School of Pharmacy Case Study 27th January 2011

Cycle Parking

In 2004 the School of Pharmacy had a number of parking spaces on site which were used primarily by staff.

In order to accommodate overspill numbers of staff and students, the School of Pharmacy removed a number of parking spaces and introduces a portacabin building in their place. By introducing the portacabin, and reducing the parking available, the school effectively helped to restrict the use of personal motor vehicles to travel to and from the school.

Unfortunately, through poor insulation, and the heating and lighting requirements of the use of the building, the portacabin itself represented an inefficient use of energy for the school.

In 2010 the school identified a need to introduce cycle parking facilities to its site in order to meet growing staff and student demand. Previously a small area had been designated within a courtyard of the main building but space was limited and access difficult.

The school reviewed the arrangements in place and determined that the inefficiency of the portacabin, and the need for increased storage cycle storage, made this site the ideal candidate area to introduce cycle parking facilities.

The portacabin was removed and a storage area instated, using both the portacabin area and the remaining parking space on this side. Now the school boasts sheltered cycle parking and only has 2 parking spaces onsite which are used for Estates maintenance purposes or exceptional circumstances only. This has further encouraged the use of sustainable transport within the college.

This area has also provided space for the storage of recyclable items prior to collection, including secure storage of waste electrical equipment, enabling the school to meet the legislation and the demand for increased recycling on site.