

Strategic Procurement Strategy

General Plant Category Executive Update

Executive Summary

Current Status: The UK plant hire market was estimated to be worth £7bn in 2020 with average industry growth 2015–2020: 3.1% and UK construction equipment sales 70% above 2020 levels in first half of year. Plant hire is a highly competitive market and as such hire rates are reflective of this, remaining relatively static in recent years. There is limited movement in the market due to significant capital investment required and narrow margins available.



Challenges

- Ability to invest in equipment and innovations, alternate environmental sustainable options and fleet management Innovation:
 - Consolidation: Multiple plant and equipment innovation projects...
 - **Operator Skills:** Lack of new plant technology operators (ageing workforce / new technology retraining requirements)
 - Increase in UK construction projects. Capacity:
 - Minimum new technology development alignment between original equipment manufactures and the supply chain Collaboration:
 - Unrealised opportunities through lack of integrated supply chain processes and consolidated programs Missed Benefit:
 - Transition from traditional diesel plant to alternate fuel
- Influence: Minimal influence on original equipment manufactures development



To fully address the challenges and to align with our imperatives, the strategy recommendations are as follows:

Carbon:

Fuel:

- Carbon targets part of contractual/operational measurement
- Transition from traditional diesel Innovation :
- Commitment :
 - Implementation of alternate solutions across our business
- Alignment: Standardised plant supply chain process and programmes.
- Influence: Better relationships with plant manufacturers,
- Training and Development: Support and develop social value through training, skills development and retention.





Key Aims of Our Strategy



Carbon Net Zero:

Introduction of specific plant carbon targets or alternative fuel targets part of operational measurement Influence the supply chain to identify and implement alternate solutions to deliver against our KPIs (Net Zero Maintenance and Construction Emissions 2040)



Planning :

Establish short and medium options for transition to hybrid/electric, fully electric or hydrogen for vehicles, plant and generators, lighting towers etc. HVO fuel usage as potential interim fuel solution



Commitment :

Identify actual opportunities (schemes) across our business to actively implement innovative and alternate solutions (step change and proof of concept) Utilisation of existing technology for operational effectiveness via telemetric and planning to better inform production decisions



Consolidation:

Standardised integrated plant supply chain process and consolidation of programmes across operations and major projects. Increased supply chain investment requires long terms commitment and focused supply options



Influence:

Build closer working relationships with plant manufacturers, reducing the reliance on intermediary plant and equipment hire companies Accelerate original equipment manufacture innovative solution implementation and roll out across the supply chain



Training and Development:

Support the development of training opportunities in line with advancement in technology. Technology opens industry participation to new and diverse demographic.



Engagement Matrix for Strategy & Approach

Business Area/Investment Programme:	Individual & Role:	Comment if required:	Review:	Date:
Executive Team - Panel Chair	Malcolm Dare - Executive Director C&P		Approval Meeting	5/10/2021
Executive Team	Duncan Smith – Interim Exec Director Operations		Exec Review	8/10/2021
Executive Team	Peter Mumford - Exec Director Major Projects		Exec Review	8/10/2021
Executive Team	Mike Wilson – Exec Director SES		Exec Review	8/10/2021
MP – RDP Leadership Leadership Team	Tony Slater - MP SMP Divisional Director (SRO)		Approval Meeting	1/10/20021
C&P Leadership Team	Sanyalax Kelly - Strategic Procurement Director		Approval Meeting	1/10/2021
C&P Leadership Team	Andrew Stephenson - Procurement Director		Provided for Review	1/10/20021
C&P Leadership Team	Martyn Gannicott - Commercial Services Director		Provided for Review	1/10/20021
C&P Leadership Team	David O'Neil – Supply Chain Director		Provided for Review	1/10/20021
C&P Leadership Team	Mark Ollerton – MP Commercial Director		Provided for Review	1/10/20021
C&P Leadership Team	Richard Cerruti – Operations Commercial Director		Provided for Review	1/10/20021

How will this deliver to the Business Objectives

Problem Statement/Challenges: Innovation, Consolidation, Operator Skills, Capacity, Collaboration, missed Benefit, Fuel and Influence The problem statements/challenges that are addressed within the Plant and Equipment Strategy can be summarised into the following key themes;

Carbon: influence the supply chain, Innovation: delivering carbon targets, safety and productivity Commitment: proof of concept and accelerate delivery Alignment: security of supply influence: accelerate implementation Training and Development: delivering on social value and mitigating labour constraints

