



### SOLUTIONS FOR HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CIVIL ENGINEERING INNOVATION

### **MEETING THE DEMANDS OF** FAIRER, FASTER, GREENER

We are at a significant point in the UK's history with investment pouring in to solve the creaking infrastructure that surrounds us. This includes solutions to the congested roads in our cities, towns and villages, as well as the inter-city road and rail networks which are in need of renewal.

At the same time we are adopting and adapting to the technological revolutions of the future, including a £5 billion investment into Project Gigabit which will provide lightingfast broadband to all areas of the country.

With the UK governments fairer, faster, greener strategy in place, Wrekin are well positioned to provide unique solutions to the challenges provided and can provide the innovation needed to spearhead the way. Whether the issue is improving site access with safe and effective haul roads, time and cost saving measures when creating site compounds and working platforms or providing products that strengthen health and safety standards and reduce risks, we offer a wide range of readily available solutions.

Before the first spade even hits the ground, the Wrekin team will be there to provide advice and support, helping you to meet your targets and create high-quality solutions.



### **£8.7 BILLION**

average UK spend on repair and maintenance of infrastructure.

### **£27 BILLION**

to be spent in 2021-2022 on economic infrastructure projects.

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The UK aims to be net zero emissions by 2050 and 78% of the way by 2035.





# PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES

Wrekin Products are leading experts in the design, manufacture and supply of specialist products for the civil engineering sector, putting solutions at the heart of our business.

We have developed a strong reputation in the industry thanks to our skilled team's wealth of experience. We understand and can be involved in every step of an entire highway or infrastructure project, from the initial planning to the installation of the solution.

More than 30 years of technical expertise and industry collaboration is behind our patented products that support time-pressured contractors, specifiers and authorities. Removing the need for costly replacements - and reinstallations - and putting an end to unexpected site disruption.

Wrekin's success centres on its passion for civil engineering design, creating diverse ranges covering ductile iron manhole covers and gully grates, steel access covers, bespoke access systems, and geosynthetic solutions.

### STANDARDS, ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS







### ROADS

Innovative solutions to speed up road surfacing and create effective access on highways and infrastructure schemes, including improving health and safety standards. Our value engineered solutions have been proven to offer cost savings in excess of 40%.

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### SUDS – SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

Choosing a complete system from a single supplier helps to ensure an effective and sustainable drainage system across the whole project.



### COMPOUNDS AND HAUL ROADS

The creation of initial site compounds, working platforms and haul roads can have a huge impact on resources for contractors who must take on the associated costs and risks. Wrekin provides value engineered solutions to reduce costs and construction time.



#### WORKING PLATFORMS

Essential for carrying heavy tracked plant such as piling rigs and cranes. Innovative value engineered solutions can be applied here too, reducing installation time and costs, with typical thickness reductions in excess of 50%, reducing installation time and costs.





### EMBANKMENTS, SLOPES, BUNDS AND WALLS

Our reinforced soil solutions reduce costs and installation time by up to 50% and can incorporate site won materials.

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### DRAINAGE, SEWERS, UTILITIES AND TELECOMS

Sewers and connecting services must comply to adoptable standards. Working with a supplier that understands the details, so you don't have to, means a faster and less painful process for the client.



### LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING

Landscaping systems and tree planting creates aspirational environments for residents to enjoy and safe havens where wildlife can thrive. Wrekin innovations protect existing trees from construction damage and help new trees to establish and grow for generations to enjoy, contributing to creating communities and increasing property values.

# ROADS

### INCREASING SIMPLICITY AND SAFETY WHILE REDUCING OVERALL COSTS OF YOUR ROADS

The infrastructure of a scheme is a large financial undertaking; meaning clients require solutions that not only do the job effectively, but quickly. Done well, it can have a hugely positive impact on health and safety as well as providing access to residents who may already be living on an early phase of the site.

