Best on the market for Cambridge City Council

The Problem:

The historic market square in Cambridge was encountering several waste disposal problems.

The thriving nature of the market meant traders were reluctant to dispose of their waste – 'bag at a time' and a bottleneck situation would arise at the end of the trading – causing waste overspill.

Other problems identified were:

- The waste contained large amounts of food
- The wind around the market was causing waste to scatter
- There was a real need to prevent any access to the waste by vermin

The Solution:

The solution came in the form of a customised ACM waste compactor with a larger aperture than standard, into which the waste is placed.

The modification allows a greater volume of waste to be compressed per cycle, which reduces queuing to use the machine and the build up of waste around the compactor.

The compactor is one of ACM's guaranteed leakproof, high volume models preventing any waste escaping from the machine.

The high volume provides additional benefits to the council and to the market in that it requires fewer collections, a saving for the council and less disruption for the market.

The compactor is also lockable, preventing pilfering and tipping of other waste, as well as preventing anyone entering the compactor – something that could be extremely hazardous.

ACM put the icing on the cake by making the compactor resplendent in Cambridge Blue. A sympathetic touch that ties into the associated values Cambridge City Council offers its people.

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