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Site Sustainability Simplified

ConstructionSkills working with the Construction Confederation has launched Site Sustainability Simplified. This book aims to help contractors and housebuilders understand the legal duties and contractual obligations – relating to both environmental protection and sustainability – that will have a direct impact on their daily work on site.

Site Sustainability Simplified has been produced as a sister publication to the Construction Confederation's Environmental Manual. The Environmental Manual, launched in 2008, was written for construction site staff by the Environmental Advisors of many of the UK's leading construction companies.

Site Sustainability Simplified describes the steps that must be taken both to ensure compliance with legal duty and, through the use of good practice, to ensure that the environment is adequately protected. The guide is not meant as an alternative to the Environmental Manual but rather a shorter publication which can sit alongside the more detailed Manual and will specifically be used to accompany a number of ConstructionSkills training courses.

The Construction Environmental Manual has been written and is up-dated twice yearly by Environmental Managers and Advisors who are members of the Construction Confederation Environmental Forum. Members represent a wide cross section of the UK's leading construction companies. Its main advantage over other guidance documents is that it is written by environmental professionals who actually work full-time within construction and, as such, are aware of the challenges faced by the industry. The Environmental Manual is available both in hard copy and on-line.

For each relevant topic the Manual outlines applicable legislation and codes of practice and give simple pragmatic advice on the types of controls and measures that will maintain legal compliance and minimise impacts on the environment.

John Peters, Director of Environment and Sustainability at the Construction Confederation said: "The undoubted moral duty of individuals and businesses to protect the environment continues to be backed up by a substantially increasing quantity and complexity of legislation originating both in Europe, in the UK Parliament and in the devolved administrations.

He added: “Failure to comply with this legislation can result not only in environmental harm but also in prosecution and the consequent damage to corporate reputation.

“Site Sustainability Simplified and the more detailed Environmental Manual are particularly aimed at the site management and supervisory staff of main contractors and sub contractors. We hope it will help Project Managers, Site Agents, Site Foremen and Engineers address environmental issues in a practical way.”

Site Sustainability Simplified is available to order at CIP sales@cip-books.com or via www.cip-books.com and costs £30

The *Construction Environmental Manual* is available to order from CIP www.cip-books.com. The hard copy cost £125 each and the six-monthly updates, £25 each. The on-line version varies in price depending on number of users, full details are available at www.cip-books.com, Tel: 0870 078 4400 Email: sales@cip-books.com

Notes to editors:

1. The Construction Confederation is the main representative organisation for building and civil engineering contractors within the UK construction industry, one of the largest and most diverse sectors within the British economy.
2. Construction Industry Publications (CIP) can be contacted:
 - Tel: 0870 078 4400
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3. The Construction Environmental Manual has been divided into chapters addressing different environmental topics. In summary the contents cover the following issues:

Ch	Title	Description
1	Environmental Management Systems	Describes the elements of systems and how they enable companies to fulfill their environmental obligations
2	The Legislative Process	Provides guidance on how UK legislation is drafted and enacted.
3	Register of Legislation	Provides reference to a generic register of legislation.
4	Waste	Each chapter outlines the principal applicable legislation and what must be done by a construction operation to comply with it. Good practice is described both in the planning and construction stages and the records that should be retained are itemized.
5	Water	
6	Nuisance	
7	Ecology and Wildlife	
8	Built heritage and archaeology	
9	Brownfield Land	
10	Resource Use / Materials	

11	Glossary and acronyms	Construction Environmental terms and abbreviations
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