



Case

STUDY

GOLPLA

East Park Wolverhampton
Reinforcemet



MARKET SECTOR:
Environmental



LOCATION:
Hickman Avenue, Wolverhampton



CONTRACTOR:
Croft Building & Conservation Ltd

The BACKGROUND

The 18 hectare East Park dates back to 1896 and is located near to the centre of Wolverhampton.

A £1.5 million restoration programme has been undertaken to bring the Victorian park back to its former glory with the help of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £1 million.

Work has included renovation of the bandstand and clock tower and re-construction of the terrace overlooking the events field.

Our Client's REQUIREMENTS

Golpla Grass & Gravel
Reinforcement

One of the areas in need of attention was the old artificial sports pitch as the surface had become unplayable.

It was decided to re-instate the area to extend the events field and install grass reinforcement to one third of the pitch area. This provides occasional vehicle parking for a cycle speedway group and special events held in the park.

Our Value Engineered **SOLUTION**

To blend in with the surrounding park a grass surface was chosen which would need reinforcing to allow use as a car park.

The council had specified Geosynthetics DuoBlock originally but changed this to Golpla after discussing the application. By using Golpla the existing sports pitch sub-base was retained avoiding costly excavation work and the option to have Golpla Pre-Grown units was considered.

As the work was carried out during the summer and the area would be fenced off the client opted for a soil and seed finish. The Golpla was installed in May the area used for the first time in September.

By fencing off the area the grass had been given the chance to develop a good root system before being trafficked. Golpla Pre Grown would have allowed the area to be used sooner but the project demonstrates that a reinforced grass surface can be achieved with seed if the area is not trafficked too early.

“Golpla Grass Reinforcement has been laid to part of the area so that it can be used for occasional parking. This has prevented vehicles from forming mud and ruts in the grass. “

NEIL EVANS

Project Manager

Property Services Wolverhampton City Council

