

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY STATEMENT



I am passionate about our commitment to sustainability – our social, environmental and economic responsibilities to our stakeholders. We recognise the importance of delivering a safe, affordable and sustainable rail service, as part of a modern, integrated transport system. Our actions will contribute to an increase in productivity for Britain, and to improvements in the environment and our quality of life.

Our vision is for an even more sustainable railway.

A railway that provides a better experience for passengers, which is sympathetic to the needs of our communities and lineside neighbours, and is environmentally sustainable. This means achieving more with less use of resources, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, improving our energy efficiency, and protecting our natural resources.

Sustainability is a key part of how we do business.

We must design and deliver a safe and sustainable railway – and offer outstanding service to our customers, our suppliers, our neighbours and everyone who uses or depends on the railway.

We can't do this without you. That's why we want Network Rail to be a great place to work and an employer of choice.

I believe we have a moral duty to act.

I'm counting on you to help to maintain rail's position as the greenest form of transport and to strengthen our reputation as a truly responsible company.

It is part of our role within an industry that is important to the success of Britain, both today and in the future.

Sustainability – it's all about doing the right thing!

So, whatever we do, whenever we do it and however we do it, we need to do the right thing. And this means every one of us. We all need to think about how the decisions we make and the actions we take affect the sustainability of the company and of our legacy for the future.

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Iain Coucher
Chief Executive - Network Rail - August 2009