### MANHOLE COVERS AND GULLY GRATINGS

Wrekin's heritage is founded in highways ironwork. Its award-winning ranges conform to the highest standards, including: EN 124:2015, BS7903, Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) CD534 (replaces HA104/09), Sewers for Adoption, BSI Kitemark and are compatible with our time and cost saving ClickLift system. **C** When investing many millions of pounds in surfacing the highway network, it would be foolish not to seek out and use the best products we can find to prolong the life of this highway. In the Wrekin Unite manhole and the UniPak bedding and packing system, we have found a product that our contractor can easily adapt to and offers the results we desire for our investment. **J** 

Simon Hunt, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

#### VAULT

Our D400 Vault range of secure access covers are made from highly durable ductile iron with a multiple-hinged, sequential opening. Exceeding the requirements of LPCB level 3 version 8, they are used on motorways to secure valuable communication assets in the development of smart motorways.

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Simply the best performing manhole cover and gully grating range on the market. Full of patented design features that combine to give Unite the longest life and therefore lowest whole life cost of any range and conform to the highest standards.



#### **F HIGHWAY**

The extensive Highway range of manhole covers and gully gratings, delivers reliable installation and prolonged life with extensive options available such as ventilation holes, flood and odour control plates and enhanced anti-slip coatings as well as safety provisions and design features to ensure safe and robust performance.



#### **TRISTAR**

TriStar is our entry level range of manhole covers and gully gratings which meet all the requirements of BS EN 124:2015.

### GEOSYNTHETICS

Through the intelligent adoption of geogrid solutions, common problems faced by contractors can be resolved. The costs of aggregates and earthworks in each application can be reduced. There is scope to increase the short-term load bearing capacity, without increasing the thickness cross section. The long-term in-service capacity (structural life) of pavements can also be increased, again without increasing the thickness of a pavement.

Geogrid solutions can maintain performance when designs need to be evolved, due to much weaker soils found at the time of construction. The solutions can allow the use of marginal or recycled soils and aggregates, which can be a by product of brownfield regeneration. Where brownfield sites are developed, geogrid-based solutions can mitigate differential stiffness and/or settlement, cap very weak deposits, or span voids to mitigate risk due to the potential collapse in the underlying soils.





#### SURFACE BOXES AND PPIC COVERS

Wrekin's innovative B125 and light duty PPIC covers, available in multiple sizes and with the option of reducer rings to aid compatibility and reduce cost.

Surface boxes are suitable for fire hydrants and water and gas valves.



### **STEEL ACCESS COVERS**

Working in harmony with our ductile iron products, we design, manufacture and supply a full range of steel access covers and highly specialised bespoke access systems, including:

- Block paviour covers
- Recessed covers
- BT telecommunications covers
- Square to round steel covers
- Bespoke solutions available on request

### INNOVATION RAPID SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS

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### **UNITE**<sup>™</sup> 10 YEAR GUARANTEE

Wrekin is so confident in the durability of it's Unite range of manhole covers and gully gratings that we are the only supplier to offer a ten-year guarantee on its performance.

For full details on the guarantee and how to register contact your Wrekin representative.

### SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE



Sustainable urban drainage is an essential part of any project. Choosing a supplier that can offer specification advice, product selection guidance and installation support, guarantees added value and a resulting system that is effective on any site.

SUDS solutions include water management systems that drain surface water effectively and sustainably, attenuation tanks and SUDS compliant permeable paving. Plus, pond liners which include prefabricated membranes and Geosynthetic Clay Liners (GCLs), as well as bespoke headwall furniture such as grills, handrails, and safety chains.







### **ASSOCIATED PRODUCT SOLUTIONS**

- Prefabricated shoeboxes
- Ancillary items (Tapes / Tophats)
- Geosynthetic clay liners (GCLs)
- Headwall grills (SfA / Bespoke)
- Headwall furniture
- Safety chains
- Handrails
- Ladders
- Baffles
- Orifice plates

#### **WOVEN AND NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILES**

Solutions that are commonly specified as protection fleeces for attenuation tanks to protect impermeable membranes from puncture, and for wrapping modular water storage units and blocks for infiltration tanks. Its excellent water-flow and filtration properties make these products ideal for trench drains, soakaways, and reservoirs.

