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# **Urban Paving Repointing** The Arc Development, **Bury St Edmonds**

# **Case Study**

## **Local Authority & Commercial**

#### Owner:

Centros UK Ltd + Edmundsbury **Borough Council** 

### Consultants:

**Hopkins Architects** 

**Paving Contractor:** M J Bardwell Contractors Ltd

**GftK Products Used:** 

vdw 850+ Mortar

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This new retail and commercial development at Bury St. Edmunds in Suffolk, was completed in 2009, using GftK vdw 850 paving joint mortar to point 850m2 of 100 x 100 x 80mm deep tumbled granite setts. The sett pointing was originally scheduled to be carried out by 4 men over ~2.5 weeks, but due to delays elsewhere on the project, the paving works were repeatedly delayed and put-back, to allow other trades unrestricted access. The February 2009 weather was cold and wet, totally unsuitable for cement pointing, plus the March opening date was fast approaching.

Fortunately, any issues with the pointing, as well as a costly delay in opening, were prevented by using GftK pavement jointing mortars, enabling the works to continue whatever the weather, plus most of the 850m<sup>2</sup> sett paving could be successfully pointed by a team of three men in a SINGLE DAY. Whilst the cost of the GftK vdw 850 was much higher than sand and cement, the labour savings alone meant that the jointing costs

were equivalent; plus the incredibly fast application of GftK allowing completion and opening

on time - PRICELESS!

In September 2021, after more than 12.5 years in service, the sett paving and jointing was inspected, and as shown in these pictures, the GftK vdw 850 is still looking good and in great condition, as it will be for many years to come. The cost efficiency, performance, and durability in service of GftK paving joint mortars is clear to see here at the Arc.

