

David J Stewart Associates

Chartered Architects

Environmental Policy

Our Workplace

David J Stewart Chartered Architects are committed to providing a quality service in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees, clients and visitors to our business. As a practice we aim to minimise our potential impact on the environment. We will operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation where applicable and will aim to use environmental best practice and pollution prevention in all that we do.

We will:

- Integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into our decision making and activities.
- Promote environmental awareness among our employees and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner, such as reducing paper use and working electronically whenever it is safe and secure to do so.
- Exercise control as far as possible, over the environmental impacts arising as a result of work being undertaken on our behalf by our subcontractors, suppliers and contractors.
- Reduce waste through recycling and re-use and ensure that all our wastes are handled, stored and disposed of as required not only by legislation but as examples of best practice.
- Investigate the opportunities for increasing recycling initiatives and reduce the consumption of raw materials.
- Purchase recycled, recyclable or refurbished equipment, products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical and suitable.
- Promote efficient use of space heating/lighting, equipment, materials and resources, including water, electricity, raw materials and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable.
- Avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, seek substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of.
- Include energy efficiency as one of the selection criteria when purchasing new equipment.
- Communicate our environmental commitment to clients, customers and the public and encourage them to support it.
- Periodically undertake a review of this policy in light of any new knowledge, changing legislation, environmental impacts or public concerns.

Our Designs

David J Stewart Associates recognise that the products of our designs will have a greater environmental impact than our own operations therefore we are further committed to exercising our professional skills in such a way as to minimise environmental impact in so far as this is possible within the instructions received from our clients.

We are committed:

- To raise awareness of our clients about sustainability and environmental protection, and help the members of the design team to develop a shared vision of environmental aspirations.
- Through our Quality Management procedures operate a 'right-first-time' culture for our production information in order to avoid wasteful site activities.
- Aim to as far as possible to integrate the use of public transport and cycling provision on building projects.
- To ascertain the potential for local power generation from renewable energy sources locally or on site.
- To assess sites for their ecological value and micro-climate, and ensure buildings make best use of the natural features of the site including sun, wind and landscape.
- To minimise the use of construction materials, and specify materials and components with the optimum balance between environmental impact and performance in use.
- Promote where appropriate 'off-site' and other modern construction methods with the aim of reducing site waste.
- To ensure that building services are inherently efficient and controllable, and that metering encourages monitoring and management of resource use.
- Ensure that buildings are commissioned fully, and that building manuals or operating instructions for services are provided.