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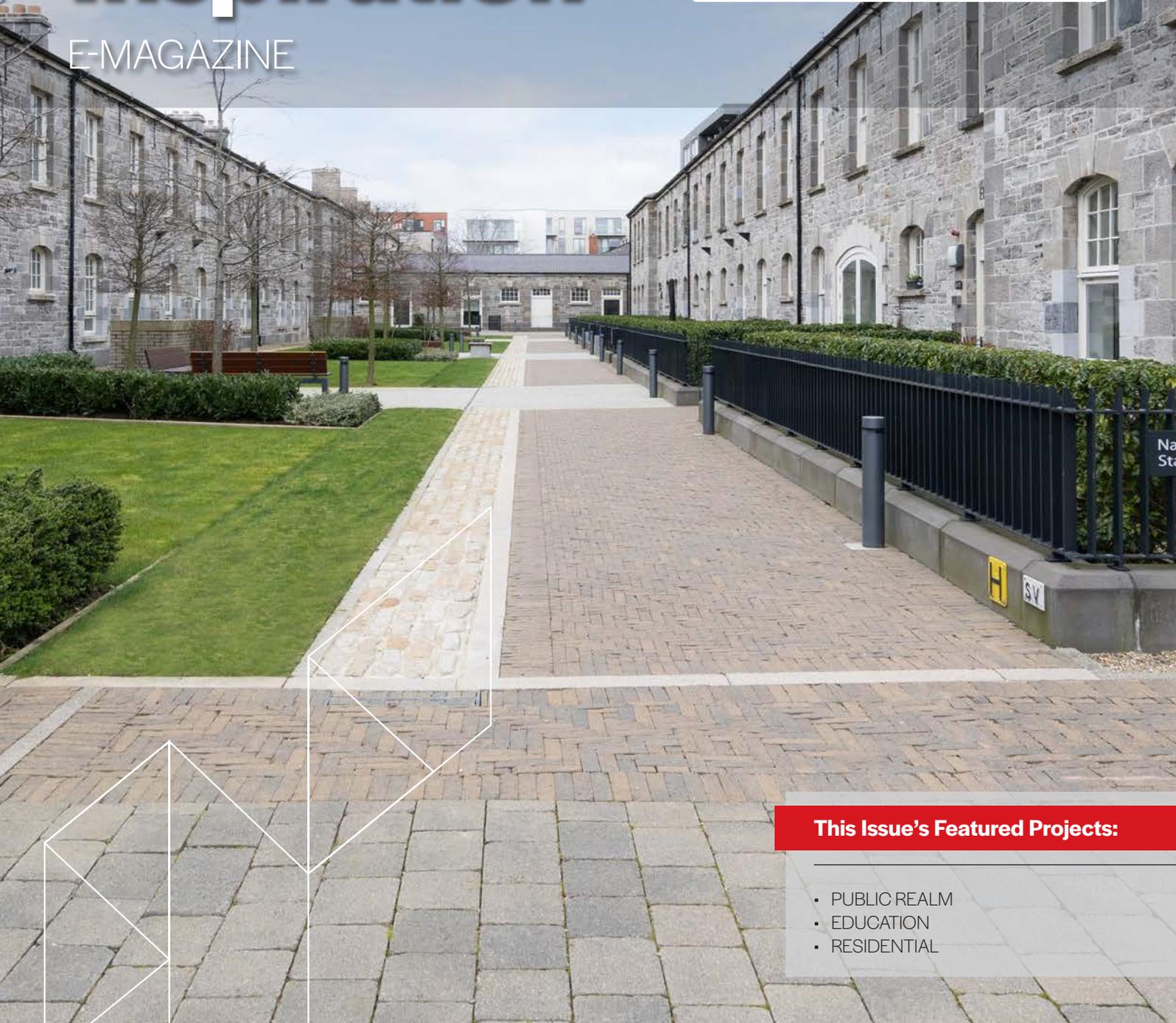
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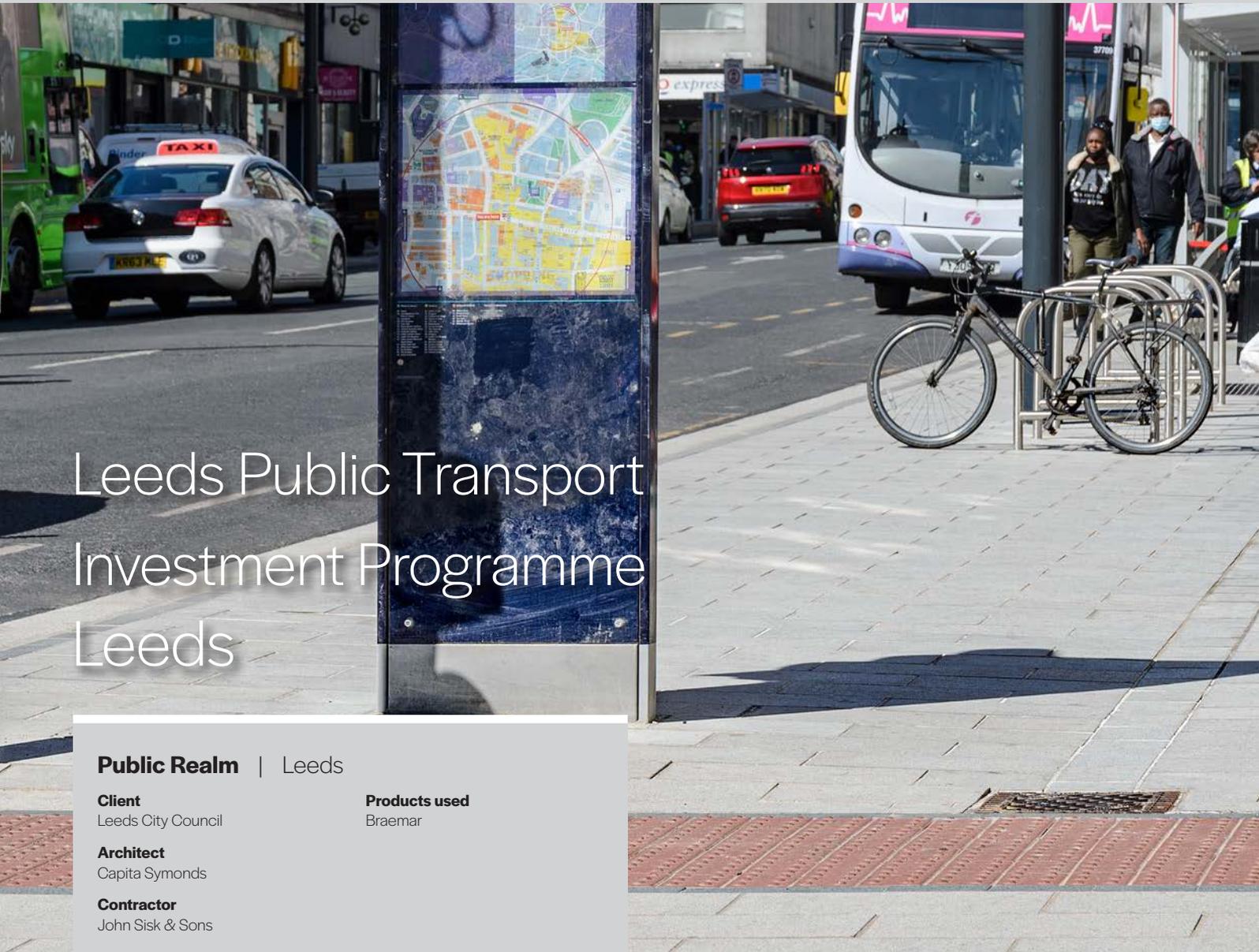
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Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme Leeds

