



Sustainability Charter

Public commitments from NWCH and our Contractor Partners.



Mission Statement

The North West Construction Hub and our Contractor Partners are pleased to share with you this charter, highlighting our collective commitment to driving sustainability within the sector. We recognise that the construction industry has a major role to play in creating cleaner, greener future. This charter ensures that projects delivered through our frameworks are aligned to a consistent standard of best practice..

NWCH
Commitments

- Set baseline and stretch sustainability KPI's and minimum standards aligned with legislation.
- Work with contractors to achieve our Net Zero aspirations, ensuring consistency and alignment across our frameworks.
- Work with our partners to ensure that each contractor achieves a minimum of Pledger Status in the Cambridge Code for Carbon Reduction.
- Utilise our position as a framework to influence behaviours and promote best practice, and encourage sustainability focussed decision making and resource efficiency.
- Advise clients on sustainable delivery via the development of best practice handbooks.
- Facilitate continuous improvement and collaboration across our frameworks via our SIG networks.
- Encourage use of post-occupancy evaluation principles to ensure assets deliver on environmental, sustainability and operational resource usage as per the design intent.

Key Links

- [UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard](#)
- [UKGBC Resource Library](#)
- [Carbon Reduction Code for the Built Environment](#)
- [WRAP Designing Out Waste](#)
- [LETI Client Guide](#)
- [GMCA BNG Guidance](#)

All contractor partners to seek opportunities within their remit for:

Carbon
Commitments

- Baseline carbon assessments on new build schemes over £5M.
- Mandatory reporting into the NACF Embodied Carbon Benchmarking Tool for all new build projects over £5M, with optional reporting under this threshold encouraged.
- Encourage the use of LETI and RIBA carbon benchmarking carbon targets, as well as future adoption of UKNZ Building Standards.
- Consider material efficiencies.
- Monitor and report carbon on-site and capture best practice.
- Promote diesel-free and low-carbon sites.
- Ensure value-engineering activities consider impact on life-cycle carbon and the agreed carbon targets are part of the evaluation and presentation to clients.
- Green travel plans for all sites.
- Target locally sourced materials.
- Undertake a completion carbon assessment and measure against project baseline,

Waste
Commitments

- Consider material efficiencies.
- Identify and maximise opportunities to minimise waste and maximise the diversion of waste from landfill by applying the principles of the waste hierarchy and circular economy opportunities.
- Hold designing out waste workshops to identify and realise opportunities for waste reduction.
- Monitor and report on waste on-site and capture best practice.
- Promote pre-demolition audits to re-use and recycle materials.
- Promote water-reduction initiatives.
- Identify opportunities to minimise the use of single-use plastics on site.

Biodiversity Net
Gain (BNG)
Commitments

- Encourage stakeholder meetings to create Biodiversity Action Plans.
- Carry out BNG assessments and promote nature-based solutions.
- Comply with NWCH 'Nature Day' volunteering KPI with a recognised wildlife charity.
- Construction management plan to include ecological issues and to protect existing habitats on and around site
- Ensure use of correct specifications when delivering green infrastructure.
- Ensure temporary protective measures on-site and meaningful habitat enhancement is delivered.
- Monitor and report BNG on-site and capture best practice.



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