

**Position Statement on Sensitive and Designated Sites.
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The wild animals, plants and places of the United Kingdom are a source of inspiration and enjoyment for millions of people. In the last few decades, despite mounting pressure, great progress has been made by voluntary groups, local authorities, government agencies, businesses and specialists of all kinds. Despite this, much of the Country's environmental heritage still remains at risk.

Carillion recognises and appreciates the importance of the combined national effort, supported by the public, to give greater protection to this country's outstanding landscapes and wildlife. It is aware of the many instruments and guidelines – local, regional, national, European and Worldwide – that support the safeguarding of sites and species. Carillion also recognises that as a provider of construction services, with a significant overseas presence, its operations affect not only nationally, but also internationally designated sites which have been identified as important for nature conservation, landscape or heritage reasons.

This Position Statement recognises and builds on our commitment to sustainability and pays equal attention to the environmental, social and economic implications of all our activities, i.e. the "triple bottom line".

In order to understand the nature of any impact on designated sites, Carillion will assess all proposed operations. Where, following such a review, Carillion considers its operation will affect a designated site, it will, where it has a controlling stake in any project, take into account all practical and available options. These options will be designed either to avoid any impact on the affected site, or where this is not possible, to minimise any impact. Discussions concerning affected sites will be held with key stakeholders to seek their co-operation in an effort to arrive at an acceptable and practical solution for all the environmental issues involved.

Where an impact on a designated site cannot be avoided and with due regard to tender conditions, our position in the supply chain, and regulatory requirements, we will utilise best practice techniques to minimise, monitor and mitigate any environmental impact, protect any important features and provide for the enhancement of the overall value of these sites, including thorough measures designed to compensate for unavoidable environmental losses.

Given the restraints indicated above, Carillion intends to develop a framework whereby it:-

- Will formally assess the impact of proposed operations on designated sites at an early stage. This requires a full appreciation of the legal status of these sites.
- Will implement stated objectives to;
 - Prevent damage
 - Mitigate for unavoidable damage
 - Protect features of interest during the project
 - Implement a programme of environmental audit and monitoring
 - Provide appropriate training to deliver the above
 - Meet and endeavor to exceed minimum legal requirements
 - Seek to raise the standards across the industry as a whole