# **STEEL REUSE CHECKLIST**



#### **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Specify steel reuse and set contractual requirements

Conduct pre-demolition audits to identify which structural steel can potentially be reused, their condition, and quantities and potential age

Determine a demolition approach to recover steel sections, and consider health and safety implications

Assess the ability of using existing equipment for steel reuse

Conduct the processing of reclaimed steel, including removing existing fittings, fixing holes, removing coatings and paints, etc.

Manage testing, certification, and quality assurance of the reclaimed steel, following the SCI P427 protocol

Record and keep material information (such as drawings from the demolished/refurbished building, age of the structure, original certificates, grade and material properties of steel sections, records of inspection and tests conducted, etc.)

Consider any warranty and insurance issues

Inspect and fabricate reclaimed steel sections

Consider the aesthetics of the steel structure, particularly if it will be exposed in a building, taking into account that reclaimed steel might have surface imperfections such as marks and holes from its previous use

Ensure that required holes are marked clearly to avoid inadvertent use of the wrong holes during assembly on site if reclaimed steel has spare holes and attachments

Design the steelwork based on available reclaimed steel sections. Consider design efficiency. Allow for design iterations. Consider tolerances in design.

Assess embodied carbon savings from steel reuse

Ensure that new buildings are designed to be suitable for future reuse.



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#### SUPPLY CHAIN CONSIDERATIONS

Consider the availability of reclaimed steel sections

Consider the procurement route of reclaimed steel e.g. who will buy and own the steel

Consider lead times for business processes such as recovering steel from demolished buildings, fabrication, initial processing, testing, designing, procurement, etc.

Evaluate the possibility of project delays and mitigate these risks

Ensure sufficient space for storage of reclaimed steel

Consider transportation issues of reclaimed steel to and from the project site, in case of space constraints (e.g in central London projects)



### **ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS**

Determine payment agreement for reclaimed steel

Evaluate any potential increase in labour and equipment costs

Assess potential cost increase in case of project delays

Determine material costs/savings related to reclaimed steel

Consider cost of testing and certification for reclaimed steel

Evaluate potential increased design costs, including additional design fees in case of design iterations and more coordination and planning required