

**Saint-Gobain Construction Products Ireland (SGCPI) contracts out to external hauliers for delivery of its products to customers. As such, we recognise that we need to select hauliers who can comply with our sustainability ambitions to ensure that any impacts on the environment as a result of transportation of our products are minimised where possible. Through our ISO 14001 certified environmental management system, we have identified a number of significant impacts related to transport of our product, including fuel use, noise and normal and accidental emissions.**

As such, we want to work with hauliers who are able to help us reduce our identified impacts. Many of our hauliers are small, family run teams and as such, management of environmental impacts through formal management systems and accreditations is limited within our haulage contractors. However, we recognise that through using locally based hauliers, we are contributing vastly to their own business and also to the local economy. As a result of this, we are keen to maintain our haulage contracts where possible, and as such we will adopt a programme of continual improvement where we will work with our hauliers going forward to help them understand their environmental impacts and how they can reduce them.

The first step in this programme was to understand how our hauliers are managing their environmental impacts and how these can help us achieve our own objectives. As a result of our commitment to work towards certification to BES 6001 for the responsible sourcing of construction products, we completed a transport supplier evaluation process, to understand in the first instance how our hauliers are mitigating against their environmental impacts. All delivery hauliers have been rated in terms of compliance and progress and work allocation will take account of rating status.

On our Kingscourt site, we implement strict rules with regard to truck engines being switched off during loading and unloading. In addition, with our own FLT fleet, all vehicles are speed limited to 15kph and all engines will automatically cut out after two minutes of inactivity

This helps reduce emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> at the local level first and foremost, but we also recognise that our hauliers have a responsibility to help us achieve our environmental objectives. Many of our hauliers support our environmental objectives by providing back loading services to reduce the number of empty legs of journeys. This helps to reduce emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne of material transported. Our hauliers are also using Euro V engines in their fleets with some moving towards adoption of Euro VI engines within the next few years to further increase fuel efficiency. These engines are fitted with idling cut-offs to reduce fuel consumption further and hence help to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. All drivers operating on behalf of SGCPI must also hold a valid CPC certificate and attend regular training events to assist in implementing efficient driving techniques. Our main haulier also incentivises drivers to reduce use of fuel and diesel and to reduce their emissions to the environment by running an in-house competition.

In addition to mitigation of environmental impacts, many of our hauliers also reported that they were proactively mitigating against social impacts of transport. This includes the planning of routes to use major motorways and dual carriageways where possible to avoid travel through towns and villages, contributing to local air emissions, noise and nuisance in such communities.

This has been the first step in working to reduce the impact of our logistics operations. It is our aim that within the next few years, we will work closely with our haulage suppliers to further reduce the impact of the transport of our products.