

PROJECT	Crystal Palace Training Ground
CLIENT	KSS Architects
PRODUCT	Invicta
SIZE	1,352sqm

Brett Landscaping played a key role in the completion of Crystal Palace's new £20m academy and training ground when they were able to offer the best product with the shortest lead time.

The leading independent concrete paving manufacturer was selected to provide more than 1,300 square metres of the new high performance Invicta block paving at the Premier League club's new complex in Beckenham.

Architects KSS worked very closely with the Crystal Palace chairman and senior management in selecting premium products for the exterior at the prestigious site –and Brett's Invicta Pearl and Invicta Onyx met the high standards of everyone at the club.

The club and architect required a high-end product, with the flexibility of large plank sizes for larger areas, but that would match up and blend with a more striking pattern in a diamond configuration for the entrance into the academy building itself. Brett was able to provide all of these elements with readily available, high-end aesthetics with multiple sizes and colours which allowed flexible and varied design.

The Invicta range has a specially formulated surface layer creating a hard-wearing paving block with a durable but vibrant finish which shimmers in different lights. Brett's AggTech manufacturing process allows unique natural aggregates to be used on the surface of each paving block to create a stunning durable finish.

As well as the premium products, Brett was able to provide a full Auto-CAD design service in less than 24 hours, meaning they were able to get the right information, product and quotation back to the architect quickly.



Invicta Onyx and Pearl

Antony Spencer, Civils Sales Manager for Brett Landscaping, said: "This is one of the most prestigious projects we have been involved with. It demanded effective and timely communication, design and problem-solving as well as delivering a product which matches with the client's extremely high expectations.

"We had almost daily communication with the club, architect and contractors and everything was delivered as scheduled allowing for the build to remain on schedule."

The Crystal Palace academy has six full-size pitches as well as classrooms, lecture room, analysis and meeting rooms. It has allowed Crystal Palace to bring their facilities up to 'Category One Status' in the Elite Player Performance Plan rankings.

Brett Landscaping worked with KSS architects, Clive Richardson Ltd (main contractors), TriAgg (groundworks contractor) and Wolseley MPS Fareham.

They supplied 1,352 square metres of Invicta 80mm, in Pearl and Onyx 200x100, 200x200, 300x200, 600x200. There were seven size/colour combinations installed.



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