#### **IMPERMEABLE MEMBRANES**

Impermeable liners are vital for wrapping modular water storage units and blocks, as well as creating watertight barriers to prevent storm water from filtering and saturating the surrounding ground.

#### GEOGRIDS

Biaxial and Uniaxial geogrids are installed to stabilise the ground before SUDS installation.



### COMPOUNDS AND HAUL ROADS

Developers are universally tasked with creating and maintaining a safer environment on site, reducing the impact of the construction work on the surrounding network and providing speed and efficiency, resulting in a positive relationship with the public.

The conventional approach to the design of temporary works can cause unnecessary congestion and inconvenience for residents and highway users. Understandably, contractors don't want to spend a large proportion of the project's time and money on these works, no matter their importance. As a result, the preliminary works need to be as cost and time effective as possible without impacting on solution performance or project scope.

Luckily, value engineering the preliminary works can keep costs under control, while also accelerating the construction programme.

This is where value engineered geogrid solutions come to the fore. They can reduce the thickness of a haul road, compound or working platform, typically by 50%, resulting in substantially reduced construction cost and time. Along with significant cost reductions, geogrids improve site health and safety, accelerate construction timescales and reduce the project's overall environmental impact. Developers can greatly benefit from the value engineering expertise of Wrekin, allowing them to reduce costs and align with an always tight construction programme. In addition, the team provides concept designs free of charge.

If an engineering manager is engaged at the tender stage, the impact on the savings to reduce time and money can also assist a contractor in winning the tender. However, all isn't lost if engagement comes afterwards as savings can still be introduced.

Early engagement also means the geogrids can be manufactured to the exact width that the contractor needs, suiting the site-specific requirements and creating an even more cost-effective grid. Simply removing a longitudinal overlap in the geogrid layout can save a further 10% in product costs alone.





### ASSOCIATED PRODUCT SOLUTIONS

- ► E'GRID<sup>TM</sup> Biaxial Geogrids
- SX GRID<sup>™</sup> Biaxial Geogirds
- Woven Geotextiles
- Non-woven Geotextiles

Reduce the thickness of a haulroad, compound or working platform by

Wrekin's E'Grid bi-axial geogrid has provided cost reductions of up to



# **WORKING PLATFORMS**



Working platforms are created at a cost to the contractor, meaning they need to be reliable and effective financially and in terms of the time they take to create and eventually remove.

As well as being functional to create areas of hard standing, they need to be high-quality and reliable to guarantee the safety of workers especially over weak and variable ground, while successfully increasing bearing capacity to support heavy tracked plant such as piling rigs and cranes.

Geosynthetic solutions create cost effective working platforms through a reduced quantity of fill. They can reduce material thickness by 40 to 60 per cent, saving time and money regardless of the ground conditions.

Recycled aggregates can be used to further reduce costs and site CO2 emissions with the option of adopting the platform design or electing to transfer the risk though a design and PI solution.

The Wrekin team offers its expert technical support as standard - from guidance and advice, to specifications, drawings, and designs.



#### ASSOCIATED PRODUCT SOLUTIONS

- È'GRID™ Biaxial
- SX GRID<sup>™</sup> Biaxial
- Woven geotextiles
- Non-woven geotextiles
- HS geotextiles
- BRE470 design calculations

### EMBANKMENTS, SLOPES, BUNDS AND WALLS

Slopes and structures on schemes commonly follow a shallow angle and are conventionally constructed from reinforced concrete. However, innovation to ensure a reinforced steepened slope will increase the usable area on site, thereby increasing the value of the land available. Plus – a reinforced soil slope, rather than concrete, is much more aesthetically pleasing for residents, particularly with a planted face. As well as being far more aspirational, a reinforced retaining wall will reduce costs and time on a construction programme, often by up to 50%. These savings can be increased further through curved and tiered reinforced soil retaining walls.