Directorate	Benefit/Objectives	Short	Medium	Long term
Operations	SDF in place (GENERAL CIVILS) Continue to update on developments	Engagement/Cross Category Collaboration	Engagement/Cross Category Collaboration	Engagement/Cross Category Collaboration
Major Projects	 Carbon Net Zero: Objective: Specific plant carbon targets Benefit: Deliver against carbon reduction target: Only zero carbon plant on our sites by 2030 Only zero carbon HGVs deliver to our sites by 2040 Innovation: Objective: Alternate fuel / Electric/ Hybrid / Hydrogen and semi and autonomous plant Benefit: Influence supply chain investment / align with carbon net zero targets improve safety/reduced environmental impact / safety Influence : Objective: Build relationships with original equipment manufacture Benefit: Accelerate original equipment manufacture solution deployment / reducing the reliance on intermediary plant and equipment hire companies. Commitment: Objective: Implement alternate solutions and utilisation of available technology Benefit: Carbon reduction via data driven behaviour / proof of concept / maximise the planning, productivity and efficiency gains and support operations / Monitor and drive efficiencies in fuel usage and idle time plant operation. Project Alignment: Objective: Multiple scheme agreements, project alignment, redeployment of supply chain resources Benefit: Maximise productivity / efficient use of supply chain /mitigate cost increases / accelerate scheme delivery. Training and Development: Objective: Support the development training opportunities in line with advancement in technology. Benefit: New and diverse demographic / delivering on social value / operator capability / mitigate potential capacity constraints. 	 Define baseline, incremental target / timeline Sector Improvement Project –Plant Plant Innovation Day 12/10/21 CAT Command demo 1/11/21 Volvo Technical day 19/10/21 Komatsu demo 20/10/21 JCB Hydrogen 01/12/21 As above Plant Innovation Day 12/10/21 output being to establish commitment. HVO deployment with Belfour Beatty (RDP A2) Benchmark alternate agreement solutions A1 Morpeth to Ellingham (B10) Alignment with labour strategy and on / off site training opportunities 	 Replicate areas of best practice across SMA/CIP & LTC Supply Chain roadmap and commitment plan Influence original equipment manufacturers (Hydrogen) Support continued development Extend across other schemes Leverage supply chain expertise to develop productivity and efficiency opportunities New technology/ training to support a diverse demographic and delivering on social value 	 Continuous improvements to support RP2/RP3 Supply Chain Fleet upgrade Deliver zero fossil fuel on all heavy machinery Continuous security of supply forward planning and delivery Replace by alternate Hydrogen technology Continuous security of supply forward planning and delivery Continuous security of supply forward planning and delivery Continuous tecurity of supply forward planning and delivery Continuous training development process aligned with industry and technology changes
SES	 CAP Working group (Continuous Autonomous Plant) Carbon Net Zero: Only zero carbon plant on our sites by 2030 Only zero carbon HGVs deliver to our sites by 2040 	 Define industry definitions Demonstration day in conjunction with Costain (provisional March 2022) 	 Engaging the supply chain to define roadmap to implementation 	 Move from semi autonomous to fully autonomous plant

Snapshot on Our Future Vision



This is a high level picture. We will develop different aspects further with stakeholders across all solutions as our implementation plan progresses



Phased High-Level Implementation Plan to Deliver Our Key Aims





Rollout of Short-Medium Term Solutions





Rollout of Medium-Long Term Solutions



<u>Acronym</u>

CAP: Connected and Autonomous Plant PEC: Plant and Earthworks Community SCS: Supply Chain School

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Recommendation Summary

Earthworks Strategy	Requirement	Benefit	Imperatives
Carbon Net Zero	 Specific plant carbon targets or alternative fuel targets part of operational measurement 	 Define NH requirements and expectations Delivery against commitment Incentivise the supply chain to be proactive (TCO) Clear guidance and expectations of delivery Supply chain time to plan and invest. 	DeliveryCustomer
Commitment	 Identification of scheme delivery opportunities (live implementation) Utilisation of existing technology 	 Proof of concept Benchmark productivity gains. Maximise the planning, productivity and efficiency gains and support operations Operator behaviour Monitor and drive efficiencies in fuel usage and idle time plant operation. 	DeliveryCustomerSafety
Influence	Engage original equipment manufactures	 Accelerate original equipment manufacture Reducing the reliance on intermediary plant and equipment hire companies 	DeliveryCustomer
Innovation	 Decarbonisation of construction plant project (innovation) Alignment on CAP (connected and autonomous plant), PEC (plant and earthworks community) and SCS (supply chain school) innovation and technology developments Alternative fuel supply HVO/Hydrogen 	 Remove man/machine interfaces and improve safety Optimise plant movements and improve cycle times Contribute towards our carbon net zero target Reduced environmental impact Reduce waste (time, money and effort) Increase speed of implementation 3D Machine control productivity gains Mitigate red diesel 	DeliveryCustomerSafety
Project Alignment	Standardise integrated plant supply chain process Enterprise alignment agreement	 Maximise productivity and efficiency (supply chain) Allows for long term investment More robust certification and payment systems Bringing-in telematics, so these can better inform production decisions Reducing HAVs. Reducing lifting/loading accidents. Reducing accidents with operator's access/egress. Reducing loss and damages. 	DeliveryCustomer
Training and Development	Support the development of training facilitiesEncourage social value	 Support technology developments and implementation Mitigate future skills and capability requirements Deliver on social value (open to a wider demographic) 	DeliveryCustomerSafety

