



## TRU7 Group Sustainability Policy

2023

As a leading partner of choice for the British construction and allied industries, the TRU7 group is committed to working with its clients and suppliers to limit its impact on the environment and build a sustainable future.

Our commitment to sustainable practice is in line with our deep-rooted community values. We recognise the importance of preserving the environment and encouraging biodiversity, which is why we choose to invest in sustainable development and technology, seeking to mitigate the impact of our business on the environment.

### **Carbon Offsetting**

TRU7 Group is playing its part to support the UK Government's target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net zero (compared to 1990 levels) by 2050 and by 78% by 2035.

In line with this, the TRU7 Group is following carbon offsetting initiatives. We only source carbon offsets from projects which have been independently verified against international certification schemes and standards, including: Verified Carbon Standard (VCS); Gold Standard; and United Nations' Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM). This means that after every commercial fuel order, TRU7 Group will purchase carbon credits, which will offset 100 % of the emissions from that order. The money from the credits purchased will be used to invest in sustainable projects in sectors such as: renewable energy; methane capture/avoidance; and forestry and land use.

### **Machines and Equipment**

In our business the use of heavy plant and vehicles is unavoidable, but to reduce emissions TRU7 Group invests in state-of-the-art technology and the best quality, newest machines to save fuel, as well as reduce emissions. Where possible, our non-road engines (NRE); are Stage V compliant<sup>1</sup> and all our HGVs have Euro VI engines<sup>2</sup>. All our vehicles are well maintained which ensures that they run efficiently.

We route all traffic by the shortest practicable route and have a strict policy that vehicles are not to be left idling when not in use.

We are proud that our main premises are based on a brownfield reclaimed quarry. Our buildings are modern and well insulated which reduces fuel consumption for heating. They are also complimented by a significant investment in solar panels which reduces our reliance on electricity from the grid by up to 65% during the summer months. The balance of our electricity supply is by way of a renewable (non-fossil fuel) tariff.

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<sup>1</sup> [Emission Standards: Europe: Nonroad Engines \(dieselnet.com\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Emission Standards: Europe: Heavy-Duty Truck and Bus Engines \(dieselnet.com\)](#)



### **Waste Reduction and Recycling**

TRU7 Group prides itself on being the local market leader when it comes to recycling of construction and demolition waste. We are proud to say that we recycle a significant proportion of East Suffolk's building waste through our on-site wash-plant, and our mobile crushing and screening plant.

Our modern concrete and wash-plant predominantly use recycled water significantly reducing mains water consumption.

Office staff are encouraged to avoid waste and to minimise the use of paper. Wastepaper recycling bins are fitted in all office spaces.

### **Future and Ongoing Areas of Focus**

The following areas are of importance to business's sustainability now and in the future.

- To prefer and promote the use of recycled construction and demolition waste to quarried or mined products in all relevant circumstances.
- To maintain a modern fleet profile with low emission engines; supported by staff training to minimise fuel consumption.
- To invest further in solar panels to reduce our reliance on grid electricity.
- To continue to invest in electric charging points at our business premises in support of the UK's transition to alternative and low/ zero emission fuels.
- We will continue to employ locally, minimising the distance to our premises for commuting.