



CIOB

The Chartered
Institute of Building

Environmental Sustainability Action Plan 2024-2028

Around 40% of carbon emissions come from the construction, operation, or maintenance of buildings. The construction industry consumes large volumes of raw materials and generates around one-third of the world's waste, while hard infrastructure is the second largest driver of man-made pressure on biodiversity.

This is why CIOB aims to be a force for change, to support the industry to decarbonise existing stock and ensure new buildings and infrastructure are fit for the future. We must harness the skill and ingenuity of the sector, as we aim to ensure all projects delivered today positively contribute to the future we want to see.

Ambitions



CIOB's Corporate Plan 2023-2028 identified environmental sustainability as a focused strategic theme. We aim to embed sustainability across CIOB functions and promote change in the industry with three high-level ambitions:

- Equip CIOB members with the knowledge and skills to manage and deliver the construction process in environmentally sustainable ways.
- Embed environmental sustainability into relevant learning programmes across schools, colleges, and universities.
- Support industry and stakeholders in building the case for change through environmentally sustainable activities and metrics.

These ambitions will be delivered through an action plan with over 70 actions across CIOB over four years.

Environmental Sustainability Action Plan Framework

Our plan will embed sustainability across eight key CIOB functions, each with its own goal, supported by a series of actions with measurable outcomes.

Leadership and Governance

Provide visible leadership for sustainability across the construction sector, promoting the benefits and opportunities of embedding sustainability in construction practice at an international level.

e.g. Actions around communication, collaboration, professional competence and conduct, and awards.

Membership

Provide opportunities for members at all levels to proactively engage with environmental sustainability and ensure leadership in this area is seen as a benefit of membership with CIOB.

e.g. Providing products, services, and events to engage members at all grades in sustainability.

Education and Standards

Embed environmental sustainability into relevant learning programmes across schools, colleges, and universities.

e.g. Updating education frameworks and the professional review process and ensuring CPD requirements promote green skills.

Policy

Influence policymakers and other key stakeholders on a UK and international basis to promote environmental sustainability in construction.

e.g. Facilitating discussion, and carrying out research, advocacy, and engagement with policymakers across the UK and internationally.

Marketing and Communications

Communicate the case for positive change in the industry by promoting environmental sustainability in construction.

e.g. Regular campaigns and communications across CIOB channels and addressing the sustainability of events.

CIOB Academy

Provide built environment professionals with the knowledge and tools they need to understand, embed, and champion sustainability in their professional practice.

e.g. Developing new courses, CPD, publications and resources and development of a Sustainability Zone in The Academy.

Client Development

Support clients (both individuals and organisations) in specifying sustainable buildings.

e.g. Communications, support, and engagement events for clients.

Operations

Ensure we are 'walking the talk' by embedding sustainability in our business operations.

e.g. Actions across Finance, Facilities, Human Resources, and Digital, Data and Technology.