Opportunity Analysis: High-Level Implementation Plan

Opportunities	Activities	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Carbon	Implementation Plan and Targets					
Commitment	Identify scheme opportunities					
Influence	Engagement with original equipment manufactures					
Innovation	Decarbonisation of construction plant project (innovation)					
Project Alignment	Enterprise alignment agreement across all of MP Standard Supply Chain Approach					
Training and Development	Support the development of training facilities					
			Implementatio	n		

Continuous Engagement



Value Chain Analysis: Key Benefits & Transformation Map



The flow diagram outlines indicative transformational opportunities, dependencies and benefits with the implementation of autonomous and hybrid plant, telemetric and data controls across RP2,RP3and beyond



Value Chain Analysis: HVO Fuel Benefits

A recent study identified the benefits both in terms of cost, emission reduction and health and safety by using HVO as an alternative to fossil fuels.

Given the pending transition from red to white diesel in April 2022 with an forecast price increase in cost approx. £0.47 per litre this offers a cost effective, low emission and safe alternative.

What is HVO?

HVO is a crop waste fuel that can be used as alternative fuel to fossil fuels such as diesel.

- HVO is much cleaner than traditional fuels such as diesel, with obvious benefits to the environment. It can be utilised in any combustion engine, particularly to generate electricity in a temporary power generation application.
- HVO power solutions require no component change or modifications to the combustion engine. This means the operator can use HVO as an immediate replacement fuel in assets that are currently being run on diesel.

Emission Reduction

- 90+% reduction in net CO2 calculated and confirmed by the ISCC.
- > 15% reduction in NOx emissions.
- > 40% reduction in particulate matter.
- Fuel consumption reductions of up to 10%.

health and Safety

- Unlike red diesel HVO carries no carcinogen warning on the Safety Data Sheet making it less harmful to human health.
- Unlike red diesel HVO does not harm the environment water table and is biodegradable.
- Orders less than 1,000 litres 20-25% increase vs red diesel
- Orders from 1001 -10,000 litres 15-20% increase vs red diesel
- Orders from 10,001 36,000 litres 10-15% increase vs red diesel
- National delivery up to 2.5 million litres can be supplied per month on a two three-day lead time, seven days per week, 365 days per year with emergency same day deliveries on request.



Carbon Strategy

Key drivers of carbon emissions in category	Corporate emission	Maintenance & construction emission	Road user emission	Estimated Carbon emissions per year associated with key driver [tons of CO2]
1. Decarbonisation of Construction Plant		x		*pending volume analysis and decarbonisation of plant roadmap project and CAP

Identified measures to address key drivers in category	Expected impact / CO2 re	ductions [tons of C	202]	Timescale	What is needed to implement measure (investment/support, etc)?
Alternate Fuel Source	Electricity (kWh)	Carbon Factor 0.233 (CF 0.001)	Factor Units: kgCO2e/kWh	2022-2025	Innovation and road map to implementation of alternate fuel source
	Biodiesel (kg)	Carbon 0.540 (CF 0.001)	Factor Units: kgCO2e/I	2022-2025	Decarbonisation of plant project





General Plant and Equipment Strategic Sourcing Strategy

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Category Profile

Vision:

Sustainable and non-carbon plant operations, maximised utilisation and efficiency and designed for purpose plant and equipment ensuring the on-time delivery of customer, exceeding value deliverables, zero safety incidents and delivering carbon net zero requirements

Goals:

Due to increased demand on the existing supply chain from other major programme projects outside of national highways there is a requirement to ensure that national highways have sustainable procurement setting the strategic agenda, innovative solutions to drive carbon net zero, maximise utilisation and fit for purpose plant throughout the supply chain to both undertake all and accelerate NH requirements and delivery to the custo<u>mer</u>

Scope:

The Plant Hire sector historically focused on providing a lower capital solution to sourcing equipment, differentiating on pricing, resulting in tight margins and lower cost of capital funding. Major players now differentiate by a combination of niche products, international capability and the provision of supporting services such as training creating bespoke solutions

Opportunities:

- Build closer working relationships with plant manufacturers, reducing the reliance on intermediary plant and equipment hire companies
- Standardised integrated plant supply chain process across operations and major projects.
- Deliver plant and equipment value, productivity and efficiency
- Environmental zero carbon targets.

