SuDS Permeable Paving

Sudspave 40, Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, UK



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Benefits

Project Description

Wexham Park is a large NHS hospital providing multidisciplinary health and emergency services including trauma and orthopaedic surgery, paediatric, coronary care and maternity amongst other services. Staff parking at this large facility was inadequate, so the Frimley Foundation Trust decided to develop an adjacent greenfield site to provide an increased number of parking spaces and to reduce the amount of on-road parking which was adversely affecting local residents.

The Challenge

The proposed new car park was subject to planning restrictions which stipulated that the new surface must be designed to allow surface water run-off rates to remain at the same level as pre-development. Site investigation reports indicated that the subgrade soils were suitable to allow surface water infiltration, but the costs of permeable asphalt or concrete block paving exceeded the available budget.

The site investigation also reavealed variable ground conditions including some very soft areas. In order to maintain structural integrity as well as meeting the required rates of surface water infiltration and attenuation for the Planning Conditions, the sub-base design thickness needed to increase and utilise a permeable DoT Type 3 stone. This presented a challenge for the structural design team, because it also meant that the increased sub-base depth would require an increased number of deliveries of more expensive aggregates.

Project Information	
Client	Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
Contractor	Aggregate Industries - Spadeoak
Consultant	Abstruct Consulting
Products	Sudpsave 40, Abgrid, Terrex
Quantity	6,500m ²
	• Surface water management

- Reduced sub-base depth
- Surface water run-off treatment
- Carbon footprint saving
- Material cost savings



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The Solution

ABG's in-house Design Team proposed a sub-base design which utilises **Abgrid** to reduce the thickness of DoT Type 3 stone required to achieve structural stability. An **ABG Terrex** geotextile layer was also proposed, to provide an additional stage of treatment for the infiltrating water. Overall, the incorporation of **ABG's** proposal provided a shallower construction profile which resulted in reductions in site excavation, off-site tipping, DoT type 3 stone volumes, deliveries and associated costs.

ABG Sudspave 40 gravel-filled cellular paving was also installed to provide robust, sustainable and permeable retained gravel surfaces for traffic aisles and parking bays. **Sudspave** enables rainwater to infiltrate directly through the surface and into the subgrade, whilst also receiving surface water run-off from adjacent asphalt areas, fulfilling strict Planning requirements for drainage.

Installation of Abgrid stabilised sub-base and bedding layer

The ABG Service

Full sub-base design, taking into account structural, hydraulic and treatment requirements. Technical support for required design approvals and on-site installation guidance. Scheduled deliveries to meet site program.



Permeable bays with asphalt running lanes



Installation of Sudspave made faster by pre-assembled panels

Contact ABG today to discuss your project specific requirements and discover how ABG experience and innovative products can help improve your project design and reduce costs.