

Skanska sponsors UK Green Building Council Village and Big Tent at Ecobuild

As a gold leaf member of UK-GBC, Skanska is proud to be a platinum sponsor of the UK Green Building Council (UK-GBC) Village and Big Tent at Ecobuild this year.

Highlights of Skanska's involvement this year include:

Skanska UK's President and CEO and Co-chair of the Green Construction Board, Mike Putnam will be contributing to the 'Green for growth – reality check' session on Wednesday, 6 March, alongside:

- Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, Minister for Business and Enterprise, Department of Business, Innovation and Skills and Co-chair of the Green Construction Board
- Rhian Kelly, Director for Business Environment, CBI
- Professor Chris Gorse, Professor of Construction and Project Management and Director of the Centre for Knowledge Exchange, Leeds Metropolitan University

The speakers will be tackling the topic of what and where we should invest in green infrastructure to get the maximum benefit.

Skanska AB is a gold sponsor of the World Green Business Council's report 'The business case for green buildings'. Staffan Haglind, Green Business Officer, Skanska AB, will be speaking at the launch of the report held at Ecobuild on Wednesday 6 March.

Operations Manager Mike Carter will be talking about near-site manufacture using modern 'flying factories' in the session entitled 'Modular buildings: designing for manufacture' on Tuesday, 5 March.

Jennifer Clark, Director of Environment, Skanska UK said: "We are proud to support the UK-GBC Village and Big Tent again this year. We believe the business case for green remains a very strong and compelling one. That is why we are focusing on delivering green throughout our business, from retrofit, building and infrastructure schemes to residential development projects to developing green skills for our employees and to making our own office buildings more sustainable."

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Jennifer will be taking part in the 'Women in Sustainability' session in the UK-GBC Big Tent on Wednesday, 6 March.

Also, visit Skanska's sustainability experts at stand N540, N730 in the UK-GBC

Green Village.

Notes for editors

Examples of our achievements in green construction and project delivery include:

M25 widening

The M25 widening project, a joint venture with Balfour Beatty, set new standards for highway projects in terms of resource efficiency, embodied carbon, public relations, biodiversity and sustainable drainage solutions. The project has been recognised by a number of industry awards and realised significant efficiency-related financial savings.

Green retrofit

Skanska is currently green retrofitting its UK head office, Maple Cross House, in Rickmansworth. This follows the redevelopment of Hollywood House, Skanska's office in Woking, which achieved LEED Interiors Platinum.

HMP Thameside

HMP Thameside is a prison in south-east London, which included the first ever prison living unit to achieve BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method) Outstanding, and nine other buildings that achieved BREEAM Excellent.

Surrey Street Lighting PFI

The Surrey Street Lighting PFI (Private Finance Initiative) involves modernising the County of Surrey's entire street lighting system to provide higher quality and more efficient street lighting over a 25-year period.

Brent Civic Centre

The new Brent Civic Centre set to be the UK's greenest-ever municipal building, thanks to Skanska's expertise and design. BREEAM Interim Certificate – Design Stage.

Homes by Skanska

We are setting a new benchmark standard for sustainable homes in the UK. Our developments are minimum level 4 or 5 on the Code for Sustainable Homes, surpassing the UK standard of code level 3. With each development we focus on place making, functional design, the customer experience and, of course, sustainability.

More examples can be viewed on <http://skanska-sustainability-case-studies.com/>

Read Skanska's Green Urban Development Reports which show trends and development that can make our society greener
<http://group.skanska.com/en/Sustainability/Our-Journey-to-Deep-Green/Green-Publications/Green-Urban-Development-reports/>

Skanska in the UK

Skanska is involved in some of the UK's most prestigious building and infrastructure projects, working with both private and public-sector clients. We also deliver numerous smaller schemes, including public-realm improvement, hard and soft landscaping and utilities projects.

In addition, by combining our skills and experience in construction and infrastructure development we have become a UK leader in delivering schemes in healthcare, education, defence, transportation and municipal services that bring together private and public investment.

Working together with clients, partners and our supply chain, we make a positive difference to each project. Part of that is our resolute commitment to a more sustainable world, creating green solutions and setting high standards in green construction, as well as helping project stakeholders to make more sustainable choices. In acknowledgement, in June 2011 we were named the greenest company in the UK across all industries in *The Sunday Times* Best Green Companies Awards.

We also strive to lead in health and safety, business ethics and the working environment. *Construction News* named us Employer of the Year in its 2012 awards. Our Code of Conduct and Five Zeros together embody our values and form the foundation of our culture: zero loss-making projects, zero accidents, zero environmental incidents, zero ethical breaches and zero defects.

Skanska UK is backed by the financial strength of Skanska AB in Sweden.

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