### **E'GRID UNIAXIAL**

Used in the reinforcement of walls and slopes, E'GRID Uniaxial's principal characteristic is good creep performance with low strain and high strength under constant load. Soil banks are constructed by wrapping E'GRID Uniaxial geogrid around the soil face to the required slope angle; this process is repeated in layers to create a stable/steep embankment.

E'GRID reinforcement improves the bearing capacity and safety of a structure whilst helping to reduce construction costs. Further cost savings can be made by reusing on-site material, even from previously failed slopes, which can be excavated and reused together with E'GRID geogrids to construct a stable embankment or slope.

### ASSOCIATED PRODUCT SOLUTIONS

- È'GRID™ Uniaxial Geogrids
- Biaxial Geogrids
- Trinter Erosion Control Matting
- ProtectaWeb Geocell

### UTILITIES AND TELECOMS



Understanding adopted sewers and connecting services, complying to adopting standards and finding the right solutions can take time. Wrekin is at the forefront of utility and telecoms markets, working with adoption authorities daily – putting it in the perfect position to prevent any additional headaches. Combined with a range of compliant products and systems, working with the Wrekin contract division saves time and money.

The range includes bespoke steel covers, including BTapproved access covers plus SfA compliant headwall systems that are made to measure, with a full installation service available.

**C** We have worked in partnership with Wrekin for many years, developing new products to our needs. The relationships are very important to us – they enable us to deliver excellent service to our customers. We look forward to continuing to work with Wrekin for many years to come.

Caroline Chapman, Wholesale Water



### **ASSOCIATED PRODUCT SOLUTIONS**

- Manhole covers
- CD534 compliant manhole covers
- Polyester resin mortars
- GRP / GMS ladders
- Stainless steel ladders
- Step irons
- Safety chain sets
- Safety signs
- BT telecoms covers



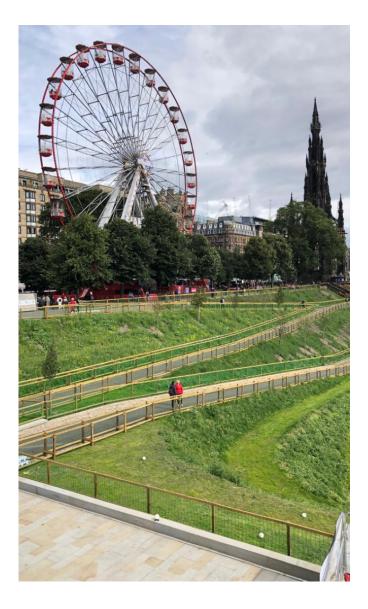
### LANDSCAPING AND ARBORICULTURE

Landscaping, tree planting and arboriculture are an important part of creating an attractive and aspirational scheme that people will enjoy living in. Wrekin's landscaping and arboriculture expertise is not just about the initial installation but implementing solutions that will ensure long-lasting results.

Its expert range includes plantation systems that allow tree canopies to flourish, the supply and installation of pond liners, pre-seeded erosion control systems, bespoke tree frills, and natural finishes for driveways and car parks. On-site supervision is offered as an added value service from a team that has over 20 years' experience.

### TREE ROOT DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

The TreeBunker<sup>™</sup> system ensures that newly planted trees in hard landscaping are given increased rooting space to encourage continued growth and to maintain optimum health. The system is installer friendly and meets current British Standard BS: 5837:2012, which refers to planning for the management, planting, and protection of structures near to trees.



**G** We were very impressed with the TreeBunker system and the technical support offered by Wrekin Products throughout the project process, including on-site installation supervision. The product has allowed Bellway to plant new trees in the pavements and still provide the rooting volume needed for growing big trees in an urban environment.