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Client

Leeds City Council

Architect

Capita Symonds

Contractor

John Sisk & Sons

Products used

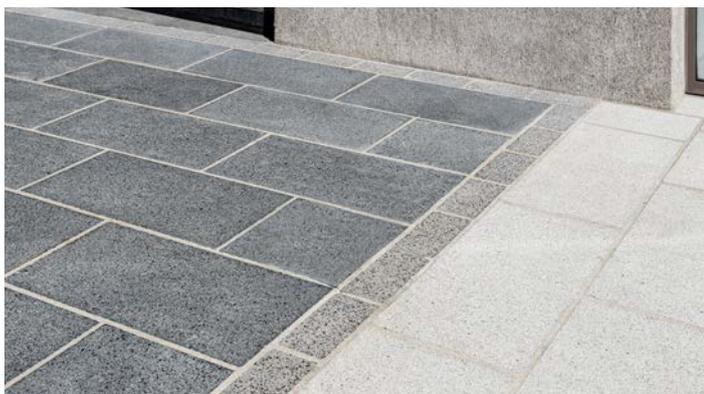
Braemar

Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme (LPTIP) is a multi-year project that aims to dramatically improve public transport across the region.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds City Council invested millions of pounds into a “people-first infrastructure” which makes travelling around the city easier, quicker, and greener. The project aim was to create a world-class public space and arrival gateway to the city centre for train, bus, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Tobermore supplied quality paving products to the landmark Headrow Gateway and sections of the Corn Exchange Gateway. The £20m+ scheme has strengthened the provision for sustainable transport modes in the city centre and the wider Leeds district. The Headrow has been transformed into an area that prioritises buses while offering dedicated public spaces, wider pavements and better cycle lanes so people can get around the city centre more easily.

