

New Legislation on Driveways.

As from October 2008, new legislation was brought in concerning hard surfacing areas at the front of properties. Now if you want to lay standard impermeable driveways to an area exceeding five square metres, planning permission has to be sought, IF surface water is not controlled from running off onto roads. This applies to new or replacement drives as well as extensions.

You can avoid planning permission if the new surface is permeable/porous or if you use impermeable driveway products in such a way that rainwater will be directed to a lawn, border or into a soakaway¹ perhaps using drain channels.

Solutions

Kebur can supply the following products that overcome the need for planning permission.

- Permeable Block Paving such as the Bradstone Infilta range, laid with the special permeable aggregates.
- Loose gravel/shingle which can be laid over a driveway sub-base.
- Consider instead of laying a full drive, just laying wheel tracks instead, with a surrounding permeable/green area.
- Ground Grids, allow you to create a more stable drive, but allows grass to grow through or gravel laid in them. You could use these for just wheel tracks as well.
- If you want to lay traditional hard surfaces/block paving, we also supply drain channels and shingle/gravel that you will need for a soakaway.

¹ A soakaway is a gravel filled trench/contained that allows water to soak into the ground – must be located away from buildings.