff successfully managed numerous ecological, engineering and operational challenges.

We believe our talented technical and operational teams have delivered a first class asset which now enables local residents and visitors to enjoy walking and cycling through this splendid country park.

Users of the facility are delighted with the new walkway and will no doubt enjoy using it for many years to come.



PROJECT CHALLENGES:

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

Ecological - Our teams are trained to be aware of ecological issues such as bat colonies, nesting birds, amphibians and other animals when working in woodland areas.

Operational – Working with restricted space and adjacent water courses, and in close proximity of tree roots was given due consideration and planning.

'Nuphalt Contracting construct a new Greenways route for Wokingham District Council through an attractive forested country park using 'nu-flex' recycled, porous surfacing'

Comment:

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

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

The project has been completed to a high standard and is now being continually used by local citizens and visitors to the area. The finished route attracted large numbers of positive comments from those who use and enjoy the facility.



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

Project Duration – 5 weeks

Environmental Benefits – 3,500 recycled tyres used

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