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The *Government Construction Client Group's Sustainability Action Plan* lists 10 themes for action. One of these themes is "respect for people and their local environment". The respect for people is at the heart of the social responsibility dimension of sustainable construction. The *Considerate Constructors' Scheme (CCS)* embodies the respect for people and their local environment in its code of practice. The use of the *Considerate Constructors Scheme* or similar is a mandatory requirement of the *Sustainability Action Plan*.

5.1 CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

5.1.1 Code of Practice

The Scheme's Code of Practice requires compliance with the following:

- Considerate:** All work is to be carried out with positive consideration to the needs of traders and businesses, site personnel and visitors, and the general public. Special attention is to be given to the needs of those with sight, hearing and mobility difficulties.
- Environment:** Noise from construction operations and all other sources is to be kept to a minimum at all times. Efforts should be made to select and use local resources wherever possible. Attention should be paid to waste management and the avoidance of pollution. Recycling and the use of recycled materials is encouraged.
- Cleanliness:** The working site is to be kept clean and in good order at all times. Safety barriers, lights and warning signs are to be maintained in a clean and safe condition. Surplus materials and rubbish should not be allowed to accumulate on the site or spill over into the surroundings. Dirt and dust from construction operations should be kept to a minimum.
- Good Neighbour:** General information regarding the Scheme should be provided for all neighbours affected by the work. Full and regular communication with neighbours, including adjacent traders and businesses, regarding programming and site activities should be maintained from pre-start to completion.
- Respectful:** Respectable and safe standards of dress should be maintained at all times. Lewd or derogatory behaviour and language should not be tolerated under threat of severe disciplinary action. Pride in the management and appearance of the site and the surrounding environment is to be shown at all times. Operatives should be instructed in dealing with the general public.
- Safe:** Construction operations and site vehicle movements are to be carried out with care and consideration for the safety of site personnel, visitors and the general public. No building activity should be a security risk to others.
- Responsible:** Ensure that everyone associated with the site understands implements and complies with this code.
- Accountable:** The *Considerate Constructors Scheme* poster is to be displayed where clearly visible to the general public. A site's contact details should be obvious to anyone affected by its activities.

5.1.2 COMPLAINTS

The scheme has a detailed complaints procedure. Complaints received the CCS from any source will be recorded giving name, telephone number, the nature of the complaint together with the site concerned.

Nature of complaint headings:

- Noise
- Abusive language
- Road conditions
- Dirt/Dust
- Other Safety
- Parking
- Inconsiderate

The site manager will be informed of the nature of the complaint and will be advised of the name and details of the complainant together with any suggested manner to deal with the complaint.

The complainant will be contacted by the CCS after approximately two days and asked if the complaint has been properly dealt with.

If the answer is satisfactory the complaint is taken off the active list.

If the answer is not satisfactory a further call is made to the site manager in order to resolve the complaint.

In the case of the company failing to deal with the problem effectively, and it is considered that there is a breach of the code, the CCS may decide to remove the site from the scheme.

5.1.3 MONITORING COMPLIANCE

Sites are scored for compliance with the code by a Monitor. A score of 1 point in a section indicates a major non-compliance, 3 points is satisfactory compliance and 5 points is exceptional. Sites which are awarded one and a half points in any one section of the site Monitors report will have a further Monitor Visit to review progress. Unsatisfactory compliance could result in a site being removed from the scheme.

5.1.4 BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME

The scheme provides an ideal framework to demonstrate a project's environmental good practice intentions, but does not replace the need for an *Environmental Management System*. Registering a site with the scheme gives the project additional points with environmental assessment methodologies such as *BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method)* and *CEEQUAL (Civil Engineering Environmental Quality and Assessment Award Scheme)*.

5.2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.2.1 Contacting Authorities and Centres of Procurement Expertise

- All single site construction contracts over £200k are expected to use the *Considerate Construction Scheme*.
- All term Contracts over £1 million per year which involve appreciable site works at different locations are expected to use the *Considerate Constructors Scheme*
- Each *Contracting Authority* and *Centre of Procurement Expertise* is to record the number of schemes that it has been applied to and the number of exceptions within the parameters set out in 5.2.
- Advise *Central Procurement Directorate Quality Standards Branch* when a site has been removed from the scheme, give details of the non-compliance issues and the main parties involved.

5.2.2 Project Managers

5.2.2.1 At Pre-Contract Stage

In the tender documentation, include the following details:

Considerate Constructors Scheme

- Registration: Before starting work register the site and pay the appropriate fee.
- Contact Address:
 - Considerate Constructors Scheme Office
 - PO Box 75
 - Great Amwell
 - Ware
 - Hertfordshire
 - SG12 9UY
 - Tel: 01992 55000
 - Fax: 01992 550041
 - Website: www.ccscheme.org.uk
 - Email: Enquires@ccscheme.org.uk
- Standard: Comply with the Scheme's *Code of Considerate Practice*.

5.2.2.2 Construction Stage

Advise *Central Procurement Directorate Quality Standards Branch* through local management when a site has been removed from the scheme and give details of the non-compliance issues

5.3 IMPLEMENTATION

The requirements contained within this *Guidance Note* are to be implemented from 1st October 2006.