Safety Customer Service Delivery

General Plant and Equipment Summary

Landscape:

Whilst Plant Hire is prevalent in the industry, larger users of specialist plant maintain their own fleets e.g.

- Balfour Beatty is expanding their specialist earthworks fleet.
- Walter's owns its earthmoving plant and equipment and operates their own dedicated heavy haulage fleet, to transport their plant.
- Self-drive rental, Operated Plant hire, Sales of plant and equipment, Vehicles, Service and support

Market Analysis

- The UK plant hire market was estimated to be worth £7bn in 2020 with average industry growth 2015–2020: 3.1%.
- The UK is the largest producer of construction equipment in Europe and in 2018 earned manufacturers around £13bn, indicating a strong export business.
- Plant hire is a highly competitive market and as such hire rates are reflective of this, remaining relatively static in recent years. Companies holding the largest market share in the Construction Equipment Rental & Leasing in the UK industry

Strategic Approach

Opportunity Analysis: High-Level Implementation Plan								
Objectives	Year 1	Year 2-3	Year 4+					
Carbon Net Zero	Define plan and targets	Align with market capability	Continuous reduction					
Commitment	Productivity solutions & behaviour requirements	Implementation defined projects	Continuous enhancement of productivity					
Innovation	OEM Engagement Plant Innovation Day	Road map to Implementation	Continuous development					
Influence	OEM Engagement	Support continued development	Security of supply forward planning and delivery					
Project Alignment	Define opportunities and process	Implement options (trial)	Extend across MP					
Training and Development	Scale of requirement v capability	Expand on implementation plans	Revisit and revise					



Business Need

Statement of Need





Conclusion:

Increase in UK construction projects such as HS2, NWR's CP6 will put constraints on the supply of plant and resources. New technology will create efficiencies and improved safety however the cost of investment in innovation is seen as prohibitive which also leads to the challenge of retaining an aging workforce and attracting new skills and capabilities inline with technological advances.



Business Requirements



Requirement	Low Importance	1	2	3	4	5	High Importance		he Directorate	Specific Objectives
Assurance of supply	Disruption to supply has a minor impact on operations and / or brand perception					х	Security of supply is critical, disruption will affect safety and damage reputation		CIP	Over reliance on frameworksEnterprise based procurement
Quality	Quality issues have minimal impact on operations and/or					х	Quality performance has a major impact on our operations and/or brand			Influence the supply chain how do we influence and get value backInfluence Tier 1
Regulatory, Ethical, Environmental	Compliance to ethical, environmental or regulations have a minimal impact on our					х	Compliance to regulatory, ethical and environmental issues has high impact on our operations and/or our brand		RIP	Shifting design to deliver outcomeUnderstand sub tier supply chain
	operations or our brand								Operations (Asset Delivery)	Professionalise Tier 2 contractors and
Service	Flexibility in delivery dates and service levels can be accommodated with minimal impact.					х	Late deliveries / poor service has a major impact on operations / brand			the way Tier 1 deal with Tier 2 opportunity
Cost	Cost competitiveness is not a major requirements.				x		Cost competitiveness is highly important for the business as is the ability to understand costs drivers of product / service		SMA	 Embedded as part of the wider Alliance enterprise Early involvement in projects and engagement in collaborative planning
Innovation	R&D capability or investments in innovation has minimal impact on operations and/ or brands.					x	Excellent R&D / product engineers and investments to innovate are critical to our operations and/or brand			engagement in conaborative planning.



