

RESPONSIBLE TIMBER SOURCING POLICY STATEMENT

Responsibly sourced timber reduces and mitigates global environmental and social challenges relating to pollution, vulnerable species, climate change and social conflicts. Network Rail is a major procurer of timber products and recognises the crucial role it has in encouraging the use of responsibly sourced timber across its supply chain.

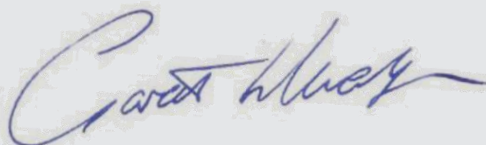
Network Rail will only source virgin timber and timber-derived products from legal and sustainable sources which are credibly certified by a third party and hold full chain of custody. This requirement will apply to all timber products used by Network Rail, including temporary site works and products supplied by contractors. This will guarantee that the timber sourced comes from forests which meet essential principles:

- Comply with all relevant national and international legislation relating to the trade in forest products;
- Conserve biological diversity;
- Avoid the use of highly hazardous pesticides; and
- Are not in areas of armed conflict or civil unrest where there is a direct relationship between the forest products trade and the funding of such conflicts.

As a member of WWF's Global Forest and Trade Network, Network Rail will follow the recommendation to prefer timber products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC); unless it contradicts other Network Rail's sustainability objectives like minimising transport emissions and favouring local sourcing.

Network Rail will do the following:

- Communicate clearly the requirements to all the supply chain as part of its procurement process and contracts;
- Work closely with its supply chain and provide adequate training;
- Devise adequate monitoring and audit mechanisms to demonstrate compliance; and
- Report on its performance and review its progress on an annual basis to ensure continuous improvement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gareth Llewellyn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

*Gareth Llewellyn, Safety and Sustainable Development Director
Network Rail, January 2014*