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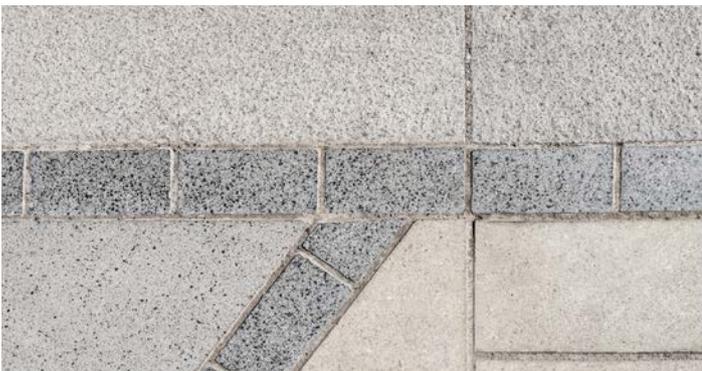
The Challenge

Granite-look Paving was required for a large city-centre public realm scheme. The LPTIP public realm scheme involved significant enhancements to bus, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in Leeds City Centre. The revamp sought to position Leeds city centre as a great place to work, live, shop and entertain.

Leeds City Council required wider pavements to enable people to get around the city more easily.

The local authority sought an attractive paving solution that could withstand significant footfall. Previously, the paving laid in Leeds City Centre chipped and cracked requiring costly maintenance and repairs.

Design considerations for the shared space included accessibility for all, product tolerances, maintenance and slip/skid risk.



The Solution

Premium Braemar Paving emulates the aesthetics of natural stone. Braemar met the aesthetic and quality expectations of the council, within budget. The contractor was delighted that Braemar was readily available in large quantities and short lead times.

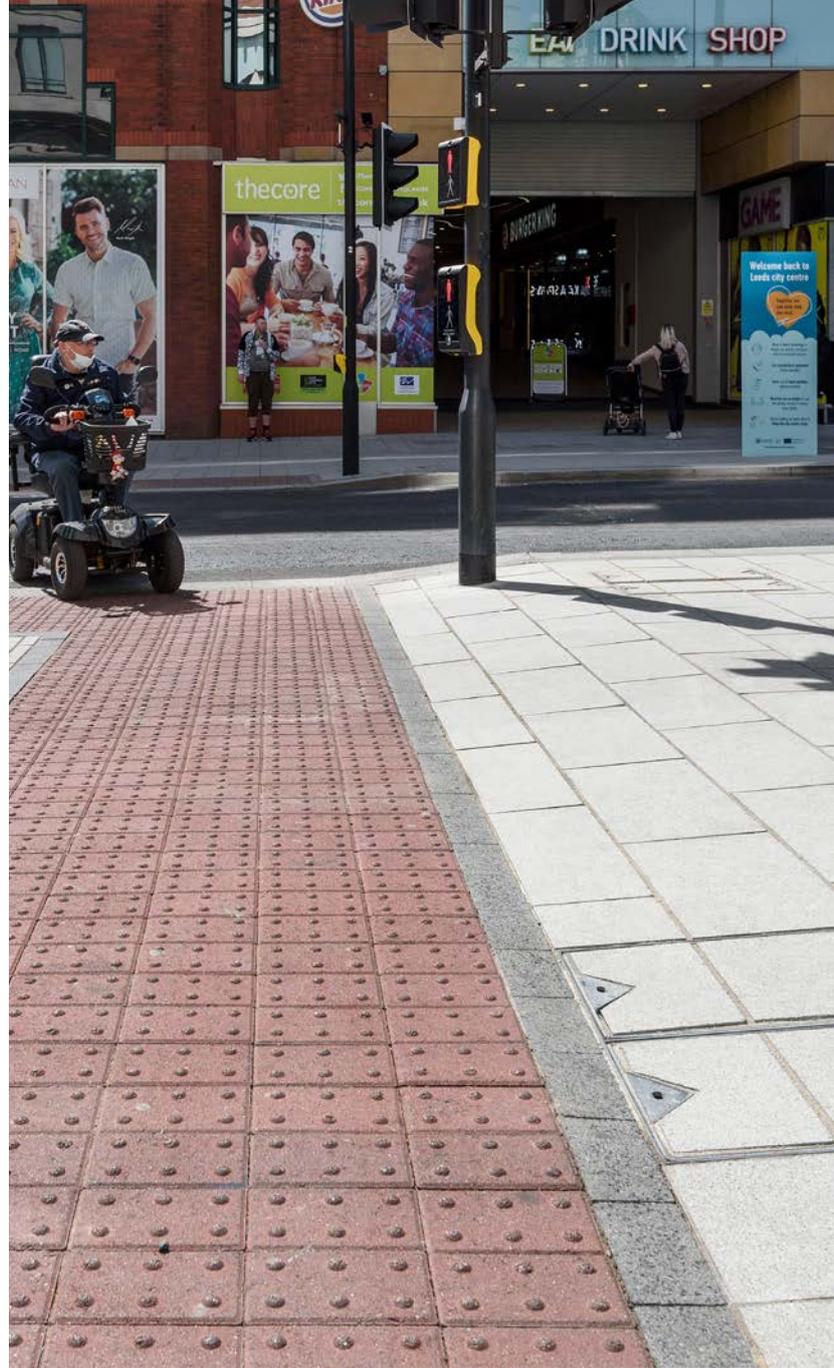
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Braemar was the right choice for the scheme as it is manufactured and vapour cured for strength. Robust paving materials were supplied to minimise future maintenance and repairs. It was also appreciated that Tobermore can accommodate small order quantities for any planned maintenance.

