

**Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Attendees:** James Cadman (Action Sustainability), Imogen Player (Action Sustainability), Becky Bryant (Action Sustainability), Chris Matthew (Flannery Plant Hire), Geraint Matthews (Siemens), Gareth Rondel (CHAS), John Dwyer (Telford Homes), Mark Anderson (GAP Group), Wayne Bond (Highways England), Gary Davidge (Hercules), Lara Young (Costain), Thomas Barrett (Kilnbridge), Brad Ireland (MHM Group), Nikolaos Sapounas (Osborne), Brody Isaac (Lendlease), Alana Paterson (Nationwide Platforms), Tom Hitchenor (Welfare Hire), Luca Mee (HW Martin), Alexander Herridge (Welsh Water), Nicholas Adshead (Network Rail), Maxime Biret (SGN), Catherine Williams (Environment Agency), Maria Jarosz (Network Rail), Swati Patel (Sunbelt Rentals), Stan Chapman (Advante), Ian McMillan (Thomas Plant Hire), Andy Grayshon (Welfare Hire), Simon Beckett (Nationwide Platforms), James Hahessy (JLG), Paul Taylor (NOCN), Toni Pratt (Environment Agency), Brendan Green (BAM Nuttall), Timothy Higgins (SSE), David Mallon (MHM Group), Chris Gatheridge (Explore Plant and Transport Solutions), Alistair Donaghey (Wilmott Dixon).

### Summary of Actions and Notes from the Plant Category Group Meeting

Plant Category Group – Introductions and outstanding actions		
No	Action/Notes	Owner
1	<b>Welcome and Intros</b>	
2	<p><b>New resource – ECV</b></p> <p><a href="#">The Emissions Compliance Verification Scheme</a> video is a new resource on the School that details the scheme that's provided by CESAR. The scheme gives users of NRMM a clear and easy way to identify the engine emissions levels of their equipment. Using a colour-coded, visible sticker, applied to the machine at point of manufacture, the user can quickly see what emission stage their machinery is, which helps with site and project compliance with air quality demands. Please feel free to share the link.</p>	
3	<p><b>Reviewing the draft minimum standards</b></p> <p><a href="#">The minimum standards</a> were initially set back in 2019. The minimum standards are not a 'best practice' they are a 'minimum' standard to encourage the whole sector to move forward to reduced emissions. A review is underway of the minimum standards to produce an updated version. The new minimum standards will recognise the differences between plant hire companies buying new equipment, and contractors hiring and using equipment, taking into consideration that both need to go along the journey. Access is a new category that will be brought in to the new standards.</p> <p>The group was put into breakout groups to discuss the draft updated minimum standards. Key points that came out of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally speaking, the draft updated minimum standards are good</li> <li>• Recognition of balancing life cycle impacts of operational efficiency with embodied carbon and keeping plant in service / owned-asset lifetimes</li> <li>• Good to reference HVO – but need to be mindful of its supply</li> <li>• Behaviours in operation and data/telematics are key – include this more explicitly within the Charter</li> <li>• Issue of training centres having up-to-date equipment to train people on</li> </ul>	

	<p>The thoughts captured on the Jamboard are in the accompanying PDF file. These will be used to update the draft proposal which will then be circulated to the group.</p> <p>Linked to behavioural change, the plant group previously created a directory of training schemes, which details all the schemes in the UK for plant operatives and site managers that have environmental/ sustainability content. You can access the directory <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Reviewing reporting against the charter</b></p> <p>Within the <a href="#">Plant Charter</a>, there are commitments to measurement and reporting against the minimum standards, as well as value chain stakeholder engagement, awareness raising and training, and innovation. The breakout groups discussed how best to fulfil these commitments. Key points that came out of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consensus that the proposed approach works well and would suit most companies</li> <li>• Potential to factor the approach to the size of the business, e.g. larger companies would have to complete more commitments to reach gold standard, or SMEs get multiplying factor. Similarly, the idea was raised to weight some of the aspects more than others.</li> <li>• Supporting guidance beyond what’s in the slide already would be needed to describe the kinds of qualifying information and data</li> <li>• It was suggested that info would be provided by the Signatory every 12 months from the date they sign, to the School for checking</li> <li>• We could also explore using the Charter within PQQ systems like Achilles</li> </ul> <p>The thoughts captured on the Jamboard are in the accompanying PDF file. These will be used to update the draft proposal which will then be circulated to the group.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Water industry collaboration for Net Zero compatible plant and welfare – Alex Herridge, DCWW</b></p> <p>Alex represents a supply chain group with a net zero commitment by 2040 for Wales and Scottish water companies (including embedded carbon).</p> <p>Alex engaged the group in a discussion about how and when onsite plant and welfare could achieve net zero and what it would take to get there. One of the main responses was that it was up to the client group to set whatever specifications / demands it wants and could use the Plant Group Commitment Charter as part of that.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Partner benefits – Becky Bryant, SCSS</b></p> <p>Full details of the benefits of being a School Partner are provided in the slide deck from this meeting. Please let Becky know if you would like to discuss how you can access these more.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other AOB</li> </ul>	
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 14:00</li> </ul>	