

J P Charles and Sons Ltd

Environmental Policy

Policy Statement:

1. We are aware that the day-to-day activities of commercial trading have an environmental impact, resulting from the resources and energy used and the waste created.
2. We acknowledge the environmental impact the construction process, by its very nature, might have on the environment, and are committed to minimising that impact, and eliminating any harmful effects to the world around us that may arise from the firm's activities.
3. In all our activities, working practices and business relationships, we will continuously work towards protecting, conserving and enhancing all aspects of the environment, both locally and globally, and are committed to a cleaner and healthier, sustainable environment for the benefit of all.
4. The Company aims to contribute towards environmental improvement and sustainable development by using best practice and innovation, and seeks continuous improvement in our environmental performance.
5. We are committed to complying with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and codes of practice, relevant to our business, as a minimum standard.

Environmental Impact:

1. We will manage our buildings and construction sites in an environmentally sensitive manner.
2. We will do our utmost to prevent pollution and protect the environment.
3. We will reduce the environmental impacts of our sites and their effects on their local communities by keeping sites clean and tidy, and by adopting reasonable controls for reducing/preventing air, ground, water or noise pollution.
4. Equally important is the protection of wildlife habitats where they are endangered by the proximity of construction operations.
5. We will minimise our environmental impact by the operation of suitable minimisation and recycling schemes.
6. We will assess the environmental effects of the Company's activities in the construction industry.
7. We will regularly consider, assess and understand, the environmental impacts and sustainable options of our business and specific contracts and take steps to minimise these impacts.

Environmental Awareness & Communication:

1. We will ensure that all employees are aware of this policy, and their responsibilities within it.
2. The company will ensure that all manufacturers, suppliers, clients, sub-contractors, and employees, and anyone else over whom we have control, comply with their legal and moral obligations.
3. We will train, promote and encourage a culture of awareness of the environment amongst our employees, the effect of their actions on and their responsibility to the environment.
4. We will develop and harbour a philosophy of environmental concern and awareness, and integrate this into our Company culture, to ensure it becomes a fundamental part of our ethos.
5. We will encourage communication with local communities and others who have an interest in our environmental policies, plans and performance.
6. Where possible, we will support suitable environmental and conservation programmes.

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Resource & Waste Minimisation:

1. Where possible, we will make efficient use of natural resources, raw materials & fuels, minimise waste production, conserve energy and water, promote recycling.
2. We will minimise environmental disturbance in all activities and, in particular, reduce harmful emissions from fleet vehicles with the use of unleaded fuel, diesels, LPG conversions, catalytic converters and improved operational efficiency.

Sustainable & Recyclable Materials:

1. We will, whenever practicable, use building materials and products originating from sustainable or recycled sources, and which are re-usable or can be recycled.
2. Whenever possible, we shall encourage meetings with the Client and design team at the earliest possible stage to utilise the opportunity to use reclaimed / recycled commodities within the specification.
3. Whenever possible, we shall encourage Clients to consider Whole-Life Costing and Life-Cycle Assessment, as a means of increasing building life, and reducing environmental impact.

Buying Policy:

1. Our buying department will, where possible, operate a thoughtful buying policy selecting wherever practicable, materials and services which are sustainable, and less damaging to the environment. This shall include, but is not limited to: aggregates & quarry products, timber, hardcore & fill etc.
2. We shall make preferred usage of European based timber, where possible, adhering to the 'Forest Forever' guidelines.
3. We endeavour to use suppliers who adopt the above guidelines and have responsible sourcing policies when purchasing timber.
4. We shall endeavour to use, and where practicable have preference for, those suppliers and subcontractors who have demonstrated a commitment to environmental management