



Environmental Statement of Policy

Environmental protection and management is a priority for Architon LLP and an issue addressed wherever possible. The Practice makes every attempt to conduct its operations and services in harmony with the environment.

The Practice,

- Is committed to protecting the environment in delivery of operations and services
- Operations, services and processes comply with environmental standards and legislation
- Is committed to continual improvement of the Environmental Management System to achieve improved environmental performance
- Educates, trains and motivates its employees to carry out their tasks in an environmentally responsible manner
- Encourages energy efficient management of its offices and ensures optimum use of recycled and recyclable materials
- Actively promotes good environmental design of facilities within the architectural profession
- Aims for prevention of pollution
- Does not permit the specification of tropical hardwoods, unless can be demonstrated to originate from sustainable sources
- Seeks to advise its clients where opportunities for energy conservation can be built into the design process
- Promotes compliance for the design and construction of buildings with general good practice and philosophy on environmental matters, whilst recommending adoption of the strict government environmental policies and standards
- Is committed to achieving Net Zero Emissions by 2050 but aim to beat this by 2044.

Architon recognises the minimum environmental standards when purchasing certain types of product covering aspects such as energy efficiency, recycled content and biodegradability. We aim to be seen as leading the way in promoting and implementing sustainable architecture and business. Typically, this is translated into project design and procurement using the following strategies:

- Sustainability Statement
- Environmental Assessment of Building Projects Statement
- Environmental Transport Statement.

The Principals and the Management Team have defined the Environmental Policy that includes these commitments and sets out the intentions and principles for environmental performance in compliance with the requirements of ISO 14001: 2015 and provides a framework to set objectives and targets for environmental improvement.

Sustainability Statement

For many of the projects we are carrying out a 'Sustainability Charter' is usually drafted by the Design Team and is appended to the Employers Requirement during tender procedures. This 'Charter' sets out the environmental targets for the project with the objective of meeting the government standards for design, project procurement and construction.

The aim is to focus the Construction Team on the requirement that the Project is to be carried out to the 'highest practicable sustainability standards'. The objective as set out in the charter is to balance the various considerations of comfort, energy, consumption, life expectancy and impact on the environment which may often be in conflict with each other.

It is accepted that any particular project may not achieve the perfect balance, but by employing the measures detailed in the charter the Contractor and Design Team will aim to utilise the best practice that is available. The Charter becomes a project requirement and therefore the tender prices will typically reflect the cost of meeting the targets identified.

Environmental Assessment of Building Projects Statement

The primary aim of the 'Sustainability Charter' is to achieve an Environmentally Rated Building such as a BREEAM rated building (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) or SKA rated Building using either a standard or bespoke assessment depending on the function of the building (Government's current requirements are for new build projects to achieve an 'EXCELLENT' rating with refurbishment of existing buildings 'Very Good').

The assessment is generally performed in two parts, the first part will typically be a design and procurement review and the second part will be a post construction assessment to ensure the design intent has been achieved.

The assessment is carried out by an authorised assessor who checks and verifies the project to achieve the target rating at the various stages and submit a report to the respective authority who will provide the relevant certification for the scheme.

The assessments typically (there may be others not listed) targets the following criteria such as:

- Refrigerants with zero GWP and ODP
- Use of timber from sustainable resources
- Energy Performance in the Government Civil Estate (Good Practice Guide 286) limiting water consumption
- Health and Safety use of construction materials from sustainable resources
- Reuse or recycling of materials
- Minimising waste from construction activities
- Implementation of a Considerate Constructors Scheme
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)
- Energy consumption and framework for sustainable development on the Government Estate.

Architon LLP has achieved "Excellent BREEAM" and SKA Gold ratings on key projects and is experienced in the discipline this imposes on the design and construction process.

Current government policy outlines that 'Sustainable procurement will not be achieved overnight but the government environmental policies are a vital first step to put in place the structures to support and encourage all those involved in government procurement in delivering this important commitment'.

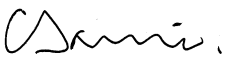
Environmental Transport Policy Statement

Environmental protection and management is a priority for Architon LLP and an issue addressed wherever possible. The Practice makes every attempt to conduct its operations in harmony with the environment and this includes travel.

The Practice complies with environmental standards and legislation whilst aiming to:

- Encourage and promote sustainable travel and, in particular, alternatives to one-person, one-car commuter travel
- Locate its office in proximity to good public transport facilities and hubs
- Reduce the need to travel
- Provide car parking facilities that meet the reasonable needs of the Practice's staff and visitors which help to diminish residential street-parking
- Actively encourage our suppliers and fellow consultants to use sustainable methods of transport where possible
- Offer Carbon Offsetting Costs for unavoidable long-distance travel as contributions to the project
- For continual improvement of the Transport Policy to achieve improved environmental performance.

Signed:



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For and on behalf of
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