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Sustainable Porous Paving Solutions

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WATER OF LEITH



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RESTORING THE WATER OF LEITH

The Water of Leith Walkway is a 7 km pathway in Edinburgh that opened in 2002 as a Millennium project. After more than two decades of use, sections had become worn and were no longer easily accessible to wheelchair and pushchair users. In 2023, as part of an active travel improvement programme funded by Sustrans Scotland and designed to encourage more people to cycle across Scotland, the Water of Leith Conservation Trust set out to restore the route for walkers, cyclists and other users. An earlier attempt to refurbish the pathway had failed, so the Trust needed a more durable, long-term solution. KBI UK installed Flexipave, which was selected for its excellent porosity.



SUSTAINABLE ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS

Arranged by the Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust, the project saw KBI UK train an installation team to lay 18,000 m² of Flexipave at a depth of 35 mm across the 7 km Water of Leith route. The sustainable surface used 48,060 recycled tyres, which would otherwise have released 1,057,320 kg of CO_2 if sent for incineration. Creating accessible pathways for all users in all weather conditions, the completed route now supports Paths for All's aim of creating a happier, healthier and greener Scotland.



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IMPROVED ACCESS
Restores the 7km route for the walkers, cyclists, wheelchair users and pushchairs.

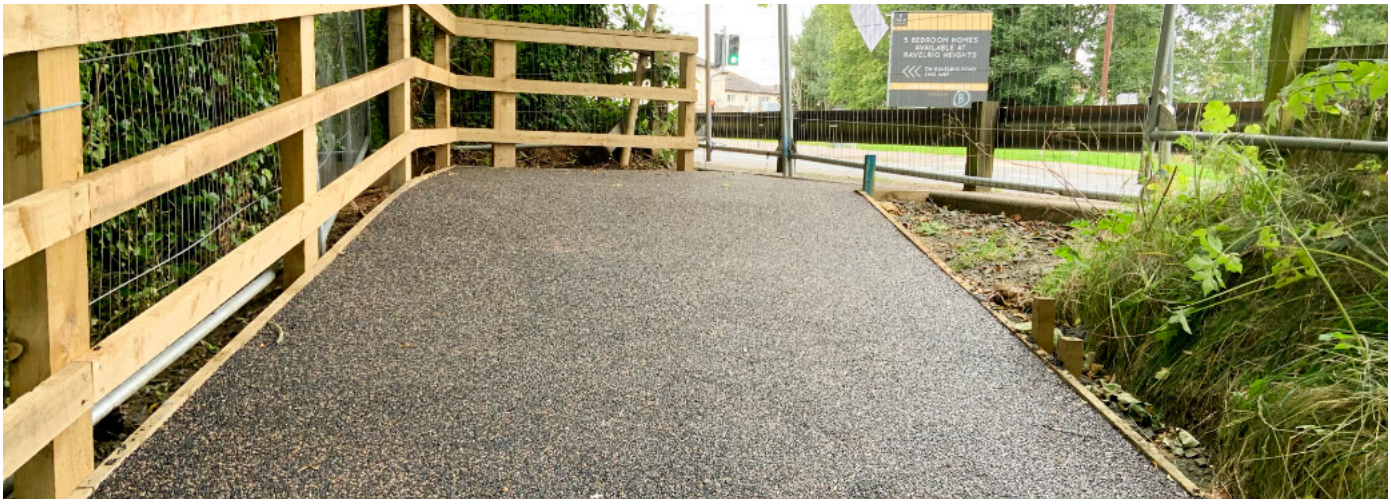
ENHANCED DRAINAGE
A highly porous surface that drains freely and stays usable in all weather.

REDUCED MAINTENANCE
A durable surface that provides a long-term solution.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Made from 48,060 recycled tyres, preventing 1,057,320kg of CO_2 from being released.

PROVEN DURABILITY
Succeeded where an earlier bound product had failed.

SUPPORTS ACTIVE TRAVEL
Help encourage more people to walk and cycle across Scotland.



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