

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Introduction

Barker Brettell (BB) consists of Barker Brettell LLP and all of its subsidiaries including Barker Brettell Services Limited. BB acknowledges its responsibility to, and the commercial advantages of, maintaining a sound environment.

As a business, we recognise the importance no matter how small, of the impact of our activities on the local and regional environment. We acknowledge that there is a responsibility to constantly consider ways in which we can conserve energy and minimise waste in all activities that we undertake. As part of this, we will encourage the co-operation and involvement of staff in environmental management.

Specifically, we remain committed to reducing our impact upon the environment by providing appropriate resources for the implementation of this policy in the following ways:

Recycling and use of Recycling Materials

BB will wherever possible, seek to purchase products that are environmentally friendly, re-usable, and recyclable and that do not damage the environment.

It is our aim to manage waste generated from our business operations incorporating reduction, re-use and recycling and whenever possible, we will ensure that materials are disposed of in an environmentally safe manner at the end of their useful life.

As you would expect, we recycle paper (shredding it first for confidentiality reasons), cardboard, cans and plastic, and have separate recycling bins for these materials in our kitchens and car park. In addition, we will strive to reduce our consumption of resource and improve the efficient use of those resources. As part of this, we will perform business electronically, to reduce paper usage.

Old computers are sent to recycling companies, printer toner cartridges are recycled, and we have even been known to buy second-hand furniture (reducing the need to manufacture new ones).

Carbon footprint

We encourage staff to use alternative transport to cars by providing a covered, lit, spacious bicycle store that can accommodate 40 bicycles, and by having showers in the building. We give loans to staff to cover bus and train passes and are proud to have taken part in the government backed, cycle to work scheme since March 2020.

Staff are encouraged to travel by train, rather than by car, whenever it is convenient, and not to travel at all if it is possible to do so.

We have video conferencing facilities between our London, Southampton, Sweden and Birmingham offices in order to avoid the need to travel between them. The Global Coronavirus pandemic taught the World that there were alternative means to connect with clients; we're proud that we were already actively using video conference facilities prior to the pandemic, however, we continue to proactively seek virtual meetings worldwide with our clients if they are happy to do so.

We are proud to be in partnership with Tree Nation which enables us to not only offset

our carbon emissions by planting trees around the world but also to contribute on a yearly basis, rebuilding forests and working with projects worldwide.

Energy Conservation

To manage electricity, water and gas supplies to ensure minimum consumption through energy efficient initiatives.

When our Head Office moved to our current building in 2010 we specifically looked for an environmentally sound building. The BREEAM standard is used to rate the green credentials of buildings and our current building achieved the very creditable rating of "very good". Our office has double glazing, tinted glass to keep out excess heat, louvres over the windows to shade them and lights that switch off when no one is in the room. Our office building boilers have a gross seasonal efficiency of 96.9% and NOx level of 39 mg/kWh which complies with the future Ecodesign Class 6 requirements.

In addition, we will give due consideration to environmental issues and energy performance in the acquisition, refurbishment, location and use of any of our offices.

Environmental Management Awareness

Given a choice that is otherwise finely balanced, we prefer to work with other firms who also look after the environment. We aim to raise and maintain a high level of understanding of, and participation in, environmental best practices by staff and suppliers.

This environmental policy represents our general position on environmental issues, and the policies and practices we will apply in conducting our business.