

# Top award for Collaborative working

## News story

Our dedication to working as one team with our supply chain has been recognised with a national award.



The supply chain category award

On Thursday the Institute for Collaborative Working presented us with an award under the supply chain category at a ceremony in London.

2020 has been the year we've attained ISO44001 certification for our commitment to collaborative working, and we have continued to embed this through the year, successfully navigating third party audits around "living with certification to ISO44001".

We've also seen the continued success of the Programme and Project Partners (PPP), a ground-breaking 20 year partnership that will deliver the major infrastructure needed to complete our mission.

Alan Hartley, head of procurement and supply chain delivery, attended the socially distanced event. He said:

The supply chain is over half of our £2.2 billion annual expenditure – so collaborative working is central to delivering: greater innovation, long term investment and sustainable relationships.

By collaborating we have and continue to learn from our supply chain, we no longer assume we have the 'best' solution.

We want to work with them to create and realise mutual value. With long-term partnerships attracting investment and commitment to small and medium sized enterprises and innovation, our supply chain is key to how we will create a clean and safe environment for future generations.

Our entry for the awards highlighted the wide range of collaborative practices we have been involved with – including:

- work by the Decommissioning Delivery Partnership and Legacy Ponds team to develop an effective way of removing waste from tanks so they can be re-sealed
- the introduction of a concrete batcher by PPP, which was procured through our supply chain saving time and money
- links to our communities through our collaborative Social Impact programme, SiX

Collaborative working programme lead, Stephen Scott said:

Developing collaborative working is a key ingredient and a golden thread in support of our manifesto.

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