

Waste and Resource Use Category Group Meeting

Tuesday 17th February online

Date: Tuesday 17th February 2026

Attendees: Mark Turner (Supply Chain Sustainability School), Lucy Picken (School), Matt Nichols (Reconomy), Patrick Davison (EMR), Neil McLeod (Michelmersh Brick Holdings), Zach Pears (Octavius), Monika Wojda (McLaughlin & Harvey), Diana Dzhambazova (Knauf Insulation), Eoin Bailey (7 Steel), William Rundle (Nexus ReGen), Emma Dickinson (Bellway), Ian Llewellyn (Vistry), Julie Brooks (Higgins Partnerships), Tom O'Reilly (Wates), Scott Porter (Savills), Jonathan Ayton (Willmott Dixon), Hannah Rich (Bovis), Piers Moore (Emcor), Abbie McKinnon (Robertson), Ben Taylor (EMR), Olivia Parry (Barratt Redrow), Emma-Jane Clarke (Cadent Gas), Nick Ribbons (Zero Waste Scotland), Kate Lloyd (CECA), Olivia Hack (SRM), Fiona Li (Bovis), Sarah Partridge (NG Bailey), Jonathon Hook (Murphy Group), Jamie Ledgard (United Utilities), Julie Swanepoel (Suez), Emma Murray (Colas)

Apologies: Bernadette Anderson (Volkerlaser), Damian Keaveny (SSE),

Summary of Actions and Notes from the Waste and Resource Use Category Group Meeting

No	Notes	Actions	Owners
1	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies noted and new group attendees welcomed from Michelmersh Brick Holdings, Bellway, 7 Steel, Bovis Construction, EMR, Nexus ReGen, Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA), United Utilities.		
2	Details of the work of our group <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work of our group and intervention points was outlined. Outline of intervention points and how everyone can be involved in achieving the circular economy. Continued development by the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of the work programme and priorities discussed. Work programme and resource updates <p>Waste and Resource group page can be viewed here Subtopic webpage can be viewed here. New resources on the school website – these can all be viewed here – filtering by Waste and resource efficiency in subtopic.</p> <p>Two new resources have been added to the School recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managing Soils Sustainably: Webinar RecordingScotland's Draft Climate Change Plan 2026 - 2040 <p>We have edited the resource library to remove a number of older resources and add some new ones.</p> MEP map <ul style="list-style-type: none">A means for identifying organisations that will accept items and resources fit for waste that can be reused – reused for intended purpose	<p>Please think about new relevant resources and case studies to submit, send to LP and MT.</p> <p>Please submit new MEPs you encounter</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>

- Directory of organisations we are aware of where materials can be donated rather than them going to waste or being disposed of
- Currently seeing a modest upsurge in use but we would like to see it used more and to receive more examples of reuse via MEPs.

Question: how are we engaging with other material exchange platforms e.g. material index?

In terms of the map, we are not engaging with them to date, but they are working with us in terms of webinars. Potential opportunity for improved collaboration such as forming a working group.

ZWS are undertaking Circofin project – investable model for a hybrid material exchange platform. Looking to create a group to overcome issues – looking for thoughts on whether this is in existence or if it is welcomed.

Learning Pathways

We have two waste Learning Pathways. Members and partners of the school can create bespoke learning pathways using these as base content and, if they wish, add content of their own to complement that provided via the School. There is a gap between assignments and completions – can we PLEASE improve uptake and completion?

We believe lack of uptake is due to the resources being assigned and considered completed, but they aren't actually being completed.

OR - If these LPs do not work for you, please do let us know so we can improve them. Do they include the right content? Could they be shorter or longer? The e-learnings and shorts have good uptake, but what can we do for the LP uptake to be improved?

We are developing two new circular economy learning pathways; due to launch in March, please watch out for updates and help us promote these when they launch!

E-learnings and shorts

E-learnings and shorts seeing a lot more uptake – both the introduction to waste and circular modules have recently been upgraded so that they have been refreshed and include more interactivity.

We have the following e-learnings and shorts:

- Introduction to waste (e-learning)
- Responsible waste management in FM (e-learning)
- The circular economy (e-learning)
- Circular economy indicators (e-learning)
- Waste management (short)
- Waste in FM (short).

through [this form](#) or contact Lucy directly.

Please contact Mark and Lucy if you can provide a case study on successful use of the MEP map

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Please let us know if you have any recommendations on how learning pathways can be improved to increase uptake.

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Consider the list of e-learnings and shorts we have and get in touch if you have any new ideas.

