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SCF two-stage approach explored options with Woking BC

The SCF has seen an increasing number of large scale Car Park projects in recent weeks. One project has recently been awarded to Willmott Dixon after an extremely competitive mini competition process.

The Heathside Crescent Car Park in Woking is nearly 30 years old, servicing a popular town centre that continues to grow. As a result, the car park is often at capacity and is in need of extension. Additionally it has become a hot spot for anti-social behaviour, with large columns and blind corners making it an unnerving experience at times. The Client came to SCF wanting alternative solutions that could be developed collaboratively throughout the preconstruction phase. As a result a number of contractors put forward proposals, and on this occasion Willmott Dixon were successfully appointed by the Client.

Willmott Dixons team had visited the site early in the process and recognised some key risk elements that could prove to have huge impacts, particular on programme, which meant the current design solution was unlikely to be deliverable within the Clients budget. The Willmott Dixon team concluded that a far more efficient and effective proposal would be to demolish the existing structure and replace it with a new system. This would alleviate the current risks and provide a cost effective solution for the Council.

The Council awarded the project to Willmott Dixon and have begun the preconstruction phase to deliver the new solution. This project highlights the positive impact that the 2 stage process can have, even before a contractor is on board. The flexible tender process allows clients to ask pointed questions and gain real insight from a number of contractors, to the benefit of the project as a whole.

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