

Case Study: Mitchellson Formwork & Civil Engineering Ltd

Challenges:

One of the main challenges Mitchellson face in sustainability is the disjointed nature of the industry and getting involved in projects as early as possible in order to make a positive impact on sustainability. Clearly concrete production has significant carbon emissions, which is another challenge, but there have been positive developments in this area recently with new products coming to the market.



Impact:

Mitchellson have engaged in the School through the assessments and bespoke action plans with targeted online resources. Using these tools has had the following impacts on the business:

- **Benchmarking knowledge:** Through engaging in the simple and structured approach presented by the School's assessment tool, Mitchellson have assessed their realistic performance in sustainability, giving them the capability to establish a firm baseline.
- **Improved understanding:** Working through the action plans and e-learning generated through the assessment has improved Mitchellson's knowledge and understanding of a more cyclical model in use of raw materials, enhanced waste minimisation, re-use and recycling, emissions to air and fairness, inclusion and respect. They have implemented targeted and company wide training to provide the most effective impact on operations at all levels.
- **Upskilling the supply chain:** Mitchellson are actively engaging with suppliers and encouraging them to consider membership of the School, highlighting the benefits they have personally experienced.

Value gained:

- **Competitive advantage:** Being involved with the School has enabled and facilitated a competitive edge over Mitchellson's peers, with many of their clients as Partners of the School, who are looking to meet key sustainability targets.
- **"Ready-made" training:** The training available is pre-packaged, ready to use and achievable at a pace that suits the learner, so employees can start learning straight away.
- **Increased customer satisfaction:** Engaging with the School has led to increased customer satisfaction and compliance alliance with the overall aim of systemic improvement of the business.

Future proofing:

Fact box



MITCHELLSON
Formwork and Civil Engineering Limited

Company

Mitchellson Formwork & Civil Engineering Ltd

No of employees

>150

HQ

Horton, Slough

Website

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Services

Groundworks and concrete frame contractors

About

Established in 1986 Mitchellson has grown to be one of the largest and most successful family run Groundworks and Concrete Frame trade contractors in the UK. They have the 'in house' expertise to efficiently construct both sub and superstructure packages, working within a wide range of industry sectors, including education, health care, justice, defence, retail & commercial.

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Looking forward, Mitchellson are continuing to engage with their own supply chain to highlight the benefits of membership of the School which will ultimately help to improve their own sustainability.

Gold membership of the Supply Chain Sustainability School is a key strategic objective of the business and will be promoted on Mitchellson's website and literature to illustrate the importance of the achievement. This will help retain valued existing clients and assist in building mutually beneficial relationships with future clients.

Mitchellson is committed to maintaining Gold Membership and continuing to utilise the internal assessment and action plan process as a promoter of learning and awareness raising moving forward. They have been focusing on establishing a carbon footprint baseline from which to improve and reduce their impact on the environment.

