

## Sourcing Sustainable Timber

### Details

Date June 2005  
Location Wolverhampton

### Sourcing Sustainable Timber Workshop



### Business Benefits

Learning and development of our people and our suppliers

Enhanced reputation and reduced risk through sourcing more FSC Certified timber



As part of Sustainability Week in 2005, a Sourcing Sustainable Timber Workshop was held to raise awareness amongst our staff and our key suppliers of the importance of sourcing sustainable timber.

Presentations were provided by Nathan Argent from Greenpeace, Beck Woodrow from the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) and Rachel Hembery from WWF-UK Forest and Trade Network, which Carillion are a member of.

Some of the key learning points include:

- FSC is the most credible of certification schemes and is the only one recognised by WWF and Greenpeace
- The business risk of not using sustainable timber and potential negative impact on share price is far greater than an extra cost in sourcing FSC timber (it may be that FSC is the same cost in some cases)
- Designers and architects need to ensure that FSC timber is specified
- Project teams need to ensure sustainable timber is delivered to site and that sourcing of FSC timber is specifically raised at pre-let meetings with suppliers

The presentations from this workshop can be seen through the following link:

[Sourcing Sustainable Timber Workshop Presentations](#)

This is a good start, but there is still much more we need to do in sourcing timber from sustainable sources.