Tobermore provided all necessary specification data including PSRV (Polished Slip/Skid Resistance Value) figures to the project team. PSRV figures account for a product's slip/skid risk when polished by vehicular traffic.

Tobermore proposed complementary products to create a coherent streetscape. Braemar Block Pavers in contrasting colours were provided at 200x100 for kerb lines. The Tobermore team also solved an issue with recessed manhole covers by using 50mm Braemar.

The public realm regeneration has transformed Leeds City Centre into a World-Class Gateway to the city for bus users, pedestrians and cyclists. Connectivity for all has been enhanced, making the area safer and more inclusive.



Clancy Quay II Dublin

Commercial | Ireland

Client

Kennedy Wilson

Architect

O'Mahony Pike Architects Ltd

Contractor

John Paul Construction Ltd

Landscape architect

Mitchell + Associates

Products used

Tegula, Hydropave Tegula, Retro, Manhattan, Fusion, Fusion Kerb

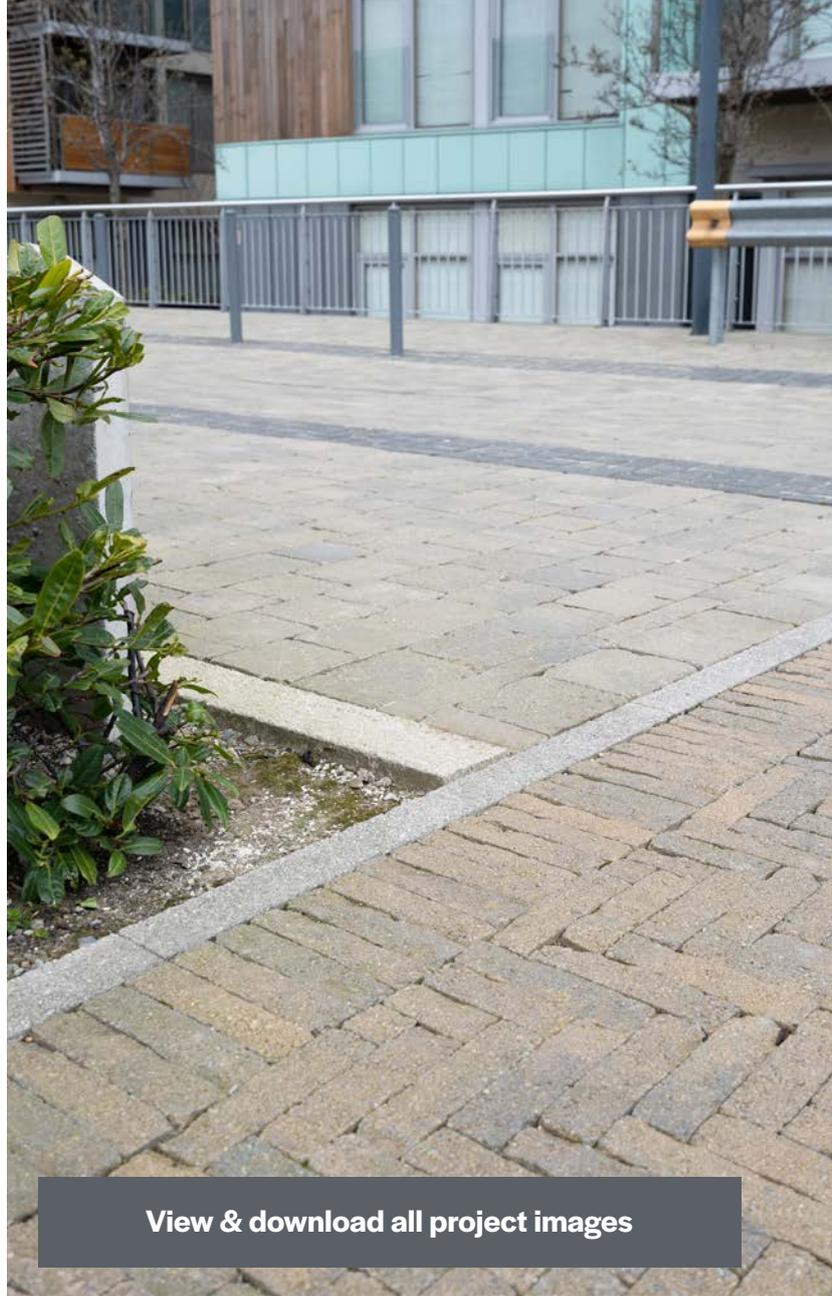
Clancy Quay is a high-profile residential development situated in Dublin.

