



Acoustic fencing around travellers site

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- 12k Acoustic Envirofence

Why: Attractive timber construction that meets the planning / architects' normal acoustic specification of 10-12 kg / sqm to deliver effective noise reduction, anti-climb design to offer enhanced security and privacy, 25-year guarantee

Background:

A £1m redevelopment scheme to upgrade a traveller site owned by Kent County Council (Coldharbour Lane in Aylesford Kent), was announced in 2011 which included an increase in the number of pitches, upgrading washing facilities and building a playground for children, as well as enhancing security and establishing a screen around the site to reduce road noise from the busy A20 nearby.

Key challenges:

Identification of a perimeter fence which combines effective security with environmental noise reduction capabilities without compromising the aesthetic appeal for local residents / travellers using the site.

In detail:

The site in Aylesford provides 26 pitches for traveller caravans and backs onto the A20, which regularly experiences a high volume of traffic. The local county council was keen to ensure the privacy and security of the travelers using the Coldharbour Lane facilities, whilst also providing all dwellers with effective protection from the daily noise pollution caused by passing traffic.

Ultimately, any improvements made were also required to blend with the local landscape to create an aesthetically pleasing solution to neighbourhood residents. The final project represented a 224 m run of three metre high 12K Acoustic Envirofence, supported by timber posts and black steel spur support posts. Six matching single leaf gates were also incorporated into the build, the exceptionally high number of gates installed was due to the need to enable access to the lighting columns featured on the site.



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