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Cornwall Park & Ride scheme receives award for environmental excellence

The 'Park for Truro' park & ride scheme will be presented with a CEEQUAL 'Excellent' Award by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Jean Venables, on her Presidential Visit to the South-West. The prestigious environmental award will be presented on site to members of the project team at 11.30am on Thursday 30 July 2009.

The project, which achieved a score of 87.8 per cent under the CEEQUAL assessment and awards scheme for civil engineering projects, was designed by Cornwall Council's highways design team and built by Cormac. In contrast to standard car parks, Park for Truro has been designed to blend with and enhance the existing landscape and ecology, creating an attractive gateway into Truro.

Existing vegetation on the site was retained and additional planting included:

- 1.13 ha of native woodland and shrub planting
- 2.26 ha of meadow areas
- 0.85 ha new ornamental planting areas
- 2,000 trees
- 30,000 shrubs, many of which are beneficial for wildlife
- 65,000 herbaceous plants and climbers

The site's amenity building was designed to minimise its environmental impact and is equipped with solar panels ground-source heat pumps, rainwater harvesting, a reed-bed filtration system and SUDS for surface water drainage.

In addition, for the Park & Ride buses, the scheme is trialling the next generation of enhanced environmentally friendly vehicles (EEV), which emit 80 per cent less CO₂, 25 per cent less NO_x,

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and 91 per cent less particulate matter than the previous model of the Euro V low emission engine.

Park for Truro park & ride opened on 4 August 2008 and has since carried more than 291,000 passengers, which far exceeded expectations. It has led to an estimated reduction of 168,000 car journeys into the city.

For further information about the Park for Truro project and the CEEQUAL scheme, please visit www.ceequal.com/awards_045.htm

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About CEEQUAL

CEEQUAL is the assessment and awards scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering and public realm projects. It celebrates the achievement of high environmental and social performance and demonstrates the commitment of the civil engineering industry to environmental quality. CEEQUAL is being promoted by the ICE, CIRIA and a group of committed industry organisations such as CECA and ACE.

The scheme rigorously assesses performance across 12 areas of environmental and social concern, rewarding projects on which clients, designers and constructors go beyond the legal and environmental minima to achieve distinctive environmental standards in their work.

Applicants for a CEEQUAL Award report a range of benefits from using CEEQUAL as a driver for improvement and having their project assessed. These include:

- Reputation-building and good PR – including delivery of the applicant's environmental, sustainability and/or corporate social responsibility policies.
- Improvements to projects and best practice – ranging from whole-life costing, waste minimisation, resource efficiency (materials, water, energy), to reducing complaints and environmental incidents.
- Demonstrating commitment to the environmental agenda – to clients, within the team and the organisations involved, and to the industry as a whole.
- Enhanced team spirit – developing a positive “we must score well here” attitude and rewarding teams that have gone the extra mile.

Since the Scheme's launch in 2003, fifty-nine CEEQUAL Awards have been made. Projects that have achieved an Award are listed on the CEEQUAL website. Currently more than 135 further projects are being assessed and the total value of projects that have been or are being assessed is approaching £10 billion.

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