

Report on Procurement and Installation of Rubber Grass Matting (Tactile Surface) on the Downs, A259, Bexhill-on-Sea

1. Introduction

This report details the procurement process and proposed installation of 400 meters of rubber grass matting, designed as a tactile surface, to be sited along the Downs area adjacent to the A259 in Bexhill-on-Sea. The primary objective is to improve accessibility for disabled users, enabling safe east-west passage across the Downs where no formal footway currently exists.

2. Project Rationale

Currently, the Downs area lacks an accessible route for individuals with mobility impairments. The provision of a tactile, rubber-based matting will create a continuous, non-slip surface to facilitate safe movement for wheelchair users, those with walking aids, and others with disabilities. The project demonstrates a commitment to inclusivity and compliance with relevant accessibility standards.

3. Material Specification

The selected product is a rubber grass matting with tactile surfacing. Key features include:

- Permeable structure, allowing grass to grow through the matting
- Durable and weather-resistant, suitable for permanent installation
- Tactile surface aiding visually impaired users
- Compatible with standard grass maintenance methods (cutting and strimming in situ)

4. Procurement Process

The procurement will follow standard local authority procedures, with suppliers identified for the provision of 400 meters of compliant matting. Considerations will include durability, warranty, environmental impact, and cost-effectiveness. A review of potential suppliers will be conducted to ensure the material meets all required specifications.

5. Siting and Installation

The matting will be laid in a continuous strip across the Downs, running parallel to the A259 and connecting existing access points at the east and west boundaries. Installation is designed to minimize ground disturbance, and the matting's design allows for existing grass to grow through, maintaining the natural landscape.

6. Installation Workforce

No external contractors will be required for the installation. The Bexhill Town Ranger Team will undertake all aspects of laying the matting, leveraging their experience with local grounds maintenance. This approach ensures cost efficiency and alignment with local stewardship practices.

7. Maintenance

The matting's design allows for grass cutting and strimming without removal. Routine inspection will ensure the surface remains safe and free from obstructions.

8. Conclusion

The procurement and permanent installation of 400 meters of rubber grass matting on the Downs will significantly enhance accessibility for disabled users. The project is sustainable, cost-effective, and will be delivered using in-house resources, ensuring long-term benefit for the community of Bexhill-on-Sea.

Appendix A. Letter of agreement for works. RDC

Appendix B. Quotes from current sources that meet the criteria

J Bartholomew
Operations Manager
Bexhill- on- Sea Town Council

Hi Jon

Yes I did discuss this with Cllr Lee.

The proposal was for playground grass mat as at [Safety Matting | Rubber Grass Protection Mats / Matting](#) or similar to be installed by the Town Council. This is generally pinned in to position or the edges can be dug in which leaves it less vulnerable to vandalism or damage by grass cutting machinery. I'm not sure if this is recognised as a suitable surface for wheelchairs.

Rother DC would have no objection as long as a suitable line can be agreed.

