



EARL Project Environmental Policy

EARL will deliver a new railway infrastructure connecting stations throughout Scotland to Edinburgh Airport. An Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken which identified mitigation to minimise and offset significant adverse impacts. Following this assessment an Environmental Management Plan has been developed and will be implemented in order to minimise these impacts throughout the project lifecycle, from detailed design, through construction, to the operation of the railway.

The project will adopt an environmental management system in accordance with BS EN ISO 14001:2004. The project will be designed, constructed and commissioned:

- to comply with or exceed the requirements of all environmental legislation and other obligations relevant to EARL;
- to minimise its adverse effects on surrounding communities by adopting all reasonable controls for reducing and, where possible preventing air, water, soil, noise and light pollution;
- to protect and enhance the natural and man-made heritage of the existing environment which interfaces with EARL, as far as reasonably practicable; and
- in a manner consistent with the efficient use of energy and materials.

During design, procurement and implementation **tie** will:

- regularly review environmental performance and audit outcomes and where necessary, amend environmental procedures with the aim of achieving compliance with all requirements;
- set objectives and monitor for continual improvement in environmental performance and report on achievement;
- select, inform and train project staff so that they are aware of and competent to fulfil their responsibilities for environmental protection; and
- encourage understanding and awareness of environmental issues relating to the EARL project and communicate information on the environmental performance of the project to all stakeholders.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Cross', written over a horizontal line.

Barry Cross
Project Director
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