

Environmental Policy

Consarc Architects are fully accredited and registered with NQA National Quality Assurance for an Integrated Management System, which includes ISO 14001 Environmental Management. In order to comply with this standard, we are required to undertake annual audits with external assessors.

Consarc is committed to the protection of the environment and to achieving high standards of environmental and sustainable design. We view this not as a limitation, but as a global objective that can deliver real added for project and client alike.

In this policy statement we are committed to:

- Environmentally sustainable design and reducing our company's own carbon footprint;
- Developing our management processes to ensure that environmental factors are considered during planning and implementation;
- Protecting the environment by preventing and minimising our contribution to pollution of land, air and water;
- Complying with all applicable current and forthcoming environmental legislation, approved codes of practice, regulations, as well as non regulatory best practice guidance;
- Regularly communicating our environmental performance to our employees and key stakeholders;
- Striving to reduce wastage to a minimum; maximise the efficient use of materials and resources; managing and disposing of waste in a responsible manner;
- Providing training for our staff so that we all work in accordance with this policy and promote an environmentally aware culture;
- Setting measurable environmental objectives, monitoring them and continuously improving our environmental performance;
- Compile and maintain an emergency, preparedness and response statement for site hazards to minimise environmental damage.

The detailed arrangements for Sustainable and Environmental design are set out in the Consarc Sustainability and Environmental Policy Document. Consarc employees are required to read these documents upon induction and sign to say they have received and understood their contents.

Consarc inhabits a naturally ventilated building with a high degree of natural lighting within a recently converted formerly derelict industrial building with high standards of insulation, making it highly sustainable office environment.

It is also within a ten-minute walk from major train and underground stations with excellent bus routes, therefore encouraging staff to commute to work by public transport rather than car. Secure bike storage and shower facilities has also been allocated in the office to encourage staff to cycle to and from the work place.

Consarc has a comprehensive recycling system for waste materials and attempts to purchase recycled products as much as possible.

We are also registered with the UK Green Building Council, which promotes sustainability in construction and are committed to their objectives.

Consarc recognises that the specific activity of designing and influencing the way clients engage in the processes of using buildings can mitigate significant environmental impacts.

We recognise it as our duty to integrate sustainable material usage within the fabric of construction and also best practice in sustainable building management systems. This also includes consideration of whole building performance and life cycle, which should aim to minimise environmental impacts of end user activities.

The following is a framework through which we explore sustainability during the project design process:

- Client consultation and coordination with any existing environmental policy.
- Consultation with end user in development of environmental strategies.
- Maximising use of orientation and location through site analysis.
- Understanding and integrating local environmental conditions within the design.
- Analysis of modes of building energy management.
- Integration of structural, services and in particular environmental engineers disciplines.
- Have design reviews within which environmental issues are discussed.
- Specification and integration of mechanical and electrical components as part of a whole building strategy.
- Material Specification. Whole life-cycle approach: production, transportation, construction, usage and re-appropriation.
- Receive external evaluation, for example BREEAM ratings for all our projects.
- Calculate CO2 output of every project

This policy statement is regularly reviewed and update as necessary. The management team endorses these policy statements and is fully committed to their implementation.

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