

CASE STUDY

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL



Oxford City Council updates maintenance fleet with new screeed vehicle

Oxford City Council is the democratically elected body for Oxford. In partnership with others, it provides a wide range of services for approximately 150,000 residents (amongst them more than 30,000 full-time students), 83,000 people who work in Oxford and around nine million people who visit the city every year.

The Challenge

As part of a rolling replacement programme to update assets, Oxford City Council needed to order a new screed vehicle as the existing unit within the highways maintenance fleet had reached the end of its operational life and was no longer cost effective to keep on the road. The council also wanted to enhance its ability to provide a rapid and efficient response to all highway lining requirements within the Oxford ring road area.

The Solution

The new screed vehicle will allow Oxford City Council to comply with the latest safety and workflow practices to protect drivers, operatives and the general public using Oxford's busy streets. It features a single point safe-fill system to ensure the highest levels of safety are maintained when topping up the onboard gas storage facility. Also included are fully electronic, rear-mounted LED traffic control lights to ensure workforce safety around the clock, a significant upgrade from the previous vehicle that just had a warning sign at the back.

Somerford Equipment ensured that the maintenance vehicle is fully self-sufficient by including an onboard independent compressor with 110V generator. This will eliminate the need for Oxford City Council to use a separate trailer to carry additional equipment such as this and provide a higher level of service by enabling maintenance teams to respond faster to requests for lining work to be completed.

"This new vehicle from Somerford Equipment will increase the productivity of our highways teams whilst reducing downtime and maintenance costs," added Barrie Welford, Road Marking & Sign Shop Manager. "It will enable us to complete jobs faster to keep traffic flowing across the city and ensure that the highways infrastructure is efficiently maintained on a timely basis.



Owain Pearce, Fleet Technical Officer at Oxford City Council said: "From start to finish, Somerford Equipment demonstrated that it fully understood the needs of the highway maintenance industry and how to design a vehicle that would increase operational efficiency."

"We selected Somerford Equipment after researching all possible suppliers to ensure we achieved best value and worked closely in partnership with the company to design a bespoke solution that met our specific requirements."

Owain Pearce,
Fleet Technical Officer at Oxford City Council



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