

# ENVIRONMENTAL INSIGHT – ISSUE 11

## Snapshot of what's happening on environmental issues

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## Environmental News & Policy Updates

### Kier is using electric vans on highways maintenance sites



The London Electric Vehicle Company (LEVC) has supplied prototypes of its new VN5 electric vans to Kier Group.

**Kier** Group will trial the vans, which have a design based on a black taxi, on its highways maintenance sites.

VN5 vans have a range of 61 miles using electric power, and a total range of more than 300 miles.

Phil Gale, Kier Group's Head of Highways Fleet and Plant said: "Kier Group is looking to decarbonise its vehicle fleet by 2030 and move towards greener transport solutions; LEVC will play a key role in kick-starting this strategy".

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### Environment Bill resumes passage through Parliament



As the **Environment Bill** resumes its passage through Parliament, we revisit the landmark legislation and what it entails. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, there was a pause in discussions over the government's landmark legislation. However, the government is now resuming talks over the bill.

The Environment Bill is set to transform the environment.

It features a comprehensive and pioneering vision to help our environment flourish for future generations. Furthermore, it sets out how we can and keep and improve our environmental protections.

Other issues which feature in the bill include wildlife, air pollution, waste management and water supplies.

After the Environment Bill resumes and completes the current committee stage, it will go to the House of Commons for scrutiny. Following this, the bill will move to the House of Lords for more discussion.

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### Forests: reducing deforestation in UK supply chains



Forests and deforestation were the subjects of a recent consultation in light of the new Environment Bill.

As a result of data from an independent task force, Global Resource Initiative, the government will bring in a new law to prevent illegal deforestation in UK business supply chains.

The task force gathered its data through a consultation, before preparing recommendations for the government. Part of the new Environment Bill, the law will require companies to show they know where commodities they use have come from. Plus, they will have to show all commodities comply with local laws.

This report summarises the responses and outlines what the government plans to do next.

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## Coronavirus: Environment Agency update

The Environment Agency (EA) is working with the government and other partners to protect the public and environment from the effects of coronavirus (COVID-19). Click [here](#) for the latest update from the EA.

### Net zero emissions: UK appoints business champion



Net zero emissions continue to be a priority. As such, the government has appointed Andrew Griffith MP as the UK's Net Zero Business Champion.

The new role will see Mr Griffith MP support the country's businesses to make tangible plans to reach net-zero status by 2050, or earlier.

The UK government has pledged to "build back greener" following the **COVID-19** pandemic.

Therefore, with the COP26 summit in Glasgow just a year away, the role of the Net Zero Business Champion is more crucial than ever.

As Net Zero Business Champion, Mr Griffith will work closely with Alok Sharma, the Business Secretary and COP26 President, to support UK companies to commit to net zero emissions targets.

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### Ten Point Plan for net-zero transition unveiled by Prime Minister



A Ten Point Plan to reduce emissions was released this week by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Key pillars of the plan include clean hydrogen, carbon capture and storage (CCS), zero-carbon transport and offshore wind.

The plan, which aims to push the UK towards **net-zero emissions**, sees a £12 billion government investment.

Furthermore, it will create 250,000 new jobs in "green" industries.

Released on 17 November, the plan shows the UK wants to be a pioneer in clean technologies.

Aiming to eradicate the UK's contribution to climate change by 2050, the plan will become law, as part of the government's net-zero emissions target.

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### Sustainable Approach to Timber Frame Manufacturing



A sustainable approach to timber frame manufacturing is on the agenda for Macleod Construction's latest project.

Macleod Construction Ltd has adapted manufacturing methods on its latest build to be as efficient, sustainable and community-focused as possible.

In fact, its latest project – Dunbeg Housing site – will see the company build 300 new homes.

As a result of its new sustainable approach, Macleod has temporary factories at the development site to manufacture some of the timber frame kit components.

In doing so, the company ensures 'just in time' production of floors, roofs and associated items. Similarly, it also reduces the traffic impact in the community. Plus, it lowers the development's overall **carbon footprint**.

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## CIP Environmental Manual June 2020 Updates

Here are the details of the June 2020 updates to the **Environmental Manual** and **CIP Knowledge**.

- A new section on Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA).
- A list of Statutory and Non-Statutory, and other Guidance and Standards.
- New and updated information and guidance on BREAAAM and PAS2060.
- Updated checklists for Waste, Water, Energy, Nuisance, Ecology, Resources and Storage of Liquids.

