

BUSINESS CHAMPION PROPOSAL



1.0 COMMITMENT

RLB has already signed up to the UN's Race to Zero campaign and has made a public commitment to be a net zero business by 2025.

1.1 PRIORITIES

Against the 9 challenge areas we are taking positive action in the following ways and are happy to provide additional information on this.

Transport	We incentivise our staff to use public transport and to purchase low and zero emission vehicles with their company car allowance. We keep records of all of the carbon generated by staff visiting sites and attending meetings and have seen year on year reductions in this, even though our staff numbers have grown.
Modern Methods of construction, on-site logistics and waste minimisation	As practitioners we introduce the concepts of MMC, platform based approach and DfM at the earliest stages of projects. The quality of on-site logistics and waste minimisation are criteria we recommend to clients in the selection of delivery partners.
Connectivity to low carbon modes of transport	All of our offices are within walking distance of a railway station and electric vehicle charging points. We also have bicycle storage facilities and showers in all of our offices.
Retrofit	Our building surveying team is actively involved in estate regeneration schemes where we are introducing large retrofit portfolios.
Low carbon heat solutions	Our whole-life cost team work closely with our sustainability team to recommend long-term cost effective low carbon heating solutions. We have extensive experience of photovoltaics and air-source heat pumps.
Enhancing energy performance	We are currently carrying out carbon audits on large property portfolios for our clients and will be recommending long-term measures to enhance energy performance and reduce carbon
Carbon measuring	As part of our carbon audit service we measure carbon in use. We also forecast carbon generation throughout the lifespan of an asset.
Designing out carbon	Our optioneering service enables clients to see the impact of the choices that they make around designs, cost, carbon etc over the lifetime of an asset.
Low carbon materials	N/A

1.2 CASE STUDIES

We are happy to provide case studies on any of the above. Our carbon auditing, optioneering and whole-life costing/carbon model may be of particular interest.

1.3 MEDIA

We have a central comms team which already works with the CLC and would be delighted to support media events, write articles, speak at conferences etc.

1.4 TRADE ASSOCIATION

We are members of ACE, ICE, RICS, CIOB, Constructing Excellence, Build UK and CBI and will work with all of these to signpost actions, behavioural change and initiatives.

2.0 BREADTH

Our UK business employs 700 staff. Our core business is cost management, project management and building surveying and we have a well developed specialist solutions offer which provides strategic advice in social value, environmental issues, contracts and litigation, health and safety and wellbeing. We are part of a Global business which operates in over 50 countries, with a global staff of 5,000.

3.0 TIMESCALE AND COMMITMENT

We are happy to be a champion for an initial term of one year and will commit suitable resources to this role. Our nominated personnel are

Heather Evans – who is our National Head of Sustainability; and

Ainhoa Erasquin – who is a young consultant in our Sustainability unit and is an emerging leader in our business.

We are very happy for Ainhoa to play a proactive role in challenging both our and the industry's approach, offer advice and work with BEIS on media campaigns. We would also support her in playing a role in the programme's formal governance structure.