

*ENVIRONMENTAL
PERFORMANCE
POLICY*



COMPANY POLICY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Constructs Southwest Ltd recognises that its activities have an impact on the environment and is committed to improve its environmental performance and minimise the harmful effects through caring policies and effective management.

Constructs South West Ltd accepts and acknowledges its obligations and responsibilities under legislation and guidance dealing with environmental issues that effect or arise inconsequence of its business.

Constructs South West will apply, identify and determine the environmental issues requiring attention and implementation of the measures to achieve continuous improvement. Inparticular attention will be given to:

- Environmental awareness and understanding of our business amongst those working for or on behalf of the company, providing training as necessary
- Compliance with all environmental legislation, regulations and codes of practice such as waste site management plans
- Whenever practicable, using materials and products from sustainable sources
- Control the emission of pollutants, noise and dust and the use of potentially harmful substances and treatments during construction activities
- Keep transport use to a minimum and regularly service vehicles to maintain their efficiency and promote vehicle sharing
- As far as possible purchase products that do the least damage to the environment
- Constructs South West Ltd will encourage the adoption of similar principles by its suppliers

Constructs South West Ltd will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public.

Signed: *J. Hodge*

Dated: 28.02.2020

This policy

- Defines what Constructs South West Ltd means by sustainable development and how it plans to help bring this about locally
- Commits Constructs South West Ltd to improving our environment through its environmental aims
- Outlines how it intends to put these aims into practice
- Provides a framework within which to develop more detailed objectives and action plans

Sustainable Development

This policy cannot be seen as a stand-alone document where environmental issues are tackled in isolation but needs to be seen within the bigger picture of sustainable development.

The following explanation of this concept is based on the Government's definition, but has been modified slightly to better reflect the aspirations of Constructs South West Ltd.

'Sustainable development' is about providing a good quality of life for everyone now and for generations to come. Although the idea is simple, the task is substantial. It means meeting four interrelated objectives equally and at the same time, in the UK and the world as a whole.

- Social progress that recognises the needs of everyone. This includes a healthy, safe, clean and diverse environment. Everyone should be able to share in the benefits that accompany a good quality of life.
- Protection of the environment. We must act to limit global environmental threats such as climate change along with more local pollution problems. We also need to protect and enhance those things that people need or value or that have importance in their own right, such as wildlife, landscapes, pleasing townscapes and historic buildings.
- Prudent use of natural resources. This means using non-renewable resources like oil and gas wisely and making sure that we encourage and facilitate the development of alternatives to replace them as a matter of urgency.
- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment. This is so everyone can share in good living standards and job opportunities. We must also remember the needs of people in less developed countries.

Constructs South West Ltd's Environmental Policy will play a key role in working towards sustainable development, because the health and well-being of our environment is crucial for providing us all with a good quality of life, both today and for the years to come.

The Company's Commitment to the Environment

Our overall goal is to protect and enhance the environment while sustaining it for future generations. We will do this by working in partnership with others to continually improve our environmental performance.

1. Climate change

Constructs South West Ltd will continue to raise awareness of the existence and causes of global warming and promote ways of mitigating and adapting to its effects. We will consider the implications of climate change on our strategies, plans and activities and encourage strategies that support the reduction of greenhouse gases which include recycling all qualifying materials appropriately and ensuring non-recyclable waste is kept to a minimum.

2. Natural resources

Constructs South West Ltd will promote the importance of conserving fossil fuels and peat and the sustainable use of resources such as water and timber. It will also adopt water and energy waste reduction measures and take into account natural resource considerations when procuring goods and services.

3. Transport

Constructs South West Ltd will promote the reduction of motor vehicle journeys and encourage more sustainable modes of transport.

4. Natural Environment

Constructs South West Ltd will protect and enhance our natural environment and protect our geological heritage. It will seek cause minimal disruption to quality and variety of wildlife and endeavour to improve existing green open space and create new, quality, accessible areas. Should any unforeseen identification of protected wildlife and habitat be uncovered during works, works will be delayed until the area has been declared as free from causing any adverse effect on any protected species or habitats.

5. Built environment

Constructs South West Ltd will protect and enhance the built environment, including its architectural, historic and archaeological identity. It will strive to improve the quality and design of the built environment, including making sure it is diverse, pleasant, safe and accessible.

6. Pollution

Constructs South West Ltd will identify and seek to reduce air and land pollutants and improve air quality. It will also seek to address the problems of noise pollution.

7. Waste

Constructs South West Ltd will minimise waste by encouraging the reduction, repair and reuse of items and provide opportunities and facilities for recycling. All waste will be disposed of in the correct manner to ensure minimal damage to the environment.

8. Purchasing and contracts

Constructs South West Ltd will encourage the purchase of goods and services that cause the least harm to the environment. It will also work with contractors and suppliers to help them

improve their own environmental performance and to make sure that, when working for Constructs South West Ltd, they adopt equivalent environmental standards.

9. Energy

Constructs South West Ltd will promote the benefits of energy conservation and reduction and adopt energy-saving measures in Company buildings. It will consider the 'embodied' energy of what it specifies in its purchases and use the repair and maintenance of its existing stock as another route to reducing energy use. It will also promote the benefits of renewable energy sources, whenever possible, and continue to source renewable power when this option is appropriate.

Putting Policy into Practice

It's no good having an Environmental Policy if you can't put the various commitments into practice. In order to do this, Constructs South West Ltd will:

- try to put its own environmental house in order and to set the environmental standards for others to follow.
- consider environmental implications, as it does to the economic and social implications of all its activities
- aim to meet or exceed all its statutory environmental responsibilities and encourage other organisations to do the same
- avoid or minimise the risk of damage to our environment by employing safe technologies and operating procedures
- work through Constructs South West Ltd's procurement strategy to make sure that contractors and suppliers are aware of the environmental commitments outlined in this document and encourage them to adopt equivalent standards
- work corporately across Constructs South West Ltd to make sure that this Policy is clearly understood by its employees and is put into practice in everything it does
- work in partnership to identify and address key environmental issues at local, regional, national and international levels
- Constructs South West Ltd will review this document in three years from the date of its adoption by Constructs South West Ltd, in order to keep abreast of the changing nature of environmental issues.

Environmental Risk Assessment

Guidance

- Complete the assessment
- Extract the key risks/impacts into the summary table and determine the overall risk rating from the table below
- The assessment should be carried out in advance of the start of construction
- The document should be reviewed if a significant change occurs
- Actions or comments are required for any field marked with a **Y** or **?**

Probability of Risk/Impact		Consequence/Impact Severity				
		Insignificant	Minor	Significant	Major	Catastrophic
Limited damage to minimal area on site			Minor effects on biological or physical environment	Moderate short-term effects but not affecting eco-system	Significant medium-term environmental effects	Very serious long-term environmental impairment of eco-system
Rare	Conceivable but only in extreme circumstances	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Med (4)	Med (5)
Unlikely	Hasn't occurred yet within the company but could	Low (2)	Med (4)	Med (6)	Med (8)	Med (10)
Possible	Has or could happen once within 10 years	Low (3)	Med (6)	Med (9)	Med (12)	High (15)
Likely	Has or could occur once to several times per year across the company's sites	Med (4)	Med (8)	Med (12)	High (16)	High (20)
Almost certain	Has or could occur several times per year at this particular site	Med (5)	Med (10)	High (15)	High (20)	High (25)

Site		Date		Name of Assessor	
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Significant Risk/Impact	Overall risk rating			Actions/control measures	Responsible Person
	Low	Med	High		