

## Sustainability & Environmental Policy

tp bennett provides architectural, interior design and town planning services.

In line with our company values, we recognise our duty to protect and improve the **environment** and to promote **health & wellbeing**, **equality** and **social value** through our services and internal processes. To support this goal we operate an Environmental Management System (EMS), ensuring sustainability is at the heart of our business.

Our EMS is externally accredited to BS EN ISO14001: 2015, covering the scope of our project services and operations, all of which are delivered via our London, Leeds and Manchester offices. The EMS is overseen by the Management Board, which is also responsible for setting our Environmental Policy and the company's Sustainability Strategy'. As part of this process, the Management Board has taken the decision to align the practice with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge, as part of a ten-year delivery plan.

The Management Board also promotes and oversees the actions of the Sustainability Team and Sustainability Focus Group and ensures that they, and the wider business, are appropriately resourced to deliver this Policy and its associated strategy and objectives & targets. Similarly, the Management Board, alongside our Operations Board, ensures that the business is enabled to manage our aspects & impacts and our interfaces with interested parties.

All our activities are conducted in accordance with sound environmental practices and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, we are committed to continually improving our delivery of sustainable designs and to optimising our performance in terms of the environmental footprint of our staff, buildings, operations and services.

### **In relation to our EMS, we undertake to:**

- Maintain a documented EMS;
- Communicate the company Environmental Policy;
- Conduct regular audits to evaluate compliance with environmental legislation, the effectiveness of the EMS, and to verify that this Policy is being fully implemented;
- Set environmental targets and objectives as part of a continual improvement plan;
- Reduce, prevent or remediate pollution to air, land and water and to reduce waste;
- Minimise resource consumption by optimisation energy and waste hierarchies;
- Allocate and maintain resources for effective implementation of the EMS and to provide training for all our staff.

### **In relation to our designs, we undertake to:**

- Assess all suitable projects with a view to achieving the most appropriate sustainable outcomes;
- Improve collective knowledge and understanding of sustainable design – both within the practice and externally – and to do this via research and through collaboration with our interested parties;
- Continually upskill our employees and wider design teams to ensure that lessons learned are used to improve future performance.

Individuals and teams will undertake their project work in compliance with applicable regulations. It is the personal responsibility of everyone at tp bennett to work to the requirements of this Policy and to actively pursue sustainable outcomes and best practice in the delivery of tp bennett's services.

*Re-ratified on behalf of the Principal Directors of tp bennett LLP, April 2022.*

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