Product Description



Name		Description
Environmental		There is the need to reduce fuel consumption. Fuel consumption has become one of the main focuses for plant manufacturers, challenges with the transition from red to white diesel. Reducing carbon footprint, minimising air pollution, use of cleaner, quieter electrified machinery gains would be achieved productivity by extending the working hours and better for the environment
Resource	R	The cost of manpower is considerable due to reasons like rough working conditions and the training process of the equipment operators. Construction operations are complex systems where many resources (equipment and manpower) requires collaboration to perform tasks. Lack of skilled resource or plant will delay and impact on the sequence operations significantly
Digitalisation (Technology)		a digital revolution, where technology is supporting decision making and offering significant productivity improvements. Data can be collected from connection to machines, devices and drones saves and shares from the cloud, construction managers on projects will have a much greater understanding of what work has been done and whether they are on track to the next phase or work
Autonomous Vehicles		Smart systems include digitalisation solutions where machines can talk to each other to increase the productivity and quality of earthmoving and making the work safer and more sustainable. Taking away the hard dirty work of earthmoving projects bringing the idea of digitalised robots and innovation in technology. The is automating earthworks activities by using semi-autonomous machine control excavation via (Komatsu, BOMAG and Volvo) on the A19 Testos roundabout. All i3P clients will reference where appropriate the i3P CAP statements in their business process and procurement to accelerate and transform industry adoption of connected and autonomous plant
Fleet (Plant)		In modern construction plant is completely mechanised and is performed by highly efficient machinery also known as plant. Operations require specially designed heavy equipment with significant purchasing/leasing price, as well as high operating and maintenance costs The typical types of plant used in earthworks are of varying design and load capacity depending complexity and size of the projects. Typical plant used include excavators, articulated dumpers, loading shovels, rollers, tractors, dozers



Product Description



Name		Description
A connected site	Binnishing Communities Depresen	The future of a connected site is a system of technology and processes which bring together a data rich safe and productive work site. Meaning materials can be tracked on, autonomous machined are programmed with digging data. People are kept at a safe distance from working plants and people working on site have detailed understanding of what is happening and where everything is including buried utility assets. Aerial monitoring of the sites which is tracking progress through satellites and drones. There is good communications facility which can beam data, real time data back to the control rooms
i3P		The connected and autonomous road map was launched in June 2020 in partnership with a organisation called i3P. i3P unite a whole host of infrastructure clients such as NH, HS2, TRL, energy companies with our wide range of supply chain of industry experts manufactures, subcontractors. The road map runs from 2020 to 2035 and looks at the current state, people and society, technology and hardware, data and digital techniques which leads to the future vision Road Map Link
CAP Statement	i3P HS2	The CAP community have issued CAP Community commitment statement to lead and accelerate the roadmap to a connected arena. Some example of areas the CAP community is asking the clients to reference i3P CAP statements within their business processes. Other examples to really drive the change include review the possibility for early installation on connectivity installation (4G/5G) at their locations. For example in Designs the community request designs for machines in a digital format which will allow automated design from drawings to machine. In procurement –encourage the adoption of CAP technology where there is a clear whole life business case to be produced. And machine manufactures to comply with Part 4 ISO 151143 to allow data exchange between different types of equipment and acceptance from design. Link



Innovation in the Category



Innovation Theme	Description	Key Innovators	Exemplary Products
Zero Carbon hydrogen – powered excavator JCB 22t 220X machine	JCB makes history with the world's first hydrogen powered excavator in July 2020. The 20-tonne 220X excavator was in development for 12 months and underwent rigorous testing at JCB's quarry grounds for a further year. The excavator is generated by reacting hydrogen with oxygen in a fuel cell to create the energy needed to run electric motors, the only emission from the exhaust is water. JCB continue leading the sector on zero and low carbon technologies https://www.jcb.com/en-gb/news/2020/07/jcb-leads-the-way-with-first-hydrogen-fuelled-excavator		
JCB Electric mini digger JCB E-Tech	The industry's first electric mini excavator with zero emissions at point of use. JCB state it can work a full days shift on a single charge and offers the same performance as a conventional 1.9t mini excavator. The machine is five times quieter than its diesel counterpart and can be fully charged in under two hours. JCB state the charging cost will be 50% cheaper than running an equivalent machine on red diesel and servicing costs are expected to be 70% lower than diesel machines https://www.jcb.com/en-gb/products/mini-excavators/19c-1e	JCB	
Road to cleaner plant	Skanska and Volvo retired out the world's first emission free quarry in Sweden, where every stage of the process has been electrified. Tests shown a 98% reduction in carbon emissions, 7% reduction in energy cost and 40% reduction in operator costs. The equipment included trialled battery electric load carriers, 70 tonne dual powered cable connected excavator and electric hybrid wheel loader. The machines are currently prototypes and not commercially available yet https://group.skanska.com/media/articles/creating-the-world-s-first-emission-free-quarry/	SKANSKA	
Hyundai Hydrogen- Powered diggers	Korean manufacture's Hyundai Construction Equipment have set a target to start mass distribution of medium/large capacity hydrogen fuel excavators in 2023. They are working in conjunction is Hyundai Motor Group and Mobis and are also looking to develop hydrogen powered forklifts. Hydrogen based electric construction equipment uses electricity produced through chemical reactions between hydrogen and oxygen as the power source, therefore no emissions of toxic gases in the air https://www.hyundai-ce.eu/en/news/2020-03-pr-hyundai-hydrogen-fuel-excavators		



Historical Spend RIS1 (based on target prices with inflation adjustment)



Conclusion:

- Spend data based on NH payment directly to plant suppliers
- Road cleaning and weighbridges accounts for approx. 64% of total spend



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Current Sourcing & Contract Options



1 Statement of Need Define the outcome needed by the business and what is needed to deliver it

Future Forecast Spend



Conclusion:

- The value forecast is based on previous percentage spend against WBS elements from RP1 and the mid-point of RP2 assumptions then modelled against the current NH capital budgets for our investment programs.
- These figures will be reviewed and enhanced when Webcast data becomes available.
- These are MP only. Operations to be confirmed.





