

Sustainable procurement policy

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As a global leader in steel fabrication and construction, we recognise that operating in a sustainable manner is crucial to the current and future success of the Group, the whole of the structural steelwork sector, and our working and living environment.

Our sustainable procurement policy underpins our commitment to our wider sustainability framework, sustainability policy and good procurement practices. This includes working with our supply chain and addressing aspects of procurement processes over the entire life cycle, such as the impact of our activities through design, material selection, manufacture, transportation, construction, usage, and disposal.

Throughout this document, we set out the principles behind our approach, in line with our sustainability framework (3Ps). This policy is driven by our values and strategic objectives to ensure that we operate responsibly and ethically in collaboration with our supply chain to achieve the ambition of offering long-term benefits to the economy, communities, and the environment.

This policy covers Severfield plc and its respective business divisions – all colleagues are required to adhere to it.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that we:

- Promote awareness about sustainability in procurement amongst, colleagues, suppliers, and subcontractors.
- Procure products and services based on sustainable performance and functional requirements.
- Develop measures of sustainable procurement practice and include further sustainability criteria when evaluating potential suppliers.
- Analyse the performance of suppliers to identify areas for improvement against those measures and criteria.
- Use the results of our monitoring to benchmark our performance against similar organisations.
- Continuously comply with all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements.
- Ensure we work collaboratively with our suppliers, so they understand our sustainability targets and our expectations from them when it comes to sustainability.

As part of our policy and in line with our BES 6001 certification – we expect that suppliers and subcontractors to fulfil our expectations as stated below.

Our expectations

- have an appropriate sustainable procurement practices in place;
- provide us with the necessary data to help us monitor and measure the wider sustainability impact of our supply chain;
- to look for ways to continuously improve their performance in line with our sustainability objectives such as our Net Zero goals for 2030 and 2050;
- share innovative ideas and learning with us to improve efficiency and sustainability in procurement of products and services;
- to show a willingness to become active members of the Supply Chain Sustainability School, a free resource to improve their knowledge on sustainability.

This policy is fully integrated into our Group systems and processes, supporting the alignment of our behaviours to our purpose, with an emphasis on improving business climate resilience.

We aim to review this policy annually to maintain its effectiveness, and provide adequate resources for its implementation, as well as monitoring and measuring our performance against it, in line with continual improvements.



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