Made up of 845 units which can house 1,800 residents, Clancy Quay is the largest multifamily community in Ireland. The scheme presents a mix of new-build townhouses, apartments and conversions of historic army barracks, which gives the development a distinctive identity.

A comprehensive range of paving products were required to complement both historic and modern homes on this expansive development. The primary design consideration for Mitchell + Associates Landscape Architects was to create a coherent development with a subtle difference between the new and listed buildings. To achieve this, the practice sought hard landscaping products that had the same material finishes as used on previous phases of the scheme.

Tobermore supplied modern and traditional paving to complement both new and historic homes.





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12 years on, Tobermore products continue to perform really well while sustaining their colour and finish over the years.

Axel Hens Associate Director, Mitchell + Associates

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Latches Close Darlaston

Housing | West Midlands

Client

Clarion Housing Group

Architect

Curtins Consulting Engineers

Contractor

Engie

Groundworker

Butler Groundworks

Products used

Secura Grand

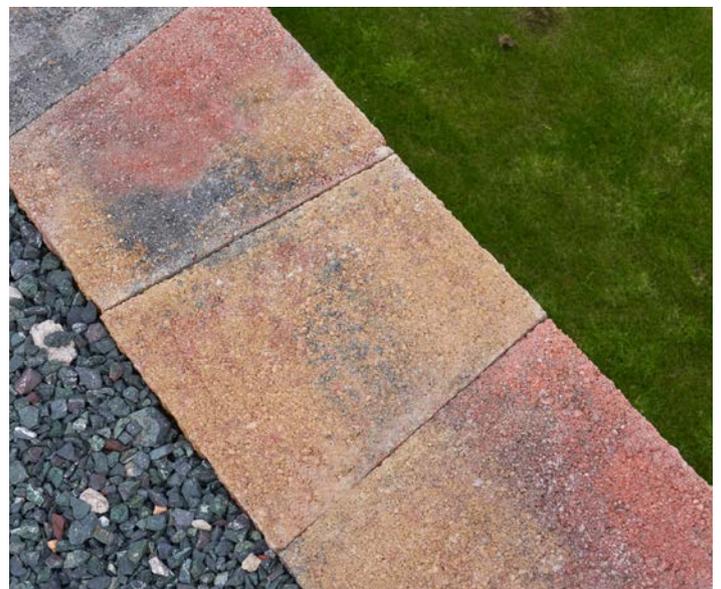
Latches Close is an area of social housing built circa 2010. To the rear of the houses there was a 200-year-old masonry wall. The brick wall was built directly on top of soil with no concrete footing. Due to this, over time the wall became unstable and dangerous.

