



## **Construction Logistics and Community Safety in Costain**

It has long been recognised that a disproportionate number of vulnerable road users are killed or seriously injured by construction related activities involving Large Good Vehicles (over 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight). To address this and raise the standard of construction logistics, in 2013 the construction industry formed Construction Logistics and Community Safety Scheme (CLOCS).

Building upon the initiatives of FORS (Fleet operators Registration Scheme), the CLOCS Standard is a national industry standard that promotes good practice beyond basic legal compliance. It defines the primary requirements placed upon the key stakeholders associated with a construction project and places responsibilities and duties on the regulator, the client, the principal contractor controlling the construction project and the supply chain including the operator of any roadworthy vehicles servicing that project

Costain, is one of the founder members and Champions of the CLOCS standard, having imbedded the CLOCS best practice into our transport logistics governances and activities by requiring that all Costain projects assess the risk to vulnerable road users from vehicles attending project and implement a site-specific traffic management plan as part of the overall project Transport Logistics Plan. Part of the requirements of each plan is to manage and control transport Logistics' through communicating to suppliers the minimum FORS standard required for vehicles visiting the relevant site(s).

Suppliers should be aware that in all cases this minimum standard is FORS Bronze accreditation, but on certain projects this may be FORS Silver or Gold. They must therefore ensure that they understand the specific project requirements applicable to them before attending any Costain construction project. Details of the corresponding minimum vehicle standard for Costain may be found in the document "Stop and Think: Are your Vehicles Safe?" in the General requirements section at <http://www.costain.com/suppliers/specific-customer-requirements/>. Any vehicle attending a Costain project that does not meet this standard may not be permitted on site. New suppliers who are working with Costain will have ninety days to comply with these requirements.

For further information on CLOCS and FORS you can visit the following websites:

<http://www.clocs.org.uk/>

<https://www.fors-online.org.uk/cms/>

You will also find in the Resources section of <http://www.clocs.org.uk/> a checklist which serves a useful guide to the requirements of Costain and CLOCS.

Whilst FORS accreditation is the minimum requirement we strongly encourage all suppliers to adhere to the CLOCS standard and encourage others to do the same to minimise WRRR. As previously mentioned, Costain is committed to ensuring the vehicles within its supply chain do not pose a risk to other road users. Your assistance is required to achieve this aim and we welcome your support to ensure compliance by the above date to help us all to provide a safer environment for vulnerable road users.

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