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Water Of Leith

Flexipave Surfacing

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Restoring Active Travel

In 2023, PMP Surfacing installed approximately 18,000m² of Flexipave at The Water of Leith Conservation Trust as part of an active travel improvement programme funded by Sustrans Scotland. This was part of a wider scheme to encourage more people to cycle to Scotland. The Water of Leith Walkway is a pathway that opened in 2002 as a millennium project and was worn out in places.

The pathway is around 7km long and had become very worn in places, making it no longer accessible to wheelchair and pushchair users. A bound gravel system had recently been installed, which washed out and failed, so an alternative porous surfacing system was sourced. Due to the ongoing installations PMP has carried out for Edinburgh City Council, our product, Flexipave, was chosen as the perfect solution to all of the above problems. The sustainable surface has been a total success, providing improved access for all users of the trail as well as utilising 48,060 kg of recycled tyres and saving 1,057,320 kg of CO_2 emissions.

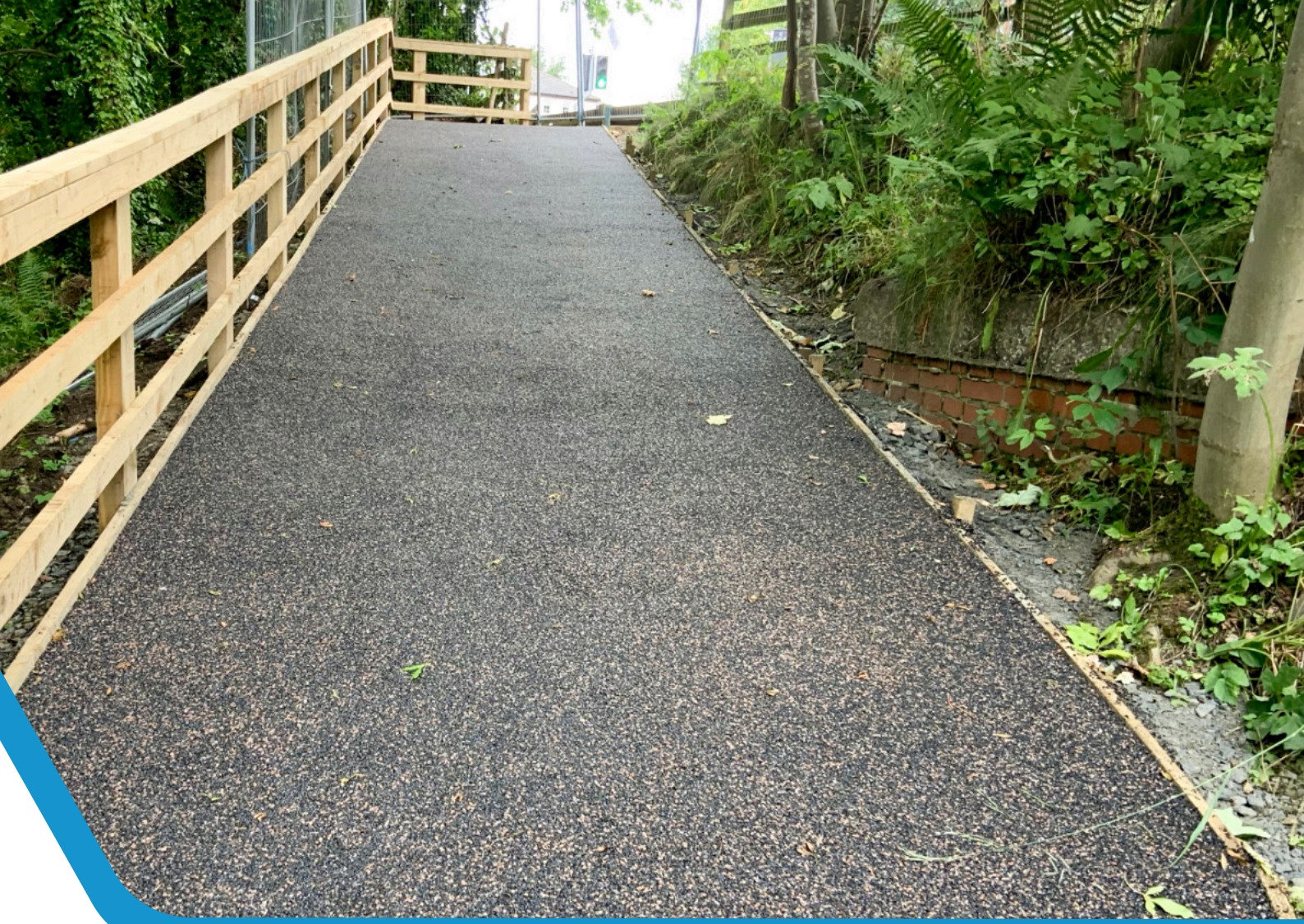




Sustainable Pathway Transformation

PMP Surfacing installed the Flexipave surface progressively along the route, working through sections of the walkway while maintaining access where possible. Works continued upstream towards Currie, with almost 2.5 miles completed during the initial stages

Flexipave was installed as a system, combining recycled rubber granules, natural stone aggregate and PMP Surfacing's polyurethane binder to create a flexible, porous surface. The prevented the path to accommodate minor ground movement while providing improved grip and comfort compared with traditional hard surfacing.



Project Benefits Overview

Improved Accessibility - the new surface created a smoother, more inclusive route for walkers, cyclists, wheelchair users and families using pushchairs.

Sustainable Construction - Flexipave incorporates recycled vehicle tyres, helping divert waste rubber from landfill while creating a durable public-realm surface.

All Weather Performance - the porous structure helps manage rainfall and reduces puddling, making the route more reliable throughout the year.

Natural Integration - the Stone Age Bronze finish blends into the surrounding landscape, helping the walkway retain its natural character.







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