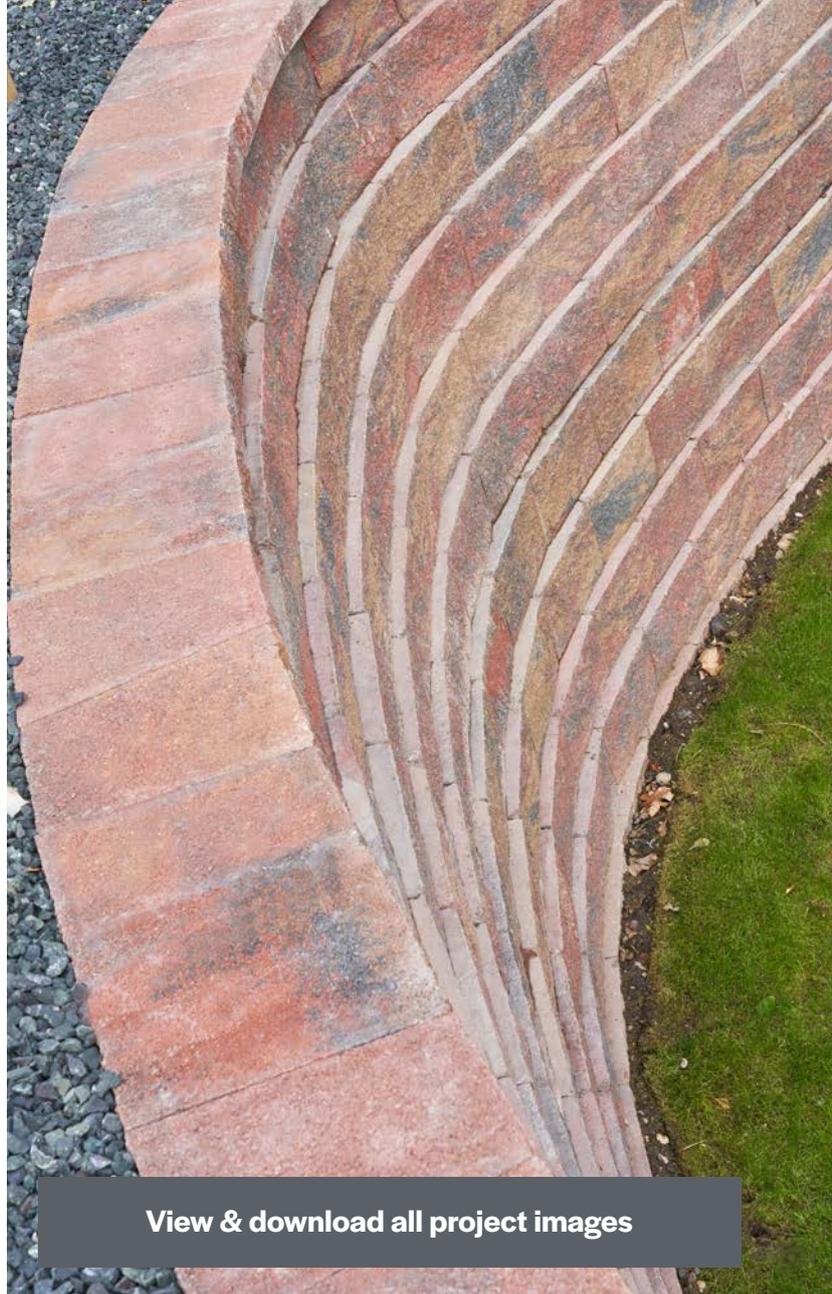
The wall couldn't be taken down and replaced because there was a car dealership elevated above. The car dealership proprietor did not want his land to be affected.

Clarion Housing Group contacted Engie to survey the failing wall and propose a solution. Secura Grand was installed under the expert advice of Tobermore's Civil Engineering Consultants.

Engie had previously worked with Tobermore on other schemes and had experience using their Secura Grand Retaining Wall system. Following consultations with Tobermore's Civil Engineering Consultants, Engie proposed Secura Grand as a solution to strengthen and stabilise the existing wall.

Rather than replacing the entire wall, the existing wall and its timber buttress was incorporated into the retaining wall designs. This retaining wall project has restored land for the residents and property managers.





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We were confident in choosing Secura Grand retaining walls from Tobermore as we have used the system in the past. Secura is a cost-effective retention solution which performs well and looks fantastic.

