

Environmental and Waste Management Policy



Sustainable Development

Our regular operations meeting has a standing item headed 'Environment' to encourage us to keep awareness within the company at a high level and to instigate, co-ordinate and review initiatives in energy saving, waste recycling and transport.

Sustainability is taken into account at the initial stage when a site is being selected, and regard is taken of the proximity to good communication links, possible contamination issues, the adaptability of our project to the existing site levels and to the biodiversity that exists.

Because we both build and operate our business centres, our focus is on the whole-life costs of materials and not simply on the initial costs of construction, hence materials and finishes are chosen that are long-lasting, uncomplicated to maintain and simple to use.

Energy Saving Measures

The following energy saving measures are included in all new-build schemes wherever practical, and within existing buildings during both large-scale and minor works when it is economical to do so;

- Insulation which meets or exceeds the latest Building Regulation and BREEAM standards
- Efficient low-emission biomass boilers and heating systems
- High efficiency light fittings and control equipment, zoned to enable a reduced number of fittings to be on at any one time.
- Passive infrared (PIR) controls within common areas connected to extract systems to reduce power consumption.
- Sun pipes which bring natural daylight into internal areas.
- Refrigerators for common areas are always rated A for energy consumption.

Centre teams have responsibility to communicate with occupiers on all energy saving and conservation matters in an effort to reduce consumption and waste.

Environmental and Recycling Facilities

At the end of the construction phase we landscape as many areas as possible in order to create a pleasant working environment. We try to ensure we introduce additional species to the local environment as part of the design. Centre teams will add bird and bat boxes wherever appropriate.

Once a business centre is operational our Centre Managers arrange recycling facilities for cardboard, paper and print cartridges. Where the local authority already have other schemes in operation, if space permits we will always aim to play a part in encouraging recycling by installing additional collection points. In addition, if an individual trader has a need for particular recycling facilities required by a manufacturing operation, we will always try to make space available.

Green Travel

With increasing pressure on people to consider alternatives to car travel, we always provide cycle storage facilities. In addition, business centres have shower facilities for traders' use if they cycle or jog to work or during the lunch break.

We contribute to green travel plans underway within various local authority areas in a constructive community effort.

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