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Science Vale

Cycle Network

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Flexipave and The Science Vale Cycle Network

Working in close partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, PMP Surfacing delivered 7,100 linear metres of Flexipave for the Science Vale Cycle Network.

The project forms part of the Science Vale Cycle Network strategy, which supports and facilitates housing growth in areas close to key employment sites. Its vision is to create a world-class cycling network that enables safe, efficient and well-connected journeys by bike—comparable to those found in continental Europe—while supporting ongoing growth and investment across Science Vale.

Flexipave was chosen as the preferred surfacing material due to its green credentials and proven track record on similar projects throughout the UK.





Connecting Science Vale with Sustainable Materials

The project aims to improve ease of movement and strengthen connectivity between three key employment centres—Harwell Campus, Milton Park and Culham Science Centre—and the main urban centres of Didcot, Abingdon and Wantage within the Science Vale area.

More than 16,000 used tyres were recycled to produce the Flexipave material, which the council estimates has contributed to a carbon reduction of 382,217kg of CO_2 compared to the tyres being incinerated in concrete kilns.



Testimonial

"To officially open this key section of new infrastructure at a time when people are telling us that they would like to travel to and from work using sustainable travel modes is a positive milestone. Thank you to the project teams at the county council, their contractors, and our team for delivering the project. We hope that people enjoy using the new path and that it helps to make their commute that little bit easier."

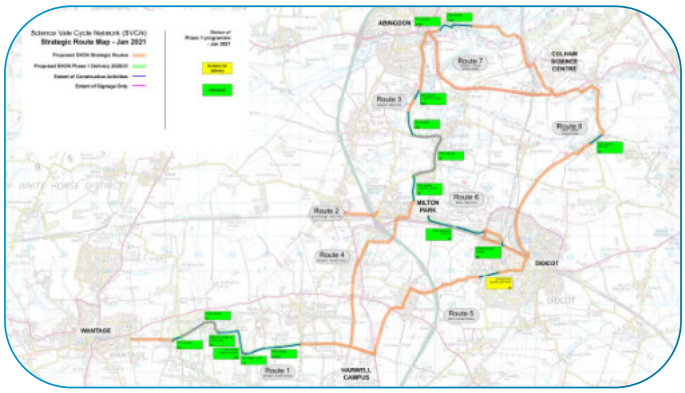
Philip Campbell, Commercial Director of MEPC, which manages Milton Park–home to 250 businesses and 9,000 employees

Flexipave CellWeb Sub-Base

- Several sections of the SVCN utilised a Cell Web base system to create the sub-base.
- This easy-to-install option requires no excavation, making it ideal for sensitive areas "(such as near tree roots)".
- The CellWeb is stretched and pinned before being filled with clean Type 3 aggregate.
- It creates a solid, stable base for the Flexipave path while allowing excellent drainage and eliminating standing water.









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