

Challenges:

Working within the built environment presents significant sustainability challenges for WM Building Services. Many decarbonisation strategies are difficult to apply in practice, as residual carbon emissions are inherent to construction and most projects are tightly defined by technical specifications. The mechanical and electrical sector faces additional barriers, particularly the limited availability of Environmental Product Declarations and TM65 assessments, which restrict the ability to accurately measure embodied carbon. Small and medium sized enterprises are also often constrained in their ability to generate or commission new data, making it difficult to lead the expansion of reliable environmental performance databases across the industry.

Impact:

Engagement with the Supply Chain Sustainability School has provided WM Building Services with clarity and confidence on where to start and how to build a practical and effective approach to sustainability. The School's resources have supported a move away from attempting to reinvent existing processes, instead encouraging a focus on realistic and achievable actions that align with existing business operations and ways of working. The School has also reinforced the importance of adapting to continually evolving sustainability requirements, demonstrating that with the right guidance this can be mutually beneficial.

As a result, WM Building Services is auditing Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions in line with ISO 14064, strengthening its ESG strategy and trialling improved on site data collection systems, with the intention of rolling these out company wide in 2026. Overall, the School has supported an understanding of sustainability as a driver of long term resilience and future security.

Value gained:

Silver accreditation through the Supply Chain Sustainability School has helped WM Building Services clearly demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and integrity across the supply chain. This accreditation provides a strong and credible benchmark, and not making full use of it is increasingly seen as a competitive disadvantage. As Sustainability Officer at WM Building Services, access to the School's wide range of webinars and resources has supported effective communication of the purpose and importance of new and sometimes unfamiliar sustainability initiatives to colleagues and supply chain partners.

Fact box



Company

WM Building Services

No of employees

33

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Services

Mechanical and electrical design and build services

About

WM Building Services, established in 2002, delivers integrated mechanical and electrical contracting solutions for the design and build market. The founding vision of WM Building Services is to provide service and quality that is remembered and recognised. By continually evolving with industry change, WM Building Services has built the skills, infrastructure and technology to support a diverse national client base and become a market leader in the industrial construction sector, and is now focused on strengthening sustainability performance.

Membership has therefore supported both internal engagement and external credibility, strengthening the organisation's position within the market.

Future proofing:

WM Building Services plans to continue using the Supply Chain Sustainability School's resources to build internal sustainability knowledge. SME focused webinars and practical tools such as Mentimeter are particularly valued, as they ensure content remains relevant and accessible. Continued expansion of this approach, with ongoing practical guidance for organisations at different stages of their sustainability journey, would be welcomed.