Regards

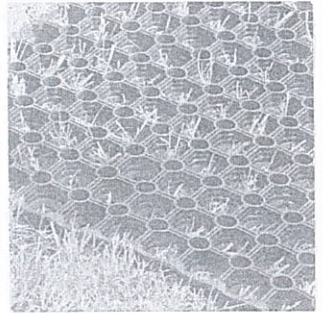
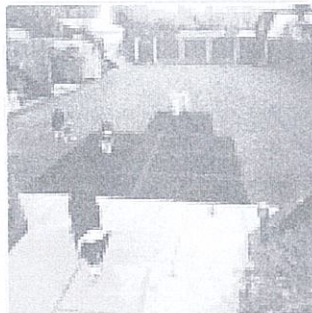
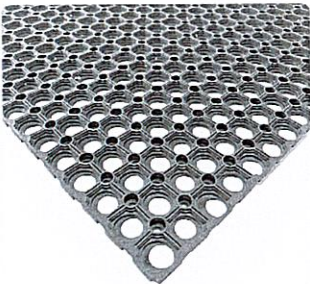
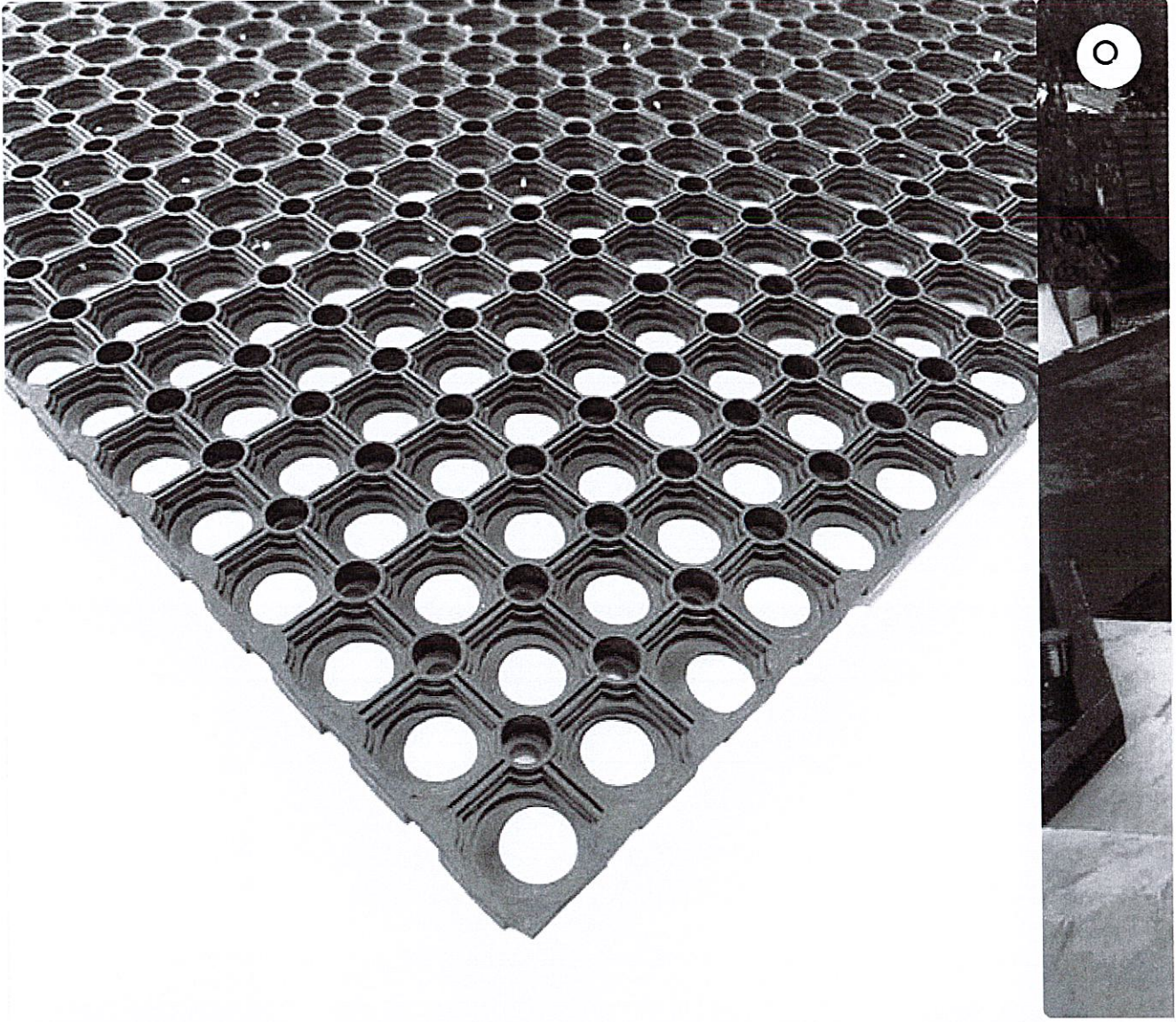
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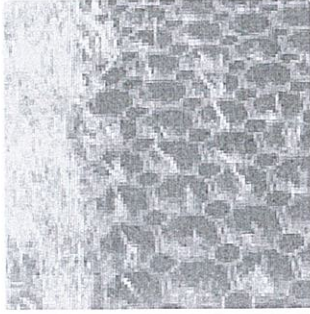
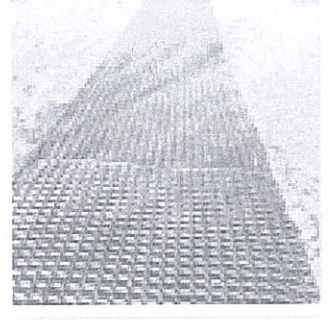
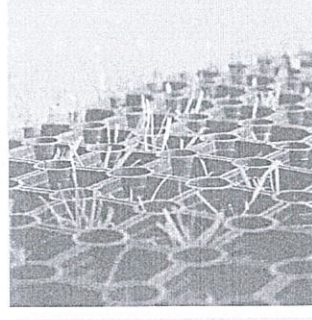
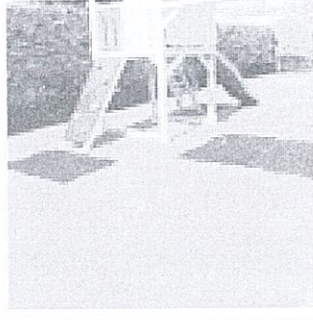
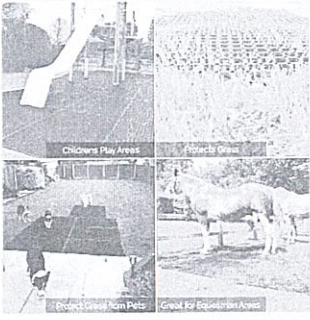
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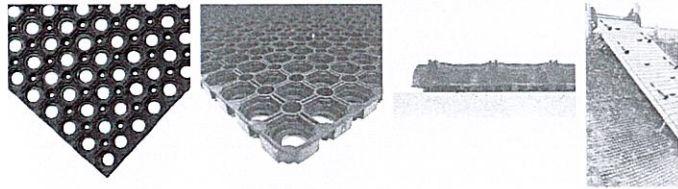
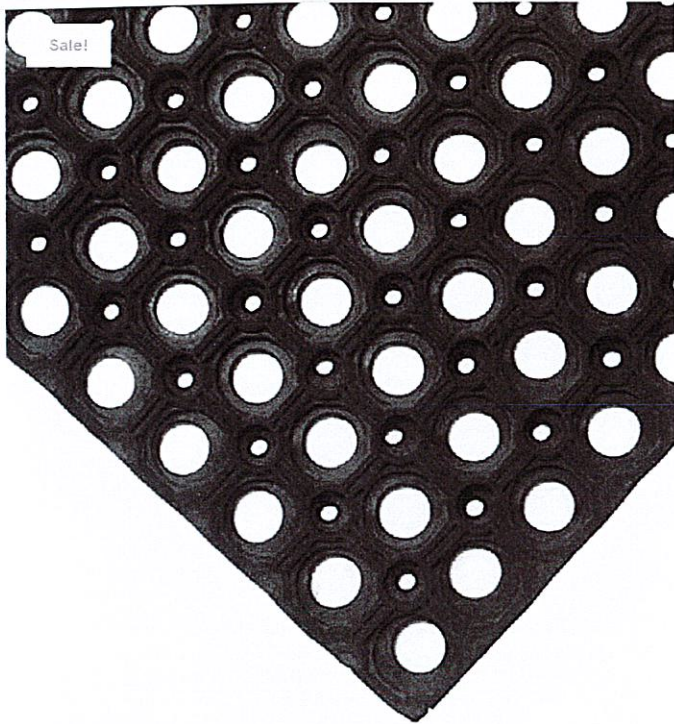
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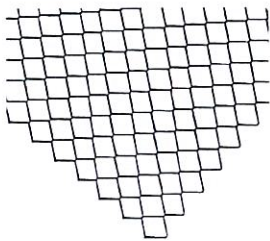
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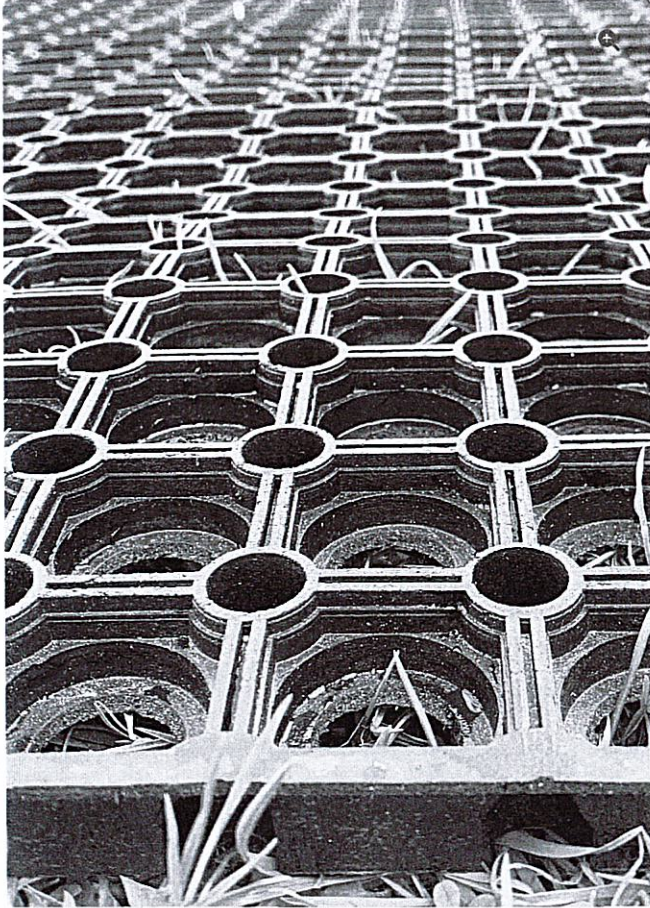


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Our 1mx 10m Rubber Grass Mat Roll 16mm is a versatile solution suitable for both residential and commercial use. Designed to safeguard ground surfaces and maintain the integrity of grass, these mats feature a ring-hole design that allows for grass growth while preventing soil erosion and mud accumulation. This promotes healthy lawn conditions, ensuring a visually appealing landscape year-round.

Ideal for creating walkways and pathways, our Rubber Grass Mat Roll 16mm offers practicality and durability in various environments. Widely utilized in golf courses and outdoor event venues, these mats are renowned for their functionality and reliability.

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For installation convenience, our mats can be secured using plastic pegs and connected with cable ties, available for purchase separately. Each roll is dispatched via palletised delivery, accommodating up to 6 rolls per pallet for efficient shipping.

In summary, our Rubber Grass Mat Roll 16mm provides a practical solution for protecting lawns and enhancing outdoor spaces. With its emphasis on functionality and sustainability, it's a preferred choice for homeowners, landscapers, and facility managers seeking long-lasting ground protection solutions. This product is a thinner version of our 22mm rolls, for increased durability and a thicker roll, check out our full rubber grass mat roll range here: