

Member Case Study: Loughton Contracts

Challenges:

Loughton Contracts is the leading ISO 14001 Registered & Audited Flooring Contractor involved in the use of diverse types of flooring materials, preparing these components ready for installation, logistics management and delivery. One of the biggest sustainability challenges for Loughton Contracts is reducing embodied carbon, carbon and minimising their Carbon Footprint.

Loughton Contracts operates a Managed Supply Chain, collaborating extensively with their ISO14001 Category 1 Suppliers. These Suppliers manufacture responsibly, producing BREEAM A+ products with Full Environmental Declarations (EPD's). EPD's ensure that products are registered and audited, for renewal energy use, efficient use of water and making materials with high levels of recycled yarn content, well-constructed so they last longer in use, manufactured in UK or Europe to minimise shipping and transportation distances, thereby, reducing levels of embodied carbon.

Finally, at the end of useful life, these products can be reclaimed and certified not to go to landfill. Products reclaimed can be re-purposed, down-cycled, re-purposed for re-use, recycled or utilised for waste to energy. All of Loughton Contracts Timber and Plywood procurement is FSC or PEFC fully certified with Full Chain of Custody registered and audited.

Loughton Contracts through expertise of early planning and layout of materials, ensure that they minimise cutting waste, thus ordering the minimal efficient quantity of product to complete a project.

LC minimise their Carbon Foot-printing by managing and reducing the number of deliveries of their materials to sites, thus reducing impact while efficiently maintaining project programme requirements.

All of LC employees, office-based staff and Site Operational Managers, Labourers and Specialist Installation teams are trained and regularly updated as to the importance of Environmental, Sustainability and Carbon Impact. Across the board their Personal 'buy in' to LC Environmental ambitions and minimise journeys by vans and cars, opting for use of Public Transport instead, with their tools being delivered to site. With over 250 personnel travelling to and from work every day, this is a huge reduction to their Carbon-Footprint.

Loughton Contracts consider Country of Origin of both raw materials and their manufacturer. They are gaining a greater understanding of the complexity of their Supply Chain and by working closely together with the Supply Chain Sustainability School and their suppliers they are working towards a much more sustainable, zero carbon future.

Fact box



Company

Loughton Contracts

No of employees

> 106

Turner Over

£55 Million

Website

<u>https://www.loughtoncontract</u> <u>s.com/</u>

Main contact

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Services

Flooring & Underfloor Heating Contractor with Consultative A&D, Planning & Cost-Planning -Services

About

Loughton Contracts is the UK's leading flooring contractor. With more than 30 years' experience Loughton Contracts can help fulfil architects and contractors designs, on time and within budget.

Impact:

Loughton Contracts have attended various training sessions within the School. The focus of the training sessions attended have been Wellbeing and Net Zero Carbon. Training is very important to LC as a company and a sustainable future is something LC want to be a part of. Loughton Contracts have benefitted from attending the School's training sessions & accessing resources in the following ways:

- Achieving Targets: Attendance of the School's training session have helped LC with providing an understanding
 of their objectives and targets to their supply chain partners and customers. It has also helped to be innovative
 in continuous improvements and best practice to monitor and achieve Targets set.
- Engagement across all levels of the company: Loughton Contracts have accessed various E-learning modules within the School. They explained that they found the modules brilliant and that they have helped their organisation & employees with their ways of thinking. As a result, LC have set a target for their Senior Directors to complete E-learning modules within the School.
- Wellbeing: Attending the School's training sessions on Wellbeing has provided real benefit to Loughton Contracts. By attending these sessions their employees have more knowledge on wellbeing and can therefore provide support to colleagues.

Value gained:

Loughton Contracts has gained value from being a Supply Chain Sustainability School member through:

- Enhanced profile within the industry
- Increase in proactivity relating to sustainability targets.
- Networking opportunities
- Broadening skills to allow for new clientele

Future Proofing:

Loughton Contracts would like the School to continue developing and producing E-learning modules so that they can increase involvement within their organisation.