Plant and Earthworks demand data shows peaks in 2023 and 2024



Actions/Opportunities

- Visibility/tracking of resource forecasts and capacity are needed
- Better planning to resolve resource conflicts/shortages. (HS2 used CITB's Labour Forecasting tool)
- Promote improved collaboration between suppliers and OEMs through community group meetings to promote safety and efficiency through innovation uptake

- Planning Managers to provide granular detail of labour and material requirements and cascade information to the business
- Early contractor involvement in the early planning and design stages
- Installation of digital 5G networks on all projects





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Since many types of heavy construction equipment are needed based upon the size of the project, significant investment in plant asset is necessary. Instead of investing in all plant types, it is often more economical to hire the right equipment; reducing lost capital when asset is idle, limiting logistical constraints & also eradicating responsibility for ongoing maintenance.

Market Insight and Landscape

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- Plant hire is a highly competitive market and as such hire rates are reflective of this, remaining relatively static in recent years. Companies holding the largest market share in the Construction Equipment Rental & Leasing in the UK industry include Sunbelt Rentals Ltd and Speedy Hire plc.
- Earth moving equipment (such as excavators, dump trucks and loading shovels), represent the largest equipment sub sector, accounting for around 22% of all hire value; several leading hire operators also sell a range of plant and machinery.





Conclusion: There is limited movement in the market due to significant capital investment required and narrow margins available. Whilst there is scope for growth, this is reliant on the ability of the UK economy to recover post Covid-19. In the meantime there is a good degree of pricing competitiveness for customers, albeit with an average margin of 4.1 % (for top 5 suppliers by revenue).

PEC Community Workshop Representation					
Balfour Beatty	Bomag	Effiag	Flannery	M O'Brien Group	Skanska
C A Blackwells	Caulfield	GAP Group	JCB	SMT (Volvo)	Sunbelt Rentals
CAT	Collins	Leica-geosystems	Komatsu	SC Sustainability School	
Content with Media	Costain	Mick George	MJ Church	Topcon	
Walters	K Rouse	SITECH UK.	Trimble Civil	Wacker Neuson	

Торіс	Question	Key Feedback
A Safer Network	How can we influence safety including references to innovation, new products and the availability of new technology?	 Consistent approach across all he schemes and programs - reaction time to trials takes too long. Need an understanding of jobsite Wi-Fi/cellular coverage and if there is going to be a regulation per new project?
Improving Customer Satisfaction	How can we influence customer outcomes by improving time to deliver, reducing maintenance, improving efficiencies etc?	 Use the technology available to today (pay for it) and understand whole life cycle cost. Early understanding at design stage and DCO stage in approach. Public/Air quality
Delivering RIS	How can we improve delivery for he or provide faster or better outputs, whole life cost, value etc.?	Engagement of technology available now and tomorrow
he Engagement	Advise on areas where he should consider improving within the supply chain and advise possible solutions	• We should expect the client to scope the technology because this is understood to be "required". Outcome based specification over minimum standard. (unless a specific business case is provided)
Current and Future Business	What are the major risks and also opportunities that you see within your business sector?	 Huge lack of plant operators, digital plant people. remote operator adoption Scale of capex required to keep pace with rate of change in digital and renewable areas; client willingness to support investment decisions with longer term hire/lease commitments.
Innovation	What innovations can/should be implemented (short term) and if not already done so why?	Use the technology available - semi-auto excavators/ intelligent compaction etc
Carbon Net Zero	How are you engaging with manufactures/suppliers/each other to achieve zero carbon fleets?	 Early adoption of new technology in order to contribute feedback and help further the innovation and development of these technologies to make them better, more efficient and long term mass produced therefore more affordable. Short term pain, long term gain Low/zero carbon fleet; battery/solar/hydrogen alternatives available; on site manufacture of hydrogen;



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Supplier Engagement: Focus on 3 Key Imperatives: Safety Customer and Delivery.



