

AIRFIELDS

FLYING SUCCESS - VolkerFitzpatrick has had a flying start to 2010 with a number of high profile airfield projects.

The largest of the contracts is at Farnborough International Airport, and is part of the Hanger 2 Apron Project. It involves earthworks, service diversions and protections, drainage and ducting, airfield ground lights and apron marking. The apron slab is approximately 52,000 m² and comprises of a 300mm PQC slab on a 150mm dry lean layer, on a 200mm Type 1 granular layer on terrain. The contract involved interfacing with other contractors Natta and Comley and also called for VolkerFitzpatrick to manage the demolition works. The £5 million contract is due for completion at the end of May.

At Gatwick airport, on behalf of clients Carillion and TPS, VolkerFitzpatrick has recently carried out wet lean and PQC paving as part of the North West Zone Stands Project. The contractor provided all the labour, plant and curing agents required for the transportation, laying, compacting and finishing of the wet lean concrete at 150mm deep with concrete pavement at 300mm, 400mm, 435mm and 455mm deep. The pavement has a tapered key longitudinal joint following BAA specifications. Tarmac Topmix supplied the F6 PQC and the wet lean from its onsite batching plant.

As part of the defence estates framework, VolkerFitzpatrick undertook the demolition and reinstatement of an area of hardstanding for aircrafts at RAF Lakenheath. The contract included the laying of 5,200m³ of PQC and 2,800m³ of wet lean concrete, associated drainage and all aeronautical ground and high mast lighting requirements.

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