

## Homes Leadership Group Meeting

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**Attendees:** Rob Worboys (Lovell), John Bowden (Keepmoat), Mandy Messenger (Advante), Lucy Hawkins (London Square), Andrew Boileau (SGBD), Richard Lankshear (Future Homes Hub), Stephen Horridge (Redrow), Mark Kershaw (Crest Nicholson), Jon Tucker (Telford Homes), Emily Landsborough (Ibstock), Anthony Lavers (Taylor Wimpey), Lizzie Eyre (Taylor Wimpey), Adrian Hill (Bellway), Paul Allman (MJ Evans), Matt Gibb (Gleeson), Lara DaRocha-Faria (Redrow), Emily Landsborough (Ibstock), Scott Ditchfield (Mitsubishi Electric), Connie Davis (Homes England), Anna Norbury (GMHP).

Please note these meeting notes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda and final slide deck as circulated to all.

### Meeting notes

#### **1. Welcome and introductions**

Sophie welcomed Connie Davis, Head of Sustainability and Design Implementation from Homes England, who are in the process of joining the School as a Partner.

#### **2. Waste & Resource Efficiency – Group updates and developing and driving learning**

Mark Turner, the Waste & FM Group Lead at the Supply Chain Sustainability School gave an update on the Waste Group and best practice on delivering and driving learning across these topics.

- Partners interest in waste monitoring and reporting is increasing. Focus is on the following:
  - o A common waste reporting framework/ more consistent KPIs
  - o Commitment or charter on waste reduction across the School partnership and membership
  - o A tool to enable improved reporting
- Partners expressed interest in a common framework and stronger definitions of waste streams to support reporting. Taylor Wimpey looking at doing a waste audit and assurance which will require robust and accurate data.
- Partners pointed out that targets for waste have already been set for each organisation so standardisation will take time to put in place.

Mark then went on to discuss the School's recent work on packaging and plastics, funded by a group of Homes Partners.

- The School recently undertook a detailed survey on packaging types, volumes and weights.
  - o This trial showed the lack of knowledge around plastics and the scale of this problem
  - o Partners involved in the project discussed the progress they have made as well as the challenges to measurement and data collection
  - o Please see slides for more information regarding the study and its' main outputs
  - o Find the packaging optimisation report here:  
[https://learn.supplychainschool.co.uk/local/tlactionplans/resource\\_intro.php?id=10642&modtype=resource](https://learn.supplychainschool.co.uk/local/tlactionplans/resource_intro.php?id=10642&modtype=resource)

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**ACTIONS:**

**Partners to:**

- Get in touch with Mark ([mark@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:mark@supplychainschool.co.uk)) if you have any questions or are interested in joining the Waste & Resource Efficiency group or getting involved in the current projects (*Ongoing*).
- Register for upcoming webinar on [EPR with Biffa](#) which is taking place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 1 -2pm.
- Future Homes Hub to contact Mark about shared findings on waste metrics and engaging in the project (*Ongoing*).

Sophie outlined that developing content on waste reduction and resource efficiency was one of the group's key priorities this year. The group split out into breakout groups to discuss what content is missing on the School, what do we need to deliver, who are the target audience and how do we engage that audience.

**Key outputs below:**

**Group 1**

- Discussion around needing to reach the people who are dealing with waste onsite and explaining why they need to separate waste.
- Need to engage with these individuals, allocating learning pathways and e-learning so they understand the importance and reasoning behind.

**Group 2**

- Toolbox talk format works well as it means that learning can be delivered to subcontractors directly.
- Point was raised on how to store materials on site. Point raised on collating guidance from manufacturers on how to store materials into one document.

**Group 3**

- Discussion around the problem of over-production.
- Idea of reporting data back to the site so they can see where money is being wasted therefore creating a feedback loop. Taylor Wimpey are grading sites with regards to their waste practices.
- Reconomy report evidences the materials that are going into the skip to examine how much money is being wasted.

**ACTIONS:**

**School to:**

- Look at creating learning pathway using existing School content (*Before next meeting*) and then develop more "Toolbox" talk format content that Partners can deliver on site (*Ongoing*). Content will need to align with each of the Partner's strategies. Explore for next year's business plan.
- Develop content around product design – building and buying (manufacturers and distributors) (*Ongoing*).
- Add Reconomy report to resource library (*Before next meeting*).

- Contact Redrow and Taylor Wimpey to provide a case study on the work they have done with regards to reporting data back to site (*Before next meeting*).

### 3. EPDs

Sophie introduced the topic of EPDs to the group. The group then responded on menti regarding the common challenges relating to EPDs, faced by suppliers and clients, and what content needs to be delivered by the School.

Please see below for full menti poll results:

#### EPD's: What are your common challenges?

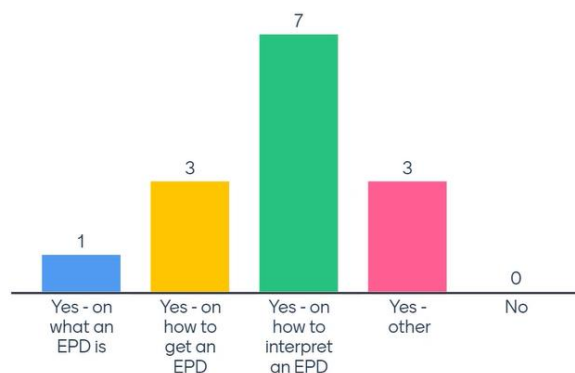
5 responses



- Discussion of the importance of benchmarking and collecting as many EPDs as possible from manufacturers to see the main points for improvement and carbon reduction.

Join at [menti.com](https://www.menti.com) use code 6899 9579

## Do we need to develop more resources on EPD's on the School?



- Carbon Trust is working with the construction industry to collate an EPD catalogue.
- The Future Homes Hub is working on developing a tool to report on embodied carbon. Hub is looking at conventions used across the sector to drive the use of EPDs. This will hopefully be ready by Christmas, with further updates in March.
- Other suggestions include what homebuilders want from an EPD and the importance of getting an EPD and why its' useful.

Please refer to slides for information on existing content regarding EPDs.

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**ACTIONS:**

**Partners to:**

- Get in touch with the School if you have any ideas regarding developing EPD content (*Ongoing*).

**School to:**

- Look at developing content on how to obtain and interpret an EPD. Other idea is to outline “this is what housebuilders want from an EPD”. Content needed on WHY EPDs – why we are asking, why is it important? Contact CAG for their input on this (*Ongoing*).
- Liaise with the Future Homes Hub to host a webinar on its’ EPD reporting tool (*January 2024*).

**4. AOB**

- Sophie outlined the updated process for business planning this year. Please refer to slides for further information.
- Solar PV report can be found [here](#).
- Homes [market](#) and [group](#) webpages have now been updated.
- The date of the next meeting is **6<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 12pm**.

**ACTIONS:**

**Partners to:**

- Respond to [Impact Survey](#) to have thoughts on business planning considered. It is vital you to contribute to this to have your organisations own objectives included (*ASAP*).
- Send email to Sophie ([sophie@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:sophie@supplychainschool.co.uk)) to give feedback on the format of the Homes group meetings (*Ongoing*).
- Get in touch with Lizzie ([lizzie.eyre@taylorwimpey.com](mailto:lizzie.eyre@taylorwimpey.com)) if you have any work on reducing natural gas use on sites and low energy “plot drying out technologies” (*Ongoing*).

**School to:**

- Add discussion of REGO and reducing natural gas use onsite to the agenda for the next meeting. We will also run a feedback session on Homes group meetings.