



Sustainability Commitment 2021

As a company, GL are committed to driving sustainability within the UK Housing Sector, continually researching and exploring new ways of supporting the industry in achieving net zero carbon emissions. We believe that it is important to show our commitment to our own sustainability targets as well as those of the planet.

Operations

Focusing on our operations, we have been able to power our offices, warehouses, and showrooms with 100% renewable energy from green suppliers, as well as from our own solar panels.

With electric vehicle technology improving, it has also become more viable to consider moving towards an electric fleet. We have already begun this process with 25% of our work vehicles now being fully electric (charged at our onsite facilities) with plans to increase its percentage in future.

We have minimised the physical waste we produce by cutting paper usage in half and by swapping all possible processes to 100% digital. We have replaced plastic packaging with smaller quantities of recycled paper and, where possible, shredding old boxes to use as packaging to allow for more use before recycling.

Products and Innovations

GL have always focused on moving forward technologically, from early adoption of LED lighting to our latest progressions in green tech.

Our most recent investment has been in electric vehicle charging, a topic we have a great deal of interest in with the conversion of our own fleet. Working with a manufacturer who already has a market presence, we have been able to rapidly develop a new product to suit the specific needs and supply chain requirements for the UK housebuilder.

We continue to break new ground on other developer inspired products for the new build market, including affordable solar and battery storage. These new products will be able to work both independently and with one another to allow for a more complete green solution for homeowners.

Recycling

For our products, working with Lumicom, we contribute to a Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) scheme to ensure that we are helping to recycle the obsolete electrical equipment that our products are replacing. We have also designed our products to be easily dismantled ensuring that at the end of our products life, when it is time for them to be replaced, that they can be taken apart allowing for every part of the product to be recycled without waste.

We have worked on reducing our packaging, making sure we are using as little as possible while still protecting the products. Due to our reduced packaging, we do not have enough waste on the market to have any impact that requires to be officially reported under Packaging Waste Regulations. This said, we do work with Valpak with their Non-Obligated Packaging Service to ensure that we stay as eco-friendly as possible.