

Upgrade to an Existing Path

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Aim

The aim of this item is to upgrade an existing path for non-motorised public use, with a hard-core sub base and a whin-dust or equivalent surface, to provide a robust and comfortable path for shared use.

Eligibility

Standalone item, any land is eligible.

Requirements

- Scrape off vegetation, soil or similar to expose remaining path surface or sub-base, and landscape along path edges and verge.
- Lay Type 1 hard-core sub-base material 100mm minimum depth and compact with a vibrating plate or roller.
- Apply a surface layer of whin dust, granite dust or equivalent to a minimum depth of 25mm, and compact with a vibrating plate or roller.

Other details:

- Path width will normally be **1.8 metre**.
- Depending on anticipated user numbers, mix of user types, flow and terrain narrower or wider path may be acceptable if justified, within the range of 1.2m to 2.5m.
- **Photographic evidence:** You must keep a photographic record of the path construction showing before and during construction and photos taken at representative intervals along the path length and to include the following:
 - Tray creation clearly showing minimum 100mm depth.
 - Sub-base laying and compaction showing compaction in process.
 - Surface material laying; clearly showing minimum 25mm depth.

Payment

You can claim £6.20 per **square metre**.

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- The location and extent of the work as is detailed in the contract schedule of works and contract map.
- That the capital item requirements have been met as detailed above.
- That photographic evidence has been provided as detailed above.

Recent changes

Section	Change
Eligibility	Standalone item added for 2022 round.
Requirements	Updated text for 2022 round.

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