

BEST PRACTICE

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COMPANY: Aggregate Industries
COMPANY LOCATION: Weaste Asphalt, Salford
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TITLE

Management of workplace transport

ARTICLE

The Weaste asphalt plant was set up so that the weighbridge was next to the entry and exit gate, with all vehicles stopping on entry.

Following the construction of a concrete plant, vehicle movements increased and a new gate was fitted to enable a one-way system to be followed.

As the plant got busier, communication with the hauliers became poor and shovel drivers were taking full responsibility after tipping until they reach the weighbridge.

It was then decided at a site health and safety meeting that a better way of controlling vehicles and communicating messages onto the site was required.

The following solutions were implemented:

- The weighbridge office was relocated next to the incoming gate. Whoever was manning the bridge would then be able to see all incoming vehicles and control site traffic as necessary.
- A new pedestrian route was installed to allow safe access to the weighbridge, away from moving plant.
- A new cabin was installed at the height of wagon windows, meaning that drivers no longer had to get out of their cabs to report in and get their tickets signed.
- The weighbridge operative gives drivers a tipping card and directs them safely to the correct stockpile.
- If more than one vehicle now arrives, the operator will hold them until the yard is clear.
- The mixing computer has also been remotely linked to the weighbridge cabin, meaning the system can be run as a dual-operating system on nights and weekends without losing any effective site health and safety control.

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