

THE PALLET LOOP CHARTER



THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY PALLET REUSE SCHEME THAT'S
DIFFERENT BY DESIGN. RECOVER. REPAIR. REUSE.

PALLETS WITH A NEW PURPOSE FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

We, the undersigned, welcome the launch of The Pallet LOOP – a circular pallet distribution model that addresses existing inefficiencies in the management of pallets in the UK construction sector.

Delivering a simple way of actively eliminating avoidable pallet waste, we believe The Pallet LOOP will deliver a tangible step-change in the transportation of building materials throughout the UK. Through its deposit-based scheme, The Pallet LOOP will remove the need to harvest 4,500 acres of trees every year to feed current linear pallet practices. This in turn will reduce related industry CO₂ emissions by up to 70% and cut construction waste by around 10%.

By signing The Pallet LOOP Charter, we acknowledge – individually and collectively – that now is the time for change. Currently, UK construction consumes 18 million pallets each year, achieving a reuse rate of less than 10% - significantly less than FMCG retail, where pallet reuse is now the standard. This practice is clearly unsustainable – economically and environmentally.

Supporting our own corporate sustainability and net zero carbon ambitions – and those of the UK Government – The Pallet LOOP provides the construction industry with a practical solution to collectively design avoidable pallet waste out of the building materials supply chain, solving a perennial problem that has plagued the sector for decades.

As signatories of this Charter, we are making clear our commitment to engage with the team at The Pallet LOOP and work with our industry counterparts to encourage a permanent shift in behaviour that eliminates poor pallet practices. We recognise that through collaboration, and by adopting this transformational pallet recovery system, there is a huge opportunity to deliver sector-wide change that will have a lasting, sustainable positive impact on people and the planet.

As supporters of The Pallet LOOP we commit to:

1. A comprehensive evaluation of how The Pallet LOOP could be integrated within our business.
2. Championing the adoption of a circular economy pallet solution that reduces associated CO₂ emissions, delivers improved safety, and increases supply chain resilience through standardisation.
3. Cooperating with other industry stakeholders to accelerate sector wide implementation - conscious that there is no Planet B and that that we must act now and adopt more sustainable supply chain and distribution solutions.

Name: _____ Position: _____ Organisation: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EXISTING ENDORSEMENTS



“The ‘Pallet Loop’ scheme embodies the principles of Sustainability and Circularity and provides a simple ‘system level’ solution for the growing number of companies making this transition”.

Dr James Colwill
Loughborough University



“Pallet Loop represents the type of sustainability disruptor we think is urgently needed to create a more circular and frankly sensible construction industry. It will have benefits to those handling the pallets regarding safety, for the site managers in dealing with risk, logistics and space issues, right through to the forests that don’t need to be felled as a result, with all the biodiversity and carbon benefits that brings. We believe deposit-based return schemes are a key mechanism to deliver on the UNSDGs which is needed urgently and will be embraced by the industry”.

Eithne George
Programme Director
CISL



Kier recognises that the current use of single trip pallets is unsustainable. These pallets consume a significant quantity of home-grown softwood timber resource (around 17%), which could be better utilised in other long-term carbon storage solutions such as the construction of buildings, and they also account for a significant percentage of our construction waste stream (up to 10% by volume) which is a significant cost to the business. We therefore would fully endorse a deposit-based supply chain solution that would enable the recovery, repair, and reuse of pallets in the UK construction sector

Jade Hunt
Group Environment Manager
KIER



“A “green recovery” from COVID-19 is a key priority for the Government. The Pallet Loop solution is a practical way to reduce timber waste and support the UK’s ambitious environmental targets. The concept has the potential to support several sectors including construction who are under increased pressure to reduce their carbon footprint and improve efficiencies even further in view of the slowing economy”.

Chris Seaton
Head of Public Affairs & Regional Policy
Road Haulage Association



“Zero Waste Scotland are Scotland’s circular economy and resource efficiency experts. We aim to accelerate the transition to a circular, low carbon economy by supporting companies offering circular products, services and business models. We are excited with the offerings of companies such as PalletLoop that seek to lead the way in servitisation and the responsible consumption of resources and look forward to watching how they develop”.

Nick Ribbons PIEMA
Sector Manager - Construction
Zero Waste Scotland

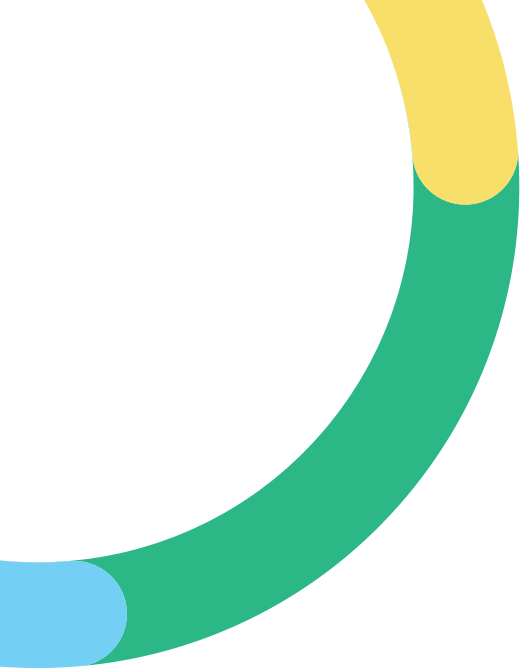


At the TP Group we recognise the importance of shifting to a more circular economy and we’re fully committed to exploring new ways to embed sustainability in our business. A model where pallets can be recovered, repaired and reused through the supply chain is a great example of a sustainable solution which we’re keen to embrace

Jame Vance
Head of Sustainability
Travis Perkins

MEMBERSHIPS & PARTNERS





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