

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

NETWORK RAIL'S VISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Network Rail's vision for the railway network is one of engineering and operating excellence and to deliver a modern railway for our customers and the nation. Achieving environmental excellence is an integral part of meeting this vision and we will support this aim by:

- Working to sustain the environmental advantages railways have over other types of transport.
- Playing a major role in the delivery of integrated and sustainable transport for Britain.
- Ensuring protected heritage features and habitats under our care make a positive contribution to the quality of life in this country.
- Seeking continual improvements in our environmental performance by applying challenging standards and enhancing our systems for management, monitoring and reporting.
- Engaging in dialogue with our stakeholders to achieve the objectives we share.

NETWORK RAIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL AIMS

Commitment – we will:

- Integrate environmental management with the safe and efficient operation of the railway, treating all legal obligations as the minimum standard.
- Set annual objectives and targets, measure how we perform against these and make them more challenging each year.
- Communicate our progress against agreed objectives and targets to the Board of Directors and employees and publish an annual environmental performance report.
- Work to prevent pollution, make more efficient use of natural resources and minimise emissions and wastes, focusing on those activities with the most significant impacts.
- Assess the environmental impacts of our maintenance and investment plans and take action to avoid or reduce adverse impacts to a practicable minimum.
- Apply a consistent set of principles for the stewardship of protected heritage features and habitats under our care.
- Be sensitive to people who are affected by the railway.

Responsibility – we will:

- Assign ultimate responsibility for our environmental policy to the Board of Directors, and delegate responsibility for its implementation to line managers.
- Require our employees, suppliers and contractors to act in accordance with our environmental policy.
- Ensure our employees are informed and aware of their role in delivering our environmental policy and are provided with the resources and training to achieve this.

Partnership – we will:

- Establish clear channels of communication with our employees and other stakeholders to implement and refine our environmental policy.
- Identify shared responsibilities, concerns and opportunities so we can develop solutions to the environmental problems we face and realise the environmental benefits.
- Promote and share good practice in environmental management.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Armitt".

John Armitt, Chief Executive, Network Rail, March 2003