

Chesterford Research Park



Client:
Chesterford Research Park

Contractor:
RG Carter

Products Used:
Keyblok Block Paving, La Linia Block Paving, Saxon Paving, Kerb and Edging



Background

The Science Village at Chesterford Research Park is a thriving scientific community, home to ultra-modern and energy-efficient laboratory and office space within the attractive setting of open parkland, an arboretum and lakes.

Challenge

Vehicular circulation, parking and pedestrian circulation were important to the scheme and formed the main body of the external works.

The challenge for the architect was to select paving in neutral tones to be sympathetic to the

stunning natural landscape surrounding the park, while maintaining a 'community' feel and selecting materials which defined areas in the space including parking bays.

Solution

The architect Davis Landscape Architecture selected a number of Marshall's flag and block paving products for the scheme.

Justin Davis, Director of Davis Landscape Architecture, explains: "The main body of the external works associated with this development consisted of vehicular circulation, parking and pedestrian circulation. The palette of paving

materials were carefully selected to ensure the landscape setting complemented that of the high quality built form.

"We were keen to select paving materials from a single supplier that produced high quality products in the range required. In addition, it was important that the palette of colours on offer were attractive, complemented each other and enhanced the building setting. Marshalls provided the range and palette we were looking for.

"Both the parking bays and vehicular running surface were paved with Marshalls Keyblok. The parking bays were Charcoal in colour and the running surface Natural. Contrasting Natural coloured paving blocks defined the edges of the individual parking bays. "The footpaths surrounding the building were paved with Marshalls Saxon slab paving units and were specified in the colour Natural. This textured paving unit provided a quality, durable surface at a reasonable cost. To the two main entrances of the building a high quality finish was required. In these locations Marshalls La Linia textured paving blocks were specified in the colour Grey Granite."

Benefit

The hard landscaping perfectly complements the state-of-the-art facilities, but doesn't detract from the beauty of the landscape with a carefully selected palette of materials and colours.

