

- ✓ Enabling greater engagement
- ✓ Supporting growth
- ✓ Boosting visibility
- ✓ Maximising collaboration

What is The Social Partnership Portal?

The **Social Partnership Portal** is an online portal to bring social suppliers and buyers together and maximise social value within construction projects across the industry.

We believe construction should have a social conscience not just by creating greener spaces but by making sure the things we buy, and the way we build creates opportunities and strengthens communities. By sourcing and engaging social suppliers on The Social Partnership Portal, buyers can evidence their social and sustainability outcomes, boosting social value across communities.

Background:

As national procurement guidance increasingly encourages the use of socially responsible organisations in public sector construction, it's more important than ever for us to make this process quick, simple, and easy.

In response to this and demand from their social enterprise working group; a two-year collaboration between some of the UK's leading construction and infrastructure contractors chaired by Wates, SCAPE identified the need for a platform that would bring buyers and suppliers together, and enable stronger collaboration.

Key benefits for buyers:

- Increasing buyer confidence: Shared industry knowledge
- Building relationships with suppliers: collaboration between buyers and suppliers
- Maximising social value and sustainability outcomes: Boost social value across communities
- Aligning to national procurement best practice: Drive compliance and governance

Who's involved?

The **Social Partnership Portal** was procured by SCAPE who remain actively present in the portal's future direction. Powered and developed by Local Supply Chain and supported by Supply Change, the portal's supplier verification service ensuring our buyers can source socially focussed suppliers.

The portal has over 20 founding members proactively supporting this new initiative including Wates who played a critical part in the procurement process.

Founder Members



How to: Complete a Social Enterprise Appraisal

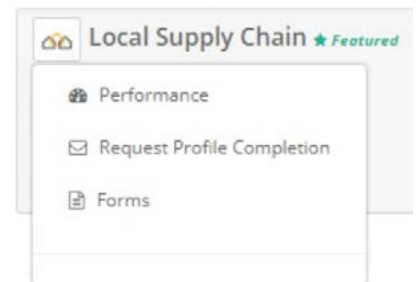
STEP 1:

When viewing a social supplier in the list view, select the logo in the top left corner



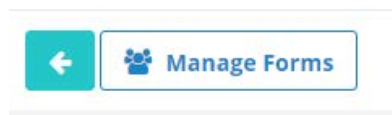
STEP 2:

Select "Forms"



STEP 3:

Click "Manage Forms"



STEP 4:

Select from the drop down menu "contractor assessment for silver and gold status"



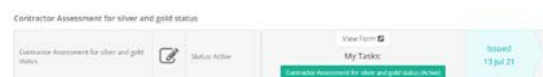
STEP 5:

Select whether you wish to complete the assessment instantly or in the future and click "Issue Form"



STEP 6:

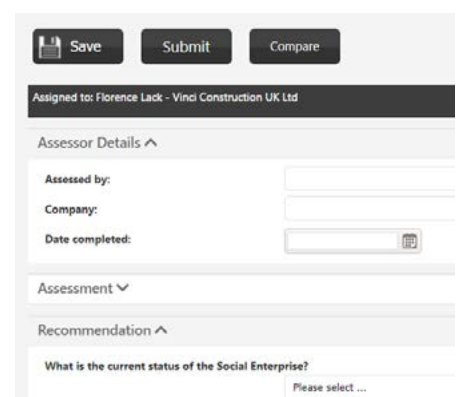
The form will then appear as an action. Click the green box "Contractor assessment for silver and gold status"



STEP 7:

Complete the form with your assessment using the guidance notes within the form and include your recommendation for silver or gold status.

Once complete, press submit

A screenshot of a form for 'Contractor Assessment for silver and gold status'. The form has buttons for 'Save', 'Submit', and 'Compare'. Below the buttons is a section for 'Assigned to: Florence Lack - Vinci Construction UK Ltd'. The form has sections for 'Assessor Details' (Assessed by, Company, Date completed) and 'Assessment' (Recommendation). The 'Recommendation' section has a question: 'What is the current status of the Social Enterprise?' with a dropdown menu.