



Caring for the environment is an integral part of our business strategy. We endeavour to make a positive contribution to the environment through our products and our land management programmes. We are also committed to the principle of continual improvement in environmental performance, and to the prevention of pollution.

Our environmental policy is to:

- comply with all applicable legislation and regulations,
- develop and embrace best practice initiatives
- monitor, evaluate and continually improve environmental performance through the adoption of comprehensive management systems
- respond to the needs and concerns of local communities and their environment
- strive towards sustainability, balancing today's needs with those of the future
- improve employee awareness of environmental issues and encourage the sharing of experience and expertise

Environmental Values

We recognise that our sites are important to the local community and can provide an environmental asset throughout their operation and afterwards. By careful management we seek to maximise these benefits.

In addition:

- we strive to protect and, where possible, enhance the environment around our sites
- we plan and implement effective working and restoration of our quarrying operations to ensure sustainable after-use
- we work to enhance biodiversity and geodiversity where possible throughout our operations we support the use of sites for educational purposes, and in particular environmental education

We seek to make the best use of natural resources by:

- making effective use of our mineral reserves
- using secondary and recycled materials whenever it is economic and technically feasible

Environmental Management

The management and directors of Smiths Concrete Ltd are committed to ensuring that appropriate organisation and arrangements are made for the fulfilment of these policies and for monitoring their implementation and effectiveness.

We operate a documented environmental management systems which defines responsibilities for all levels of management. Appropriate training and resources are made available to implement the policies. Management programmes are developed to drive forward performance and achieve ongoing improvements.

Performance is reviewed, audited and reported at regular intervals.