



## SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

This statement sets out the basis on the missions and values that VIC Construction will uphold with regards to environmental sustainability.

At VIC Construction, we are committed to leading the construction industry towards a sustainable future by aligning our practices with the UK's environmental strategy goals and standards set forth in the *Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015*, as well as adhering to the principles of the UK Green Building Council. Our sustainability statement articulates our dedication to minimising the ecological footprint of our projects by incorporating sustainable materials, implementing energy-efficient building techniques, and promoting circular economy practices through waste reduction and recycling initiatives.

We strive to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, investing in low-carbon technologies and on-site renewable energy generation while ensuring biodiversity is protected and enhanced in all our developments. Moreover, we prioritise sustainable sourcing through responsible procurement policies, favouring local suppliers to reduce transportation emissions and stimulate regional economies. Our commitment extends to engaging with stakeholders, including clients, subcontractors, and the community, through transparent communication and education on sustainability practices. To measure our impact, we employ rigorous environmental performance indicators and regularly review our strategies to ensure continuous improvement and alignment with governmental and global sustainability frameworks.

Through these comprehensive efforts, VIC Construction aims to set a benchmark in sustainable construction, fostering resilience against climate change and enhancing the quality of life for future generations.

This statement is to be revised annually to ensure all points listed are acknowledged and adhered to.

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### **Commitment to Sustainability**

- Leadership in the Industry:
  - Strive to be an influencing figure of sustainable construction practices.
  - Actively engage in industry forums and initiatives that promote sustainability.

### **Compliance with Regulations and Standards**

- Legal Adherence:
  - Ensure all practices comply with the *Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015*.
- Green Building Standards:
  - Align with the UK Green Building Council's guidelines and best practices.

### **Reducing Ecological Footprint**

- Sustainable Materials:
  - Utilise locally sourced, sustainable materials to reduce transportation emissions.
  - Prioritise recycled and upcycled materials in construction processes.
- Energy Efficiency:
  - Implement energy-efficient design practices that reduce energy consumption.
  - Incorporate advanced insulation, windows, and energy-efficient systems (heating, cooling, lighting) into our projects.
- Circular Economy Practices:
  - Establish stringent waste management protocols to minimise site waste.
  - Focus on recycling and reusing materials both on-site and off-site.

### **Achieving Net-Zero Carbon Emissions**

- Carbon Neutrality Goals:
  - Commit to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.
  - Invest in low-carbon technologies, such as energy-efficient machinery and electric vehicles.
- On-site Renewable Energy Generation:
  - Integrate solar panels and other renewable energy sources into construction sites and buildings when possible.

### **Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement**

- Ecological Considerations:
  - Implement designs that foster biodiversity in urban environments (e.g., green roofs, living walls).
  - Conduct environmental impact assessments to ensure minimal disruption to local ecosystems.

### **Responsible Procurement**

- Sustainable Sourcing:
  - Develop procurement policies that favour ethical and sustainable suppliers.
  - Encourage partnerships with local businesses to bolster community economies and reduce carbon footprints.

### **Stakeholder Engagement and Community Involvement**

- Transparent Communication:
  - Regularly share sustainability goals and progress with clients and stakeholders.
- Education Initiatives:
  - Provide training for employees and subcontractors on sustainable practices and materials.

### **Monitoring and Continuous Improvement**

- Environmental Performance Indicators:
  - Establish key performance indicators to monitor sustainability efforts and impact.
- Regular Review and Adaptation:
  - Conduct regular assessments of sustainability strategies and make necessary adjustments to align with evolving standards and technologies.