Earthworks Community Workshop Feedback – December 2020 / June 2021	Short term	Medium term	Long term
Delivering RIS: How can we improve delivery for GE or provide faster or better outputs, whole life cost, value etc	Early engagement and scope expectations Long term partners Engagement of technology available now and tomorrow	Value not price Compliant bid process Low technology adoption rate	Environmental,, space constraints, trades, site traffic Split shift working Contra flows
Improving Customer Satisfaction: How can we influence customer outcomes by improving time to deliver, reducing maintenance	Use of technology and early engagement Cost implications Learn from other countries	Managed KPIs and productivity Connect site and client Improve productivity, plant uptime	New roles, digital managers Realistic project timeframes Technology adoption
A Safer Network: How can we influence safety including references to innovation, new products and the availability of new technology	Knowledge sharing. Showcase success Understand what industry is willing to try and test	Consistency and OEMs slow to change Understanding culture differences Understanding project plants for WIFI coverage	Manufactures need to drive change Safety starts with operators
Carbon: How are you engaging with manufacturers/ Suppliers/each other to achieve zero carbon fleets?	Training /education sustainability schools BIO fuels, investment in electric (battery /solar) Increase cost of purchase/investment Become less competitive	Adoption of technology Long term mass production more cost effective Investment required	Fuel targets and options Battery /solar /hydrogen alternatives available Onsite manufacture of hydrogen
Current and Future Business: What are the major risks and also opportunities that you see within your business sector	Lack of digital plant operators Significant capex investment requiring long term agreements Adoption rate of technology	Lack of digital plant operators Require skills and training	Lack of digital plant operators Tiers 2 as head contractor
NH Engagement: Advise on areas where he should consider improving within the supply chain and advise possible solutions	Client scoping technology requirements Outcome based specifications Consistent approach across schemes and programmes	Changes in tender process (technology outcome based) Realistic timeframes Longer lead times	Community representation to he Early engagement Realistic timeframes of projects Provide R&D technology funding
Innovations: What innovations can/should be implemented (short term) and if not already done so why?	Machine data Client dashboards Use of available technology	5G networks autonomous plant Remote control Investment required	CAP 2035

• The workshop was attended by representatives from tier 1, tier 2 and OEMs. Breakout sessions to discuss and obtain feedback on 7 key areas with a focus on the short, medium and long term objectives.



Category Analysis

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PESTLE	Developments	Significanc e H/M/L
Political	Government policy and future project(s) approval	М
Economic	Industry cost factors (Oil, materials, equipment)	М
Social	 Ageing workforce and retention Lack of new sector skills and apprentices for new technology. Re-training of employees with regards to new skill sets requirements New technologies demand for new skill sets will increase and will compensate job losses 	Η
Technological	 Uptake in new technologies and innovative plant equipment Cost of investment: CAPEX 	М
Legal/ Regulatory	 Health and Safety requirements NH project sites will be off road and will not be subjected to Road and Traffic laws. Insurance laws may also require revision 	Μ
Environmental	 Zero carbon targets Autonomous and Hybrid plant will produce less emissions, which is inline with he policy for Environment 	Н

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Importance to Delivery

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Supplier Perspective



Conclusion:

NH is still an attractive proposition for the supply chain market however increased demand will put a strain on availability.

The supply chain already faces challenges in terms of workforce capacity and capability. Long term investment required in innovation and new technology could be prohibitive





Key Supplier Risks



Risk type	Risk Description	Impact	Priority	Mitigation/Action
Supply	 Plant Hire sector has historically focused on p with a lower capital solution to sourcing equi brings with it a dilution of ownership & reduced of 	providing clients Inefficient deployment of plant asset.	High	 Develop high-level joined-up Plant co-ordination plan across scheme(s) to maximise integrated application.
Chain	 The Plant market is highly competitive & busine focused with suppliers operating at tight n susceptible to changes in the economy / market 	 ess is very cost- nargins so are place Key Plant suppliers becoming unstable & going out of business. 	Medium	 Monitor the whole supply chain in terms of financial capability to anticipate potential supply chain threats.
lanovstion	 Clients are unaware of technological advances Plant asset that would be better suited to delive a scheme due to not being part of the Machine 	 Incorrect Plant selected for job leading to either poor service inefficiency. 	High	 Encourage Plant suppliers to embed themselves in the project & be involved in early design considerations to enable tailored solutions which deliver genuine benefits.
innovation	 Brand loyalty can potentially suppress advance persist with traditional Plant solutions. The flui market should be harnessed to avoid missed e 	 Time & cost savings, with opportunities for quality improvements in projects 	Medium	 Examine range of Plant options at an early design stage to assess most suitable (whole-scheme) machinery asset that will deliver broadest benefit & efficiency.
Capacity	 Significant investment in large infrastructure protects of the public and private projects is creating an demand on Plant asset potentially generating protection. 	 Unavailability of specialist Plant asset when required. 	High	 Share demand profiles across government stakeholders to smooth potential peaks/troughs & avoid capacity issues
	 Plant Hire is capital intensive, which discourag to the market as they would be required to gen initial financing with uncertain long-term returns 	 Static market which may be unable to meet the increased infrastructure demand 	Medium	 Broaden supply base across multiple Plant sources to build resilience into forward plan & ensure capacity challenges can be spread across market.

