

Challenges:



HW Martin (Fencing Contractors) Ltd have recently reviewed the key challenges faced around sustainability. Following the review, they highlighted the below key actions required to mitigate the challenges they faced. These actions will ensure the company plays their part in safeguarding natural resources, improving resource efficiency, and providing traceability and transparency. This also contributes to delivering value to customers, reducing risks and leaving a positive legacy in our communities, the environment and on biodiversity.

- Specify and procure materials and products that strike a responsible balance between social, economic and environmental factors and generate benefits to communities and the economy.
- Use resource-efficient products and give due consideration to end-of-life uses.
- Promote, specify and source materials that can be re-used, and consider future recovery of resources through deconstruction to embrace the circular economy and generate social value.
- Wherever possible, procure goods, works and services locally to provide opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), collaborate with the voluntary sector and increase the use of social enterprises.
- Ensure that fair contract prices and terms are applied and respected, and that ethical, human rights and labour standards are met in their Modern Slavery Policy.
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Impact:

Sustainability strategy: Engaging with the school has provided the company with an invaluable source of information that has helped us structure our sustainable strategy in a way that ensures the company maximises contribution within the communities they work in, leave a lasting legacy and minimising the impacts of their operations on the environment.

Benchmarking knowledge: The assessments helped to benchmark HW Martin so that their management team understood where and how improvements could be made.

Fact box

MARTIN

FENCING CONTRACTORS

Company

HW Martin Limited

No of employees

55

HQ

Blackwell, Derbyshire

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Services

Fencing, vegetation management, and ecological services.

About

Specialists in fencing and vegetation management solutions with a Principal Contractors licence. The introduction of their own ecology department has ensured HW Martin are able to provide complete ecological, environmental and vegetation management solutions to clients.

Improved business operations: The company looks to regularly complete re-assessments to ensure that the business continues to improve and leave a positive impact on sustainability. The Supply Chain Sustainability School has helped HW Martin to understand their current status, areas that needed improvements and facilitated strategic decision making to further enhance business operations.

Company-wide learning: The e-learning modules are helpful and easy to understand. They provide a wide-ranging content that provides a large catalogue of knowledge that is essential to various roles within our business.

Value gained:

Benchmarking: The key benefit was understanding and benchmarking HW Martin's business in terms of:

- Management,
- People,
- Procurement,
- Sustainability.

Business improvement plan: Through engaging with the Supply Chain Sustainability School, this has assisted with the company's business improvement plan and influenced their updated sustainability policy.

Future proofing:

Through being a member of the School, HW Martin hopes to attend future workshops to learn from best practice and to meet people within the industry to hopefully further their customer base. The company is looking to keep undertaking routine assessments to ensure continuous improvement