

# ENVIRONMENTAL INSIGHT – ISSUE 14

## Snapshot of what's happening on environmental issues

The CIP Environmental Insight is a bimonthly update of what's happening around the environmental agenda within the built environment. It's free and open to everyone. Some content is only available to subscribers of the CIP Environmental Manual and CIP Knowledge.

### Environmental News & Policy Updates

#### Sixth Carbon Budget: UK to reduce emissions by 78% by 2035



Following on from the Sixth Carbon Budget in December 2020, on 20 April the UK government announced that it will set the world's most ambitious climate change target into law to reduce emissions by 78% by 2035 compared to 1990 levels.

In December, the Climate Change Committee (CCC) published its much-anticipated Sixth Carbon Budget.

The CCC advised that the UK will need to deliver a 78% reduction by 2035 if it is to meet its long-term net-zero commitment. In comparison, the UK was originally targeting an 80% reduction by 2050 under the Climate Change Act.

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#### Consultation launched on environmental principles



A consultation on the Draft Policy Statement on Environmental Principles has been launched and will close on the 2nd June 2021.

The landmark Environment Bill will create a duty on ministers to have due regard to the policy statement on environmental principles when making policy.

This legally binding statement will see the UK government commit to [five environmental principles](#) to guide its work and ensure considerations for the environment remain central to policy making.

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#### Contractors warned over site waste disposal



The Environment Agency is warning contractors they face fines of up to £50,000 if construction site waste disposal rules are not followed correctly.

The warning comes after a spike in fly tipping, with workers even being hospitalised after handling contaminated waste.

The Environment Agency is now asking all construction and demolition sites that produce, transport, treat or dispose of waste to fulfil their duty of care. Builders have a legal responsibility to ensure they send their site waste to legal waste collectors. Not doing so can result in them facing up to a £50,000 fine.

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#### Construction to start this year on two wind turbine ports



Two new ports on the Humber and on Teesside to build the next generation of offshore wind projects will be constructed as part of a £95m Government investment expected to create 6,000 new jobs in the North.

The investment supports the Government target to quadruple the UK's offshore wind capacity to produce 40GW of energy from offshore wind by 2030 – enough to power every home in the country.

Once complete, the two ports will have the capacity to support the development of up to 9GW of energy offshore wind projects each year – enough electricity to power around 8m homes.

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#### 350,000 new construction jobs needed to hit net zero target



An estimated 350,000 new construction jobs must be created by 2028 to keep the government's commitment to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 on track, according to a new report.

The Building Skills for Net Zero report, released by the Construction Industry Training Board, details the need for a new wave of green building experts to help in the effort to reduce carbon emissions.

One crucial element of achieving net zero will be reducing carbon emissions from existing buildings. This will require retrofit work on up to 27 million domestic and 2 million non-domestic buildings.

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#### Select Plant electric crane ready to start on site



[Select Plant Hire](#) has received the UK's first Liebherr LR 1250.1 electric crane.

Select is the second company in the world to introduce the 250-tonne capacity lattice jib model into its fleet, following its worldwide launch last year.

The arrival of the 'unplugged' crawler marks the beginning of a planned fleet of battery-powered machines for Select in its drive towards zero emissions.

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#### CIP Environmental Manual Updates – December 2020

The CIP Environmental Manual amendment packs have been sent out to all subscribers. The latest update to the CIP [Construction Environmental Manual](#) includes the following:

A separate page is included identifying some of the temporary arrangements made in environmental regulation as a result of the current (COVID –19) pandemic, as well as information on the impact the pandemic has had on Construction and where to go to get the most up-to-date advice.

The temporary arrangements are not only subject to change but are also time limited and the websites/information should always be consulted for a current position.

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