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UK C16 CAMPAIGN

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RESILIENT TIMBER INDUSTRY

The launch of the government's Timber in Construction Roadmap aims to increase the safe and sustainable use of timber in the built environment. With an ambition to promote domestic forestry and reduce reliance on imported timber.

There is currently a strong focus on creating Resilient Forests to tackle existing and future challenges faced from pests, diseases and a changing climate. However, we are not meeting targets for new planting or addressing the future supply of productive timber for established markets.

We have seen a sustained decline in the sales of UK C16 graded construction timber, with market share being lost to imported C24.

How do we address these topics to build a thriving Resilient Timber Industry in the UK.



UK INDUSTRY RESPONSE

In an industry first, the UK's three largest sawmillers – BSW Timber, James Jones & Sons, and Glennon Brothers – have joined forces in a landmark collaboration to promote the use of domestically grown and manufactured timber.

Backed by leading trade bodies Confor (Confederation of Forest Industries) and Timber Development UK (TDUK), **the initiative is a call to action for a more sustainable, economically sound future for the UK construction sector.**



THE PROBLEM

- Using more sustainably sourced timber is great for the planet, but the UK is the second largest net importer of forest products globally – **importing 80% (£9 billion) of its requirements**

THE SOLUTION

- Plant more fast-growing coniferous trees and **use more UK grown timber**
- Use **C16** graded construction timber
- C16 directly supports the **Government's new Timber in Construction Roadmap**, the UK economy and rural jobs
- **C16 is grown and manufactured in this country**, unlike other grades of timber, such as C24 which is imported



THE INDUSTRY

- Gross value added (GVA) in primary wood processing and forestry is measured at over £3 billion
- Forestry also supports more than 34,000 jobs in Scotland alone, with many in rural areas
- We have the resource, investment and technology to further build the industry and bolster our economy
- With global demand for timber expected to rise significantly, we must support UK industry to ensure consistency of supply





GROW

The UK has one of the lowest tree coverage percentages in Europe. Increasing this by planting more productive woodlands will help combat climate change by sequestering carbon, **with forests currently capturing around 30% of CO2 emissions globally.** UK forests are sustainable, certified, and held to the highest environmental standards, with trees helping to improve air and water quality, regulate local temperatures and encourage biodiversity.



MANUFACTURE

Carbon continues to be stored away in timber even when trees are felled, so sustainably harvesting and replanting woodlands makes timber the perfect renewable construction product.

The UK sawmilling industry has advanced manufacturing capabilities that utilise cutting-edge technology, ensuring the country is well placed to make best use of the raw material.





SPECIFY

The built environment currently accounts for around 25% of carbon emissions. **Timber products are imported to the UK from all over the world, and even more carbon-intensive products, such as concrete and steel, are often specified unnecessarily.** But substituting more C16 timber into construction has the potential to drastically reduce this.





BUILD

C16 timber is suitable for almost all standard construction applications and also has lower embodied carbon than other construction materials.

It is biophilic - meaning you'll feel better for being surrounded by natural material - while its practical benefits are vast. It's lightweight, versatile and strong, and also boasts an array of thermal insulation advantages.

INDUSTRY FILM

