GROWN IN BRITAIN CERTIFICATION

WHAT IT MEANS FOR ARCHITECTS & SPECIFIERS



Gwynfaen Housing Project, Photography by Tom Bright.

The Government places Grown in Britain (GiB) Certification at the highest level within the UK Timber Procurement Policy.

Unlike other forest and timber chain-of-custody schemes, GiB uniquely certifies UK provenance, alongside sustainable and legal forest management.

Timber is a global commodity, and the UK imports significant volumes. International sourcing can bring environmental and reputational risks. By contrast, the UK's high standards for forest management mean that buyers of GiB-certified timber can be confident they are making one of the most sustainable procurement choices available.

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By adopting a GiB-first policy, we ensure our timber is fully traceable, avoids deforestation, and delivers positive outcomes for nature, local employment and carbon reduction. Many organisations across the public, private and third sectors have already adopted a GiB-first approach. Yet 40 % of the UK's forests remain undermanaged, with damaging consequences for nature.

Every specification genuinely makes a difference: one GiB product specified, one timber frame built, one sawmill job supported, and one glade opened to allow nectar-rich plants to flourish and support pollinators.

GiB is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers far more than certification. Its research and development programme works with the supply chain to reduce unnecessary imports by increasing UK manufacturing capacity. GiB also leads a major industry coalition developing the UK's first certification scheme for stored biogenic carbon in construction, enabling developers to verify and monetise long-term carbon storage in timber buildings. This work directly supports the Government's Timber in Construction Roadmap.

WHAT CAN YOU DO NEXT TO DRIVE CHANGE?

- **Specify Grown in Britain timber**
- **Ask Grown in Britain for expert guidance and support on how to do this**
- **Ask your suppliers to become Grown in Britain certified**
- **Apply for a Grown in Britain promotional certificate**

Alignment with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

GiB certification is more than a mark of quality - it's a commitment to sustainability, ethical sourcing, and professional excellence. By specifying GiB-certified materials, you can align your projects with RICS professional standards and contribute to a greener, more responsible built environment.

› Let's talk about making a positive impact. **Choose GiB for your next project.**

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