

Biodiversity Policy



Our Commitment

Goonvean Aggregates Ltd. is a leading UK supplier of sustainable, high-quality secondary aggregates, derived as by-products of kaolinised granite extraction. By using pre-existing materials and infrastructure, we offer a low-carbon alternative to virgin aggregates, supporting the transition to a circular economy while creating value through local employment, innovation, and biodiversity protection.

As part of our commitment to sustainable development and our alignment with ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management), ISO 45001 (Occupational Health & Safety), PAS 2080 (Carbon Management in Infrastructure), and BES 6001 (Responsible Sourcing), we recognise the vital importance of conserving, enhancing, and restoring biodiversity across all areas of our operations.

Principles and Objectives

We are committed to the principles of nature positivity, taking proactive steps to reduce biodiversity loss, improve ecosystem services, and contribute positively to the UK's environmental goals.

We will:

- Comply with all applicable biodiversity-related legislation and planning conditions, as well as align with industry best practices through our Integrated Management System (IMS).
- Identify, assess and manage biodiversity risks and opportunities through site-specific Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs) and ongoing environmental impact assessments.
- Enhance nature conservation value across our landholdings through habitat protection, restoration, and site rehabilitation using scientifically informed and ecologically appropriate techniques.
- Minimise pesticide use, eliminate unjustified chemical treatments, and promote nature-based solutions in vegetation and land management.
- Incorporate biodiversity considerations into site design, operation and decommissioning, including quarry restoration plans developed in consultation with regulators, communities, and environmental stakeholders.
- Protect ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, water filtration, pollination and flood resilience, especially in areas impacted by past industrial activity.
- Increase the circularity of our materials and operations, eliminating reliance on virgin extraction and promoting responsible resource use in line with PAS 2080 and BES 6001 principles.
- Collaborate with local stakeholders, NGOs, community groups and academia to share knowledge and support integrated land use and conservation outcomes.
- Train employees, contractors, and partners on their responsibilities and the importance of biodiversity as a shared value and business imperative.

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Implementation and Governance

This policy is embedded in our business strategy and supported by senior leadership. Our Environmental Manager, in coordination with site managers and external specialists, is responsible for implementing and reviewing biodiversity performance as part of our wider IMS.

Progress is monitored through defined KPIs and reported as part of our environmental performance review. This includes contributions to our BES 6001 responsible sourcing audits and PAS 2080 carbon assessments.

Communication and Review

This Biodiversity Policy is:

- Communicated to all employees, contractors, suppliers, and relevant stakeholders.
- Reviewed annually to reflect evolving best practices, regulatory requirements, and stakeholder expectations.

Signed:

Managing Director, Goonvean Aggregates Ltd.

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