

Challenges:

Erith Group has established a Carbon Reduction Plan with the goal of achieving 'Net Zero Carbon' by 2050. The primary challenges in reaching this target include:

- Reducing Scope 1 and 2 emissions
- Accurately measuring and reporting Scope 3 emissions

Erith Group aims to incorporate electric vehicles into all projects. They have been using electric skid-steers on several sites around London and have a number of EVs within their fleet.

Reduction Strategy 1: Solar Pods

Erith Group seeks to incorporate green energy into its projects and is increasingly installing solar (and hybrid) powered cabins (offices & welfare) wherever feasible. Projects at former gasholder sites, such as those in Dartford, Dover, Stanmore, and Stratford, exemplify the successful implementation of solar pods.

Reduction Strategy 2: HVO

Erith Group extensively utilises HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) across its projects and intends to increase its usage to 100% in the future.

Reduction Strategy 3: NRMM

Erith Group operates in various regions throughout the UK, including London. Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM), particularly from the construction sector, is a significant contributor to air pollution in London and is an area where Erith seeks to go over and above by ensuring that all our site plant is at least Tier 4 (ideally Tier 5) even when outside CAZ or OP zones.

Impact:

E-learning modules provided by the Supply Chain Sustainability School have served as a valuable resource for all members of Erith Group, offering access to relevant information regarding the sustainability challenges they face. The company has found the following resources particularly useful:

- Carbon reduction, offsetting, and Net Zero
- Carbon reporting, foot printing, and measurement
- Introduction to climate change, carbon, waste, environmental management
- Solar Sustainability - Best Practices Benchmark
- BES6001 for Responsible Sourcing
- Embedding Sustainable Procurement
- The Circular Economy
- Getting Value out of Your EMS

Fact box



Company

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Services

Asbestos removal, construction solutions, demolition & more

About

Erith Group is a family-run, employee-owned trust specialising in asbestos removal, construction solutions, demolition, earthworks & infrastructure, engineering & geotechnical, haulage & logistics, and remediation & gasholder projects. Supported by their extensive experience and network of expert consulting engineers & environmentalists, they aim to deliver high-quality, cost-effective & economical services.

The School has been an excellent resource for Erith Group's graduates, who have been engaging with it since their first weeks with the company. This approach has provided an ideal way for them to learn through internal training opportunities. Erith Group consistently encourages staff to utilise the School as a valuable tool for gaining knowledge about the industry and other relevant topics.

Another significant advantage of the Supply Chain Sustainability School platform is that it enables networking and the exchange of thoughts and opinions with other sustainability professionals from the convenience of one's workplace. By eliminating travel time, the School allows for a more concise and concentrated method of sharing and acquiring information and skills. Erith Group has found the School to be an excellent way to learn new topics, refresh their knowledge or deep dive into areas where they previously had limited knowledge.

The virtual forum has also facilitated the development of discussions beyond meetings with new networkers in a way that would be challenging in a physical setting. Additionally, it has allowed Erith Group to broaden its circle of colleagues from peer and competitor companies without the need to travel to and from events. The value to the company has become evident in the reduced time and carbon emissions spent on travelling and attending physical events while enabling employees to interact with other professionals from the convenience of their workstations, with all their data and information readily available.

Value gained:

A better understanding of sustainability: Erith Group has always endeavoured to lead in sustainability, having a strong track record of delivering sustainable solutions and innovations for clients through circular economy schemes; BREEAM standards; maximising the reuse of materials; employing Quality Protocols and CL:AIRE DoW CoP; operating their own recycling centre; and offering low carbon alternatives.

Engaging with the School has enabled Erith Group to delve deeper into the topic of sustainability through resources like Sustainable Procurement and Carbon Reporting. The company's sustainability policy encompasses their vision to protect the environment, support responsible economic growth, and improve the quality of the communities in which they work. Erith Group's commitment to sustainability is further reinforced by their recognition as the only SME featured in the Carbon Disclosure Project's Supplier-Climate Performance Leadership Index at a recent supply chain meeting.

Future proofing:

At present, Erith Group holds Silver membership, but their goal is to attain Gold membership with the School in the near future. Currently, 20 employees are registered with the Supply Chain Sustainability School and utilise its tools and training sessions during their day-to-day activities. Erith Group aims to expand this engagement beyond their office-based teams to also include project-based teams at various sites. They plan to achieve this goal by promoting the use of the School's tools from higher levels of management within the company.