Sustainable procurement at Keepmoat

## *How we audit sustainable procurement (internally and externally)*

***A recap of our sustainable procurement policy:***

Keepmoat’s Sustainable Procurement policy commits our business working with our supply chain partners to increase environmental best practice and leave a social and economic legacy that supports sustainable growth. ​We aim to ensure that all products and services are sourced in a way that is socially, economically and environmentally sustainable. This results in a reduced risk of supply, long-term availability of natural resources, reduced pollution and biodiversity loss, and increased financial returns.

## Delivery Partner - Supply Chain Sustainability School

1. **Undertook a full procurement review (ISO 20400)**

*“Established Level of Sustainability Procurement” across Keepmoat’s Supply Chain*

In 2024, Keepmoat assessed their sustainable procurement processes via a full ISO20400 evaluation, undertaken by sustainability consultancy, Action Sustainability. The evaluation involved a full procurement review to understand and identify areas for improvement, focusing on Group Framework Suppliers. Despite undertaking the assessment for the first time, Keepmoat achieved an above-average rating of ‘Established’. The process included a rigorous audit of all our procurement documents and processes (including the review of our procurement policy) and stakeholder interviews with numerous employees across departments.

1. **Procurement pre-qualification process**

The Common Assessment Standard (CAS) is a construction pre-qualification process used to improve quality standards. The assessment reviews supplier financial integrity, health and safety systems, Modern Slavery Act compliance, environmental management and anti-bribery, corruption and bullying. Keepmoat currently uses *the Achilles Building Confidence network* to assess Group Framework Suppliers before onboarding with Keepmoat, and CHAS for our sub-contractors. The process also reviews supplier sustainable procurement processes, carbon reduction plans and policies.

* The Supply Chain Director and Sustainability Director meet our Account Manager at Achilles fortnightly to update progress on supplier onboarding. Supply chain risks alerted by Achilles may also be discussed.
1. **Internal Timber Sourcing Survey**

To assess the proportion of our timber suppliers who have FSC or PEFC Chain of Custody Certification, Keepmoat send out a timber sourcing survey to all timber suppliers annually. Not only do we monitor the ability of suppliers to provide certified timber through Chain of Custody practices, but we also monitor volumes of timber supplied with certification on an annual basis, publishing figures in our integrated Annual Report.

1. **Sustainable Supply Chain Strategy**

Keepmoat’s Science-Based Carbon Targets commit us to a carbon reduction of 51% Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 2032, and a 59% reduction of scope 3 emissions by 2032). Our supply chain is crucial to meeting these goals. Our Sustainability Supply Chain Strategy outlines how we will deliver on our Sustainable Procurement Policy, prioritising the engagement of suppliers with high carbon impacts on our materials or construction operations.