

Kier reduces its wasteline

Kier Eastern provides a construction service throughout the east of England to both the public and private sectors.

Kier are long-term members of Business Envestors and their membership kick-started a long list of environmental achievements, including ISO14001 accreditation back in 2005. Kier have won a number of awards for their achievements, including the Peterborough Evening Telegraph “Green Business of the Year” award, which they have received two years in a row.

Not content to rest on their laurels, Kier continually strive to find ways to further reduce their environmental impacts and those of their suppliers, through sharing knowledge and best practice. In 2008 a Waste Awareness in Construction course provided by Business Envestors provided an ideal way to further raise awareness about the importance of reducing waste throughout the company.

During the course, many ideas were considered, and experiences shared, as the attendees explored how they could reduce the £1¼ million that they spend on sending waste to landfill each year.

After attending the course, attendees have made individual efforts to reduce the site waste being produced on the sites they are responsible for. Some initiatives implemented include the following:

- Working with the local materials waste exchange Eastex to find a use for surplus second hand materials, including paving slabs and hardwood laboratory benches.
- Waste reduction now on the agenda of weekly meetings with sub-contractors



“The course was very useful in consolidating the existing knowledge of the group. Kier are now considering rolling out the CIWM Construction courses to all their graduate employees to continue their professional development and ensure a consistent approach to Kier’s on-site waste management.”

Peter Johnson, Quality and Environmental Manager, Kier Eastern

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