Chris Smith Site Manager, Engie

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Strabane Academy Strabane

Education | Northern Ireland

Contractor
Woodvale Construction Company

Architect
Samuel Stevenson & Sons

Client
The Education Authority

Products Used
Tegula, Tegula Setts



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Rossmar School Limavady

Education | Northern Ireland

Client
The Education Authority

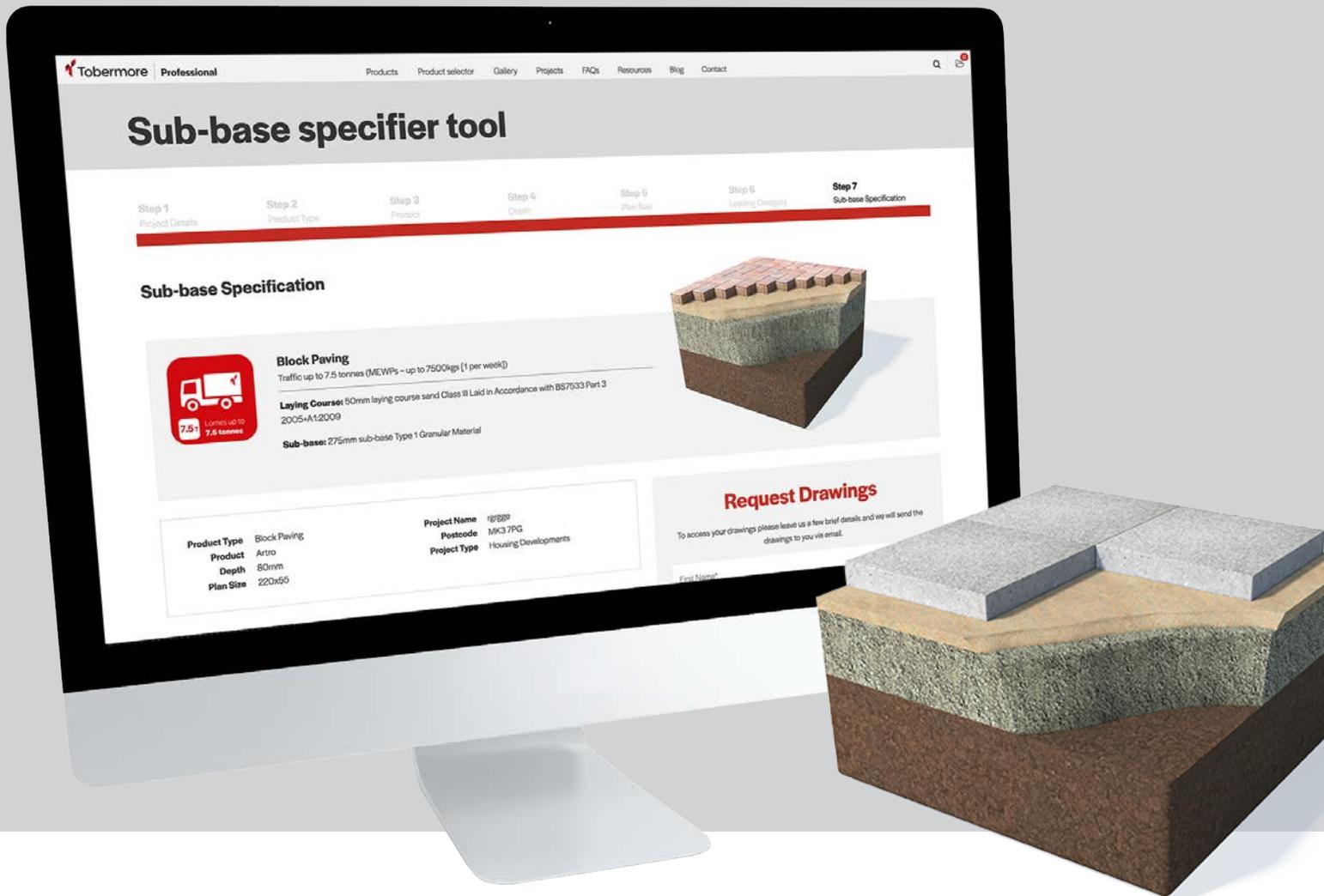
Products Used
Mayfair Flags

Architect
Samuel Stevenson & Sons

Contractor
Glasgiven Contracts



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TRY OUR **NEW** CONCRETE SUB-BASE SPECIFIER TOOL

Tobermore has launched a free online sub-base specifier tool for concrete block paving and flag paving.

By entering a few project details, you'll receive preliminary sub-base design drawings which you can use for your initial design and project pack.

[Use our sub-base specifier tool](#)



Tobermore CPDs get RIBA seal of approval

Construction professionals can now benefit from two new RIBA-accredited CPDs from Tobermore.

Segmental retaining walls and permeable paving are the training areas covered in the content, which are designed to help you maintain, improve and broaden your skills within the industry.

Tobermore's RIBA-accredited CPD training allows you to strengthen relationships with customers, by providing proof of your expertise in the industry.

