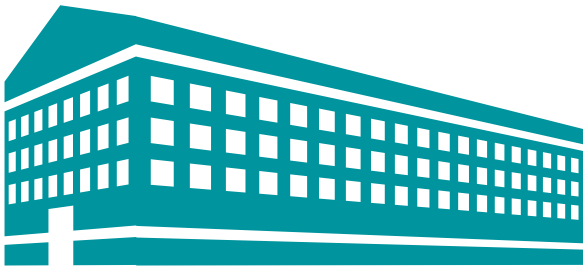


Factsheet: Sustainability on the defence estate

Sustainable development (SD) has been defined in many ways, but the most frequently quoted definition is from Our Common Future, also known as the Brundtland Report:

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is committed to delivering a sustainably managed estate, with well-managed land and modern resource-efficient buildings - properly planned and costed throughout their lifetime.



The estate should be flexible enough to meet future military requirements and embed the principles of SD into working practice.

How is DIO delivering a sustainable estate?

DIO is committed to ensuring its operational functions are sustainable.

This includes championing and training our staff in SD, travel, transport, office waste and more, as well as implementing sustainable development across our management processes.



The Ministry of Defence (MOD) must achieve certain sustainability targets as part of the Greening Government Commitments.

DIO takes the lead for the Defence estate-related GGC targets.

Why have a sustainable estate?

There are many benefits to DIO delivering a sustainable estate. These include:

- Reducing costs through reduced fuel and energy use 
- Increasing operational agility, for example, through fuel efficiency
- Complying with environmental protection legislation 
- Contributing to local communities across the UK and where military personnel operate
- Considering longer term challenges, such as climate change, in decision-making 
- Reducing resource use and waste, which reduces costs
- Achieving value for money by recognising the total costs, not just initial costs. 

What about procurement?

DIO's supplier engagement activities ensure that SD is delivered across the estate.

Performance Indicators are agreed with all key suppliers which allow us to monitor and report our SD performance.

We have signed a Sustainable Procurement Charter with all our key suppliers.

This has helped us to ensure that SD is considered during our procurement activities.