

Case Study

AN **idom** GROUP COMPANY

Project

Saica Pack Processing Plant Expansion, Thrapston, Northamptonshire.

Date

2012/13

Client

Saica

Fees

£8k

Overview

Idom Merebrook were appointed across multiple disciplines, including Transport Planning, to support the extension of the Saica Pack Processing Plant at Thrapston, Northamptonshire.

The proposal for the site was to extend the plant to double its operational capacity, allowing 60,000 tonnes of paper to be processed annually. All movements in and out of the plant are by road, principally undertaken by HGV's, with the plant well located in relation to the strategic highway network close to the A14.

Our involvement included producing a Transport Assessment, following pre-application discussion with Northamptonshire County Council and Highways Agency, to indicate the impact of the development on the local highway network and at Junction 13 of the A14.

Traffic capacity models were constructed of the junctions near to the site to successfully demonstrate that the development could be accommodated without detriment to the operation of the highway network.

As part of our work we developed a Travel Plan that included undertaking employee travel surveys and monitoring. The survey and staff engagement promoted alternative modes of travel to and from the workplace, including establishing a car share scheme and the provision of increased facilities for cyclists, including secure parking and showers/changing facilities.



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