

Sustainability Policy

Ambitions

MJP works collaboratively with clients, end-users, consultants, planners and contractors, to explore holistic sustainable design approaches to meet a projects aspirations.

Good design is by definition sustainable, and MJP understand the benefits that can be obtained from the integration of environmental, social and economic concerns into the evolution of the design of our built environment.

The Policy is a commitment to pursue a bespoke sustainability agenda for each project and provide management support to enable all staff to gain a greater understanding of the environment and how we can all responsibly contribute positively to the future.

Statements

1. We aim to continually improve the way we operate to be a sustainable business providing sustainable architecture, and contribute to the enhancement of our environment.
2. We are committed to reducing pollution in the operation of our offices by applying appropriate waste management principles to our purchasing policy, energy management and waste reuse and recycling. We aim to operate in a socially responsible manner.
3. We are committed to reducing pollution through the promotion and implementation of sustainable architecture.
4. We are committed to complying with all applicable legislation and other requirements which relate to the environmental impact of our business activities.

5. We regularly review our environmental objectives and set appropriate measurable targets which we monitor to evaluate our performance in reducing our impact on the environment.

Delivery

We will review our suppliers, appointed sub-consultants and contractors policies and monitor their outputs in relation to this policy's recommendations.

Principles

Each project's design will seek inspiration from and will document its response to:

- Context – to root the proposals in the social, economic, historical, cultural, microclimate and ecology of the site.
- Brief - to create healthy, sociable, stimulating, flexible and efficient places that maximise the use of daylight and natural ventilation.
- Materials – to select using life-cycle analysis principles where possible, local, robust, benign, renewable, low-embodied energy materials and assemble them using local skills and technologies.
- Energy and water – to conserve their use and to minimise waste and pollution.

Assessment Procedures and Reviews

We will encourage the client and design team to assist us to benchmark each project using:

- BREEAM or other appropriate assessment method to inform the design development and where appropriate be independently assessed. Where projects are not independently assessed we undertake to benchmark and monitor internally.

- Energy Consumption Calculations will be used to comply with and surpass Part L of the Building Regulations.
- Conservation of Fuel and Power.
- Whole Life Costing: this methodology will be used to demonstrate the cost benefits of the project's sustainability agenda over a buildings lifetime.
- Post Occupancy Feedback: we will encourage clients to undertake analyses to ratify specific performance hypotheses.
- Internal Workstage Reviews in order to secure high quality design and responsible outcomes.

Management and Support

Within the office we have a Sustainability Group which reports regularly to the Board, and provides backup, research and education in sustainable issues. The Group also regularly attends Internal Workstage Reviews to provide guidance and support at all stages of projects. A quarter of the Continuing Professional Development programme is allocated to sustainable issues.

MJP will regularly review and improve this Policy and the supporting Practice Guidance Notes.

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