Double points are available for anyone who completes the training.



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Tobermore kerbs have the edge on lead times

Shortages and long lead-times continue to plague the industry.

However, at Tobermore, we have maintained production of our Fusion Kerb and Textured Kerb products, with ample stock of both readily available for groundworkers and contractors who need stock for upcoming projects.

Fusion Kerb is a contemporary granite aggregate kerb with an attractive surface finish. It features an exposed granular surface with a hint of sparkle, making it the perfect accompaniment to granite aggregate paving.

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Textured Kerb is a decorative kerb with a shot blasted finish. It features an exposed granular surface and is a cost-effective option, while still providing a step up from standard precast concrete kerbs.

To learn more about our range of kerb products, [download our kerb brochure here](#), or watch our videos below.



Tobermore MD wins mental health and wellbeing award

David Henderson, Managing Director and Owner of Tobermore, has been awarded the 'True Leader' Accolade at the Make A Difference Awards 2021.

David has been recognised on a national stage for making a difference to workplace mental health and wellbeing. Receiving almost 5,000 votes, David has beaten off stiff competition from Starbucks and Verizon Media. Winners were announced during a virtual ceremony on 15th June.

The Make A Difference Awards offer an opportunity to pause and reflect on the employers who have really made a difference to workplace mental health and wellbeing over the past year.



David said: "I am incredibly honoured and humbled to have been awarded the 'True Leader' Accolade at the Make A Difference Awards. I would like to thank every single person who took the time to vote for me. Our people are truly at the heart of everything we do, and this workplace wellbeing award proves that."

"I hope Tobermore can inspire other companies to prioritise health and wellbeing in the workplace. I am a massive advocate for always putting our employees first, we support them fully and utilise channels which facilitate two-way communication. By providing our team with the best support, everyone can reach their full potential. We don't do this to win awards, we do it because we genuinely care, and it is the right thing to do."



A look inside Tobermore's newest factory

Tobermore has invested in a state-of-the-art production factory which became live and operational in December 2020. One year on, we're taking a closer look to see how it's performing.

While many businesses struggled during the Covid-19 Pandemic, Tobermore was fortunate enough to continue its planned expansion. The new factory came online at the perfect time when the construction industry was suffering building materials shortages.

The new Hess Factory increases Tobermore's production capacity, offering customers reduced lead times on products. The block paving plant houses world-class German machinery, including the impressive Hess RH 1500-4 MVA concrete block machine, which enables Tobermore to create the best quality European-style paving right here in the UK.

The manufacturing facility operates 24 hours a day, increasing the firm's output by 1 million m² of paving each year. This equates to an increase in the yearly production volume by 30%.

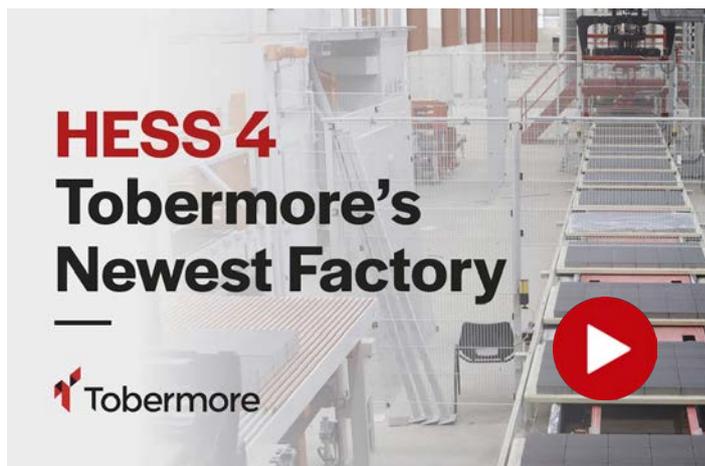
To combat the presence of efflorescence, Tobermore products undergo an ef-stop process which produces virtually efflorescence-free paving. The factory features fifteen individual curing chambers in which temperature and humidity can be regulated individually, according to the needs of the product stored in each chamber.

One year after the new Hess 4 plant produced its first blocks, Tobermore's lead times have reduced, as product availability improves and stock increases.

Trevor Smyth, Production Works Manager at Tobermore commented:

"Tobermore's newest production facility hosts the world's most advanced technology. The first-class machinery allows us to produce the highest quality paving of unrivaled consistency and uniformity. The plant has been running flawlessly since its initialisation, and our staff have managed the new challenge superbly. Personally, I am most impressed by the curing chambers; they highlight how committed we are to optimising product quality."

Watch the video below to see the new factory in action.





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