

PRP

Environmental Policy

PRP is committed to:

1. Protection of the environment and prevention of pollution from our studios and activities that are associated with our projects
2. Compliance with applicable legal and other requirements to which we subscribe and which relate to our environmental aspects
3. Continual improvement of our Environmental-Management System (EMS) to enhance our environmental performance and how we affect the environment
4. Meeting our EMS objectives and targets

We will seek to:

Provide environmentally-responsible design and specification for the buildings that we design with an emphasis on:

- o natural lighting and ventilation
- o improvement of the health and well-being of occupants and residents
- o consideration of climate-change impacts on developments and communities
- o sensitivity to natural features and microclimate of the site
- o landscaping to protect and regenerate wildlife and encourage biological diversity

Reduce carbon emissions by:

- o Incorporating high levels of insulation, renewable energy and considering community energy where practicable
- o specifying locally-sourced materials with low, embodied carbon where practicable
- o considering cycle and pedestrian route, cycle storage, public-transport access and fossil-fuelled vehicle independence provision

Promote environmentally-responsible, day-to-day operation of the Practice and the buildings that we occupy

Conserve resources and limit pollution by:

- o seeking opportunities to re-use/use recycled/specify materials to allow future recycling
- o specifying materials from sustainable sources and with zero-ozone depletion potential
- o designing for buildability to reduce waste during construction and future dismantling
- o specifying fittings to minimise water use and considering rainwater re-use
- o considering the potential for future flooding on the location of development.
- o considering the use of non-toxic materials, components, finishes, preservatives and adhesives

Manage our studios and activities to reduce adverse environmental impact by:

- o paper-consumption reduction
- o recycling waste paper/plastics/metals, consumables and samples
- o using heating, cooling and lighting systems as effectively as possible
- o undertake energy audits of our studios
- o provide shower facilities and secure bike racks to encourage cycling where practicable
- o using video or phone conference technology to reduce travel

Monitor our environmental aspects and corresponding compliance requirements and appropriateness of our EMS for on-going improvement

The Practice is a founding member of the UK Green Building Council. Our environmental-management procedures and objectives were developed in line with this environmental policy and BS EN ISO 14001, against which PRP holds certification.

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