

DAY Aggregates - A FORS for good

Day Aggregates is one of the largest independent aggregate marketing companies in the UK with an annual sales volume in excess of 4 million tonnes. The original Company, Day & Sons Ltd, was incorporated in 1947 and moved to its current site in Brentford in 1955 where its Headquarters is still based today. The Company's reputation has been built over many years supplying aggregate to major construction projects such as Crossrail, Heathrow Airport's T5 and the new Terminal 2. Day Aggregates is a supply chain partner with many of the UK's largest construction companies such as BAM Nuttall, Balfour Beatty and Travis Perkins. Dominic Day, Transport and Distribution Director, explains how FORS has positively reinforced and contributed to best practice within Day Aggregates.

Day Aggregates became involved with FORS in the early days of the scheme. We were immediately impressed with the way it encouraged sustainable best practice for freight operators and promoted safe working practices, legal compliance and the safety of vulnerable road users. Nothing like FORS had existed before and we embraced the principles established in the early days of the scheme. For example, we reviewed our contract of employment and adopted new regimes in areas of the business such as inductions, post-accident investigations and driving licence checks. As a long standing member we were pleased when it became a legal obligation for companies supplying the Crossrail project.



Although we were happy that many of our management procedures and systems were already aligned to the FORS philosophy, we welcomed the opportunity to be assessed under the scheme and attained Bronze on our first attempt. The assessment confirmed we were already performing well, however there was no room for complacency. As a direct result of our Bronze assessment and with a view towards progression within the scheme,

we established regular eyesight checks and revised some of our procedures.

We have always set very high standards for ourselves and after attaining Bronze the decision was taken quickly to progress towards Silver, which would help us improve safety, reduce our environmental impact and give us an advantage when tendering for business. The benefits of FORS accreditation are clear. It has helped us to identify areas where we can improve and develop our goals.



We continue to take advantage of the reduced rates afforded to FORS accredited Companies. We now use AdvancedCheck for driver licence checks and Road Hawk has supplied and fitted forward facing cameras to our entire fleet. FORS has also helped us with training through the e-learning tool and we find the workshops provide a forum to discuss ‘best practice’ with other like-minded operators. The sharing of ideas and experiences has given the industry clear direction.

Our primary concern is safety. Protecting vulnerable road users is at the heart of our philosophy and to that end FORS has been invaluable. All of our drivers have attended a Safeguarding Vulnerable Road Users course. We have invested heavily in our fleet and the specification of our new trucks has been updated to exceed current FORS standards.

‘Safety is our number one priority’

Having developed and escalated our driving training program we are delighted to see that the number of road related incidents year on year has reduced significantly. This is despite an increase in our overall fleet size. We feel this reflects the considerable effort that we have made in this area and FORS has provided us with ongoing guidance and support throughout.

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	Jan – Dec 2012	Jan – Dec 2013	Percentage Improvement
Damage Only	93	73	21.5%
Slight Injury	11	9	18.1%
RIDDOR Reportable	4	3	25%



We see FORS as extremely important to improving the image of our industry and helping to reduce its impact on the wider community in London. Ultimately our focus is on finding better and more efficient ways of running our operation and achieving Gold would recognise these ongoing efforts and confirm us as an industry leader. We continue to encourage our contractors to participate in the FORS scheme, many of which are realising the benefits for themselves.