Conclusion: There is a wide range of options across the competitive Plant Hire marketplace from which opportunities can be gained & risks can be mitigated through increased resilience. While stagnancy of development or innovation can be generated through the market being led by price, this will be overcome by early consideration of Plant needs across the whole scheme & selecting for efficiency.



Risk Map



	5				• Integrated supply chain	
	4				 Supply capacity Respond for demand for new technology Risk uptake 	
	3			 Ability to influence planning OEM Direct 	 Innovation investment Operators capacity Operators technology skills 	
	2					
Likelihood →	1					
		1	2	3	4	5
		Impact \rightarrow				

Title	Risk Description	RAG
Innovation investment	Cost of investment in new technology	А
Operators capacity	Aging workforce, skills development and retention	А
Operators technology skills	Lack of plant and digital operators	А
Supply capacity	Increase in UK construction projects	R
Ability to influence planning	Ability of the market to respond for demand for new technology	А
Respond for demand for new technology	Unrealised opportunities through lack of consolidated program and community collaboration and market influence	R
Risk uptake	Uptake of risk against benefits of owned equipment within the organisation	R
OEM Direct	OEMs reluctant to supply direct	А
Integrated supply chain	Unrealised opportunities through lack of consolidated program and community collaboration and market influence	R



Strategy - Short to Medium Term



Procurement Strategy	Description	Benefit	Action
Carbon Net Zero	 Specific plant carbon targets or alternative fuel targets part of operational measurement 	 Define NH requirements and expectations Establish alternate sources of supply Incentivise the supply chain to be proactive (TCO) Clear guidance and expectations of delivery Supply chain time to plan and invest. 	 Establish supply chain options and plans for environmental sustainable solutions Define baseline, incremental target and timeline
Commitment	 Identification of scheme delivery opportunities (live implementation) Utilisation of existing technology 	 Proof of concept Benchmark productivity gains. Maximise the planning, productivity and efficiency gains and support operations Operator behaviour Monitor and drive efficiencies in fuel usage and idle time plant operation. Bringing-in telematics, so these can better inform production decisions 	 Plant innovation day 12/10/21 HVO deployment with Belfour Beatty (area tbc) Implement alternate solutions and utilisation of available technology
Project Alignment	 Standardise integrated plant supply chain process Enterprise alignment agreement 	 Maximise productivity and efficiency (supply chain) Allows for long term investment Reducing HAVs. Reducing lifting/loading accidents. Reducing accidents with operator's access/egress. Reducing loss and damages. 	 Benchmark alternate agreement solutions A1 Morpeth to Ellingham (B10)
Training and Development	 Support the development of training facilities Encourage social value 	 Support technology developments and implementation Mitigate future skills and capability requirements Deliver on social value 	 PEC and Supply Chain School Alignment with labour strategy and on / off site training opportunities



Strategy – Long Term



Procurement Strategy	Description	Benefit	Action
Influence	 Alternate fuel / Electric/ Hybrid / Hydrogen and semi and autonomous plant Engage original equipment manufactures 	 Accelerate original equipment manufacture Reducing the reliance on intermediary plant and equipment hire companies 	 Plant Innovation Day 12/10/21 CAT Command Demo: November 21 Volvo Technical Day: October 21 Komatsu Demo October 21 JCB Hydrogen December 21
Innovation	 Decarbonisation of construction plant project (innovation) Alignment on CAP (connected and autonomous plant), PEC (plant and earthworks community) and SCS (supply chain school) innovation and technology developments 	 Remove man/machine interfaces and improve safety Optimise plant movements and improve cycle times Contribute towards our carbon net zero target. Reduced environmental impact Reduce waste (time, money and effort) Increase speed of implementation 3DMachine control productivity gains (Alignment with general plant and equipment strategic procurement strategy for environmental sustainable equipment solutions). 	 Innovation SES Decarbonisation Plant Project Plant innovation day 12/10/21



Recommendations



Benefits Strategy	Description	Recommendation
See Recommendation Summery slide	See Executive Summery –slide	Approval of strategic procurement strategy

