



Plastic Kerbs

HSE has published a useful case study in COH14 04/08 which centres on the development of ideas for the A2/A282 Dartford Improvement Scheme where Costain decided to incorporate plastic products instead of using pre-cast concrete kerb and drainage blocks. Traditional types of pre-cast concrete kerbs and drainage blocks can require cutting to size and / or be heavy to handle on site. Accordingly Costain considered a range of solutions – such as smaller/pre-cut/low silica concrete blocks, cutting blocks off-site, or using water suppression when cutting. However, they ultimately decided to use a plastic kerb product, because these also reduced the loading on the four structures in which the products were to be incorporated. Beside the production and commercial wins, therefore, there were also health and safety benefits.

No time to waste?

Site waste management plans recently became a legal requirement for any construction project valued at £300,000 or more – with the regulations applying to all new projects except those planned before 6th April and where construction work begins before 1 July 2008.

Whilst the main responsibilities for waste management and disposal will lie with the main contractor, there are clear pre-construction responsibilities for clients, which according to the RIBA, are likely to be off-loaded onto project designers. Official guidelines actually suggest that for many projects it will be appropriate for the designer to write the Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP), as this will assist in recording relevant decisions made at the design stage.

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New plan to improve safety for Motorcyclists

Plans to tackle the numbers of motorcyclists killed or injured on Britain's roads were published by Road Safety Minister Jim Fitzpatrick.

The new Motorcycling Strategy Action Plan - agreed with the National Motorcycle Council - sets out what the Government will do to improve safety for motorcyclists and to continue to facilitate motorcycling as a choice of travel.

Updated actions in the new plan include building on initial work to identify the feasibility of a motorcycle safety assessment programme, in particular, looking at the safety benefit to motorcyclists offered by new technologies and the potential for including security and environmental aspects. We will also investigate reporting options for diesel spills and other highway defects, and disseminate options for tackling diesel spills.

The 42 new actions update those in the 2005 Strategy. Some of the original actions have been completed, others are ongoing, many have developed over time and been revised to reflect the latest progress, while some new issues have arisen requiring new actions.

The revised action plan for the Government's Motorcycling Strategy is available on <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgp/roads/vehicles/motorcycling/motorcyclingstrategyrevised.pdf>



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