



Wingspan Consulting Ltd

Sustainability Policy

We believe we have a responsibility to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development as defined by the World Commission on Environment and Development:

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

We are committed to promoting sustainability across all areas of our operations. We do this by:

- Complying with all relevant legislation, codes of good practice and contractual requirements
- Reducing energy consumption and improving energy efficiency
- Reducing resource use, re-using resources and recycling resources
- Reducing the number of journeys undertaken and using the least environmentally damaging mode of transport possible
- Taking account of social and environmental standards, as well as cost and other quality criteria, in all purchasing decisions¹
- Raising the awareness of all staff, contractors and other key stakeholders; and encouraging and supporting them to adopt practices that contribute to sustainable development
- Working in partnership with clients and suppliers to improve sustainability throughout our supply chain

¹ Where possible, this should include consideration of social and environmental performance over the whole life-cycle of the product – from production, through distribution and use, to final disposal.

To achieve these goals, we will ensure that:

- All of our staff, sub-contractors and other business partners are aware of, and committed to implementing, our Sustainability Policy
- All of our staff have an up-to-date understanding of sustainability issues in general, and of sustainability issues associated with the operations of our business in particular
- All of our staff have access to appropriate training and development on sustainability issues
- We periodically review all aspects of our business performance in terms of their implications for sustainability
- We periodically review our Sustainability Policy

Carbon Management and Offset

We recognise that many of our activities (eg heating the office, using electrical equipment, travelling to meetings) give rise to both direct and indirect emissions of carbon dioxide (the principal gas associated with global climate change). We aim to minimise these emissions but we recognise that we cannot eliminate them. We therefore try to reduce our 'carbon footprint' by contributing to a reputable carbon offset scheme. Our choice of scheme is based on a periodic review of the latest research on offset schemes – as produced, for example, by the Stockholm Environment Institute under their Carbon Offset Research and Education (CORE) programme², as well as reports on specific schemes. At present, we offset our emissions annually by contributing to the ClimateCare.org offset scheme³.

² <http://www.co2offsetresearch.org/index.html>

³ <http://www.climatecare.org/home.aspx>