

VALE GROUNDWORKS & CONSTRUCTION LTD

Environmental & Sustainability Policy
Polisi Amgylcheddol a Chynaliadwyedd

Effective: October 2026 Review: October 2027 Location: Ruthin, Denbighshire, Wales

1. Purpose and commitment

Vale Groundworks & Construction Ltd is committed to protecting the environment, preventing pollution and improving the sustainability of our groundworks and construction activities. We aim to minimise the environmental impacts of excavation, drainage work, plant operation, transport, material use and waste handling while delivering safe, high-quality services.

We will comply with applicable environmental legislation, permits, planning conditions and relevant client requirements. This policy sets out our intended working standards and will be reviewed as the business develops.

2. Responsible groundworks and pollution prevention

- Assess environmental risks before starting work, including nearby drains, watercourses, protected areas and sensitive neighbouring properties.
- Prevent fuel, oil, cement washout, silt and other contaminants entering soil, surface water or drainage systems.
- Store fuels and chemicals securely; use appropriate spill controls and respond promptly to incidents.
- Use suitable methods to manage excavation water, runoff, dust, mud, noise and vibration.
- Protect existing vegetation, trees and habitats where required by site conditions and project specifications.
- Stop work and seek appropriate advice if unexpected contamination, suspected asbestos or protected species are encountered.

3. Waste, materials and circular working

- Plan excavations and order materials carefully to avoid unnecessary spoil and surplus materials.
- Reuse suitable excavated soil, stone and aggregates on site where technically appropriate and legally permitted.
- Segregate waste for reuse or recycling where practical and use appropriately authorised carriers and facilities.
- Maintain waste transfer records and other documentation required by law.
- Source materials locally where practical, balancing suitability, cost, availability and environmental impact.

4. Machinery, fuel and transport

We will seek to improve fuel efficiency through good maintenance, appropriately sized equipment, reduced idling, efficient scheduling and combining deliveries or site visits where practical. Our proposed investment in a Kubota U10-5 micro excavator and an Isuzu 3.5-tonne tipper is intended to improve operational flexibility and reduce unnecessary reliance on hired plant and separate transport journeys. Actual emissions outcomes will be assessed using fuel and mileage records rather than assumed in advance.

5. Drainage and water management

We aim to use water responsibly and support suitable drainage solutions. Where relevant, our drainage investigations and percolation testing will inform the assessment of infiltration options and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), subject to site conditions, design requirements and regulatory approval. We will take reasonable measures to prevent sediment and pollutants reaching watercourses or drainage networks.

6. People, subcontractors and community

- Communicate relevant environmental requirements to employees and subcontractors.
- Provide suitable guidance on waste handling, pollution prevention and spill response.
- Consider neighbours and the local community by controlling dust, noise, access obstruction and site cleanliness.
- Encourage employees to identify opportunities to reduce waste and improve working practices.

7. Monitoring and continual improvement

During 2027, we intend to improve our records of fuel use, vehicle mileage, waste disposal and material purchasing to establish a practical environmental performance baseline. We will use this information to identify improvements and, where reliable data permits, set measurable reduction targets. We will review incidents, complaints and opportunities for better environmental performance as part of normal business management.

8. Responsibility and review

Company management is responsible for implementing this policy and making it available to staff, subcontractors, customers and other interested parties. All personnel working on our behalf are expected to follow relevant site controls and report environmental incidents or concerns promptly.

This policy will be reviewed annually, or earlier if our operations, legal obligations or environmental risks materially change.

Approved by: Company Management | Review due: October 2027