Kyle Lawton, Bellway Homes

### **ASSOCIATED PRODUCT SOLUTIONS**

- CellTrack<sup>™</sup> grass and gravel paver
- Non-woven geotextiles
- Woven geotextiles
- FurfMesh™



### **CASE STUDY**

### M60 - M62 SMART MOTORWAY

### **CREATING A SAFE AND ROBUST SOLUTION WITH MINIMAL MAINTENANCE**

Smart motorways are designed to increase traffic capacity and relieve congestion while maintaining safety.

One of the main ways in which increased capacity is achieved is by using the hard shoulder for traffic.

The M60 – M62 smart motorway forms an important part of the main east-west transport corridor, linking Merseyside and Greater Manchester with Yorkshire and the Humber. It is used by over 180,000 vehicles per day.

The project was a joint venture between Balfour Beatty, BAM Nuttall / Morgan Sindall, Costain, HHJV and F&G.

For a smart motorway to achieve its aims, it is critical that all elements of the infrastructure are robust, safe and require minimal maintenance.

Wrekin Products worked closely with the client, offering technical advice and adapting the specification of the product to ensure it would provide the optimum solution. As a result, Wrekin was invited to supply V grates for the scheme.

Wrekin's V gully range is ideal for use in carriage surface water drainage channels with a profile that suits slipform concrete channels. As a safety-critical product, this design incorporates a spring lock, safety lifting keyway and captive anti-theft hinges.



The Highway range of access covers and gully grates conform to BS EN 124:2015 and includes patented safety provisions and design features to ensure safe and robust performance.

Deliveries of the V grates were carried out at a time and date to suit the contractor.

Wrekin Products' V grate range is designed for use in Group 4 D400 class environments and is perfectly suited to projects such as smart motorways. The range exceeds the requirements of Highway England's HA 104/09 guidance.

Manufactured from strong and highly durable ductile iron with enlarged frame corners to help dissipate the load and with a minimum area of 2200cm<sup>2</sup>, surface water is evacuated efficiently.

Ease of access results from this being a hinged product but with captive hinges the rick of theft is reduced and cleaning made easy.

Following the approach from and subsequent discussions with Manchester Smart Motorway JV product samples

were sent for approval to the scheme's engineer. Once approval was granted, an order was placed for 400 units.

After delivery, Wrekin's team visited the site to observe the installation, ensuring the site operatives were happy with the product and were installing it correctly. Wrekin continues to engage with the senior engineering team to determine any special requirements they have going forward.



### INTRODUCING ARMADILLO

### THE HARD HAT FOR YOUR IRONWORK



Armadillo is a complete range of protector shells, designed to be placed over manhole covers and gully grates to provide enhanced protection during the construction phase.

Armadillo provides protection from construction site traffic, including tracked vehicles, and can be easily removed when the final surfacing is completed. This ensures manhole covers and gully grates can start their service life in 'as new' condition to optimise longevity.

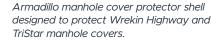
### MEET THE RANGE

- Armadillo manhole cover protector shell is a reusable shell that is compatible with both Wrekin Highway and TriStar manhole covers.
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- Armadillo gully grate protector shell is compatible with Wrekin TriStar gullies when installed proud of the binder.





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### RAPID FRAME RAISING ARMADILLO AND CLICKLIFT

Armadillo and ClickLift combine to make the ultimate ironwork protection system. Allowing ironwork to be fully protected during installation and elevated rapidly when raising roads to the final surface level.

ClickLift is a simple frame raising system which simply 'clicks' into Wrekin Highway and TriStar manhole frames (600 x 600mm and 675 x 675mm in both 100mm and 150mm depths). ClickLift removes time, effort, inconvenience and costs from this process, allowing whole estates to have their manhole covers raised in less than a day.

Find out more at: wrekinproducts.com/clicklift









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