

TIMBER YOU CAN TRUST

Membership imports of UK timber, of which



90% was certified sustainable



Value to UK construction, manufacturing and service industries is over

£ 10 billion to UK economy

Every of timber stores



1 tonne of carbon



Members account for more than 90% of UK timber industry



Current output in timber frame is approximately

50,000 

and has capacity to triple by 2020



Demand for sustainable, managed forests

Covers

200,000



jobs



Highest ratio of apprentices in the construction sector.



200,000 timber homes would store 4 million tonnes of carbon dioxide.



Confederation of Timber Industries

The timber industry is at the forefront of driving low-energy manufacturing, producing high-performance low-carbon goods, leading the off-site construction revolution, offering a clear solution to the current housing crisis and helping achieve UK carbon reduction targets.

Sustainable

Timber is a vibrant, growing part of our low carbon economy and vital to the clean growth agenda. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, storing the carbon in timber. Timber processing and manufacturing has very low energy inputs to produce healthy, high performance, low-carbon goods. **In fact, more carbon is stored in the timber than emitted during the entire harvesting, transport, processing, and manufacturing chain! It is probably the only industry where we can grow our industrial base without increasing emissions.**

Key Policy Recommendations

- Ensure principles and practice of EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) are protected and enforced.
- Maintain strict carbon targets at the heart of the industrial & clean growth strategy.
- Recognise and reward the timber industry's crucial role in maintaining and expanding forest cover at home and abroad.

Productive

The timber supply chain contributes £10 billion to the UK economy. It is attracting investment and growth but needs a consistent and coherent policy framework to achieve its full potential. From cross laminated timber (CLT) towers, through timber frame buildings to fully finished engineered products (such as staircases, doors and windows) timber is a fundamental part of the pre-manufactured revolution in construction. **The timber supply chain stands ready to solve the housing crisis with sustainable, healthy, cost-effective and safe solutions.**

Key Policy Recommendations

- Reward vital manufacturing investment through this period of Brexit uncertainty by creating certainty of demand and reforming Business Rates.
- Mandate the measurement of socioeconomic value, the impact on jobs and long-term wealth creation in procurement decisions.
- Don't lose focus on market innovation and helping SMEs to integrate technology through the Industrial Strategy.

Skilled

The UK timber industry employs over 150,000 people in the direct supply chain and an additional 200,000 UK construction jobs. From forestry, through timber engineers, merchant and logistics specialists, the career opportunities across the timber supply chain are immense. **A strong training culture is exemplified by the fact that carpentry and joinery account for a third of all construction apprentices.**

Key Policy Recommendations

- Develop a UCAS equivalent for vocational training delivering parity of esteem with academia.
- Give design and technology equal status with the sciences on the National Curriculum.
- Maintain the focus on quality apprentices through the Institute of Apprenticeships.