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	<p>If there are any e learnings that you would like to see – for instance a more advance circular economy e learning? Please do let us know and we can look into this.</p> <p>Project lifecycle waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The web feature can be found here - please use and suggest additional resources for consideration. <p>Thought: if we want to be effective, we need to think about the circular economy before the design stage. For example, bringing the end of life ahead of the design phase. How do we capture the value of resources that already exist.</p> <p>Webinar sessions</p> <p>Outline of sessions. Upcoming sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circular economy – webinar: Tuesday 19th February Sustainable site set ups – VC: Wednesday 4th March Designing out waste – webinar: Tuesday 31st March The business case for solar – webinar: Wednesday 15th April <p>SAVE THE DATE: Our VC “Circularity: Building the business case” will take place on Thursday 23rd July 2026, 10am-12pm.</p> <p>Partners can host events and bring suppliers if you like. If you have a topic you would like to discuss, please get in touch, and we can organise.</p>	<p>If you have a topic you would like to talk about on behalf of the School, that you think would add good value, please get in touch.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>2025/26 progress update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on School progress made in FY2025/26. Reflection on growth of the School over the years as well as the improvement in quality of resources and training etc. Call to action: make your own organisations aware of the training and to get as involved as possible in the resources made available on the School. Recap on our focus for FY2025/26. 		
<p>4</p>	<p>Setting our priorities for 2026/27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact survey ranked sustainability priorities for partners and members – waste and circular economy scored high, particularly for partners. This included the likes of: LCAs, EPDs, integrating circular economy, being more resource efficient effective recycling and zero waste landfill goals etc. Showcased our focus areas for FY2026/27 – waste basics (improving results and behavioural change), circularity (building the business case) and metrics and reporting. Emphasis on bringing quality speakers together to speak at the VC in July. We are also looking to deliver a session on digital waste tracking as well as getting back to the basics. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in supporting sessions noted from: Eoin Bailey (also has a contact at the Federation of Demolition Contractors), Jonathan Ayton (Circular economy is a big focus for us this year - we are developing our approach to zero avoidable waste which touches on all your points), Emma Murray (waste basics) and Patrick Davison. • Emma has approached the School regarding SWUK for Highways. • Jonathon Hook – been working with Network Rail who have metrics – could look at getting us a contact. Also have a contact at the EA, via CECA, who we can hopefully involve in our sessions, linking up thematically with previous discussions with CECA. • Tom O’Reilly Building the business case – is this missing a trick on also looking at suppliers and delivery partners. Clients tend to be more on the ball but getting engagement and buy-in from the trades and partners who have to do it, is where the blockers can be. How to make circularity appealing to delivery partners? • Eoin Bailey – only when we bridge the gap between the top and the bottom is where we start to see things happening. Need to also engage with the manufacturers – not done enough. Clients make assumptions with demolition contractors. Opportunity at project assessment point to make a decision on where a material goes and enhance the circular economy. • We want to also look at key materials in the built environment and map their sustainability impacts – we are looking to find budget for this if it were to be of interest. • Question: on workshop allocation – how much of this is utilised? On the topic of resource efficiency – if an organisation hasn’t used it, can it be ‘gifted’ or used elsewhere? <u>Short answer: yes, get in touch if you have a project / idea you would like support with!</u> 	<p>If you would like to be involved in any of the proposed webinar sessions, please get in touch.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Will Rundle, Nexus Regen – materials management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will presented to the group on material intelligence for sustainable procurement. • The purpose is to connect surplus with demand, to create visibility of materials at scale, better reuse decisions and ultimately less waste, lower cost and reduced risk. • It looks at breaking down industry silos, particularly around soils use. Organisations are looking internally but not looking externally for placement for excess material. • Knowledge gaps are a big influence on why materials are under optimised as it is complicated to navigate and material decisions are highly technical and nuanced. Often quickfire decisions need to be made, when greater insight and more available time might bring a better result. • It looks to standardise capabilities through tooling. Creating a tool that helps influence decisions. At the moment, deals with heavy materials such as soils. • Uses AI system to extract information and this influences decisions for fate of materials. The approach automates document ingestion, 	<p>Get in touch with Will (william@nexusregen.com) if you have any further questions.</p>	<p>All</p>

speakers and strategic contributors, with this being an opportunity to speak about local projects and how you are tackling net zero in your work. Please see the supporting document for more information.

Supporting documents:

- Presentation from Will Rundle, Nexus ReGen – material intelligence for sustainable procurement
- CITB roadshow – industry speaker invitation 2026