



Tarmac

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Analyse

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Tarmac Contracting

Tarmac, a CRH company, is the UK's leading sustainable building materials and construction solutions business. On top of being the primary supplier of materials to multitudes of international building projects, the supply of contracting services is a critical part of Tarmac's competitive advantage. Tarmac Contracting is the UK's no.1 supplier of road surfacing and highway maintenance services. This business is always busy, constructing and surfacing over 4,800 miles of road every year, maintaining over 22,000 km of highway and in the process laying over 3.5 million tonnes of asphalt.

In delivering this vast amount of work, the Tarmac Contracting team act as a single provider of products and services. If you need a road of any sort, Tarmac Contracting is your one stop shop, from quarry to operation

Rob's Story

Rob is the National Planning Manager for Tarmac's infrastructure division and is responsible for programmes of both live projects and potential new business across the UK. This is a big job. With so many projects spread out across such a large region getting a remote team on-board and keeping on top of progress are key issues for Rob. When Rob stepped into his position he investigated the practices and tools that were in place to deal with these issues in the business. He saw traditional processes for planning and monitoring work - complex planning software coupled with complicated spreadsheets that never quite had the right data in them. Rob decided there had to be a better way.

“Automatic sequence maps are the best and fastest way for me to brief the team of the planned work.”

Since bringing Aphex Planner into his business, Rob can instantly convert his plans to Sequence Maps that lay the work out on drawings and are immediately understood by clients, works crews on-site and other stakeholders. Not only is he able to use these on live projects, but also when tendering for new business. Rob is now breaking down traditional barriers to communication and better communication helps avoid delay, disappointment or non-compliance.

“Planner's Analyse tool is a really, really good source of information and we rely on it to inform decision making.”

With a team of planners constantly on the move between sites across the UK, keeping on top of progress and issues is understandably a difficult proposition. Faced with this challenge, complex spreadsheets were not helping Rob. When issues arise, why should project teams need to do extra work to record delays and issues on other tools? By automatically identifying and tracking every day of delay on every project, Aphex Planner provides the reliable data that Rob and his team needs with no added effort. Planner becomes a real-time, objective project health check that Rob, his team and the company's senior management and rely on.