

Environmental Policy

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SRE exists to ensure the built environment enhances life without costing the earth. Whilst advising our clients on how to minimise the environmental impact of their developments, we ensure we lead by example. Not only do we continually assess and minimise any adverse effects our activities may have on the environment, but we work towards enhancing the environment wherever possible.

SRE recognises the need for, and encourages, best practice in environmental protection and sustainability. SRE has always endeavoured to 'practice what it preaches' in terms of resource conservation - minimizing our impact on the environment through a responsible attitude to energy and water use, waste disposal and our supply chain.

SRE Ltd does, as far as is reasonably practicable:

- Continually improve our service to meet the needs of our clients, the changing requirements for legislation compliance and developments in technology.
- Reduce the amount of waste produced for example by ensuring we print double-sided, reuse paper where possible, measure off screens rather than printing out plans, buy in bulk and products with minimal packaging.
- Reuse or recycle the majority of waste leaving the office, including all shredded paper, which is made into bricks and used in wood burning stoves.
- Use electricity from renewable sources including electricity from Good Energy.
- Monitor and take measures to reduce energy use both on-site and whilst travelling. Examples include purchasing energy efficient appliances and company cars and maximising the use of public transport and of car sharing.
- Assist staff wanting to purchase a bicycle through the Cycle to Work Scheme.
- Use local services and suppliers where possible for example printers, caterers, food producers.
- Buy products with minimal environmental impact, using local, fair trade and organic produce where possible.
- Inspire and educate wherever possible for example through offering work placements or speaking at local events.
- Donate to local charities whose work inspires, educates or mitigates in the environmental arena for example Forest School or the Sustainability Centre.
- Remain outward looking and convivial to all those interested in the company and what we do.
- Keep informed and up-to-date with developments to ensure decisions on environmental issues are made on sound, knowledge-based foundations.
- Review this Environmental Policy Statement annually to ensure it reflects best practice and is fully implemented.

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