

SWINDON PARK & RIDE

672 SPACE SECURE CAR PARK WITH AN AMENITY BUILDING AT WROUGHTON

The Problem

Many towns and cities across the UK are facing the same problems of increasing traffic congestion, more delays, and the resultant pollution build-up in the local environment. The town of Swindon is no exception to this situation.

The Solution

With Ford Bros as the designated Main Contractor, Swindon Borough Council announced a Park & Ride car park for Swindon at a site just north of the M4 Motorway.

Wroughton Park & Ride

Swindon Borough Council is intent on encouraging car driving commuters from outside of Swindon to reduce traffic congestion and environmental pollution with the provision of an inexpensive and attractive alternative to the driving of cars into the town centre.

The project consisted of a 672 space secure car park with an amenity building containing staff and passenger facilities. An extensive landscaping scheme was incorporated into the design to lessen the environmental impact of the project.

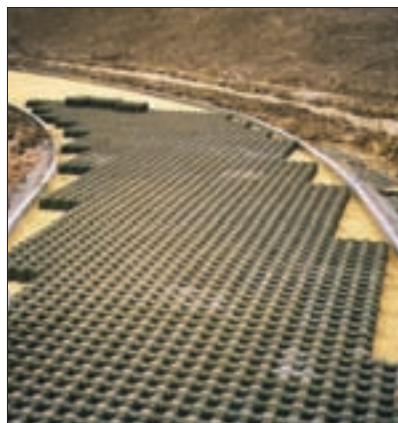


The car park covers an area of nearly 20,000 sq mt, surfaced with stone mastic asphalt, and the works included a large buried stormwater retention system, a mini sewage treatment plant, and separate traffic light controlled accesses for both buses and cars.

The site is surrounded by high security fencing and is monitored by 24hr CCTV surveillance. The amenity building was constructed as a design and build project by Ford Bros. The whole of the works completed on schedule in 29 weeks.

The Wroughton Park & Ride is the second to be built in Swindon by the Borough Council, with a further six planned over the next few years. Ford Bros were also the main contractor for the first Park and Ride at Copse which was completed in 1998. As a result, this company now has specific experience of this type of project, which could be used to good effect in progressing further projects.

The particular nature of Park & Rides dovetails with the company's in-house capabilities, whereby we can provide both the civil engineering and the surfacing with our own resources, and are supported by our building and maintenance division for any building works. Having control of the majority of the resources in-house greatly assists efficiency and ensures that completion on time and within budget is far more achievable.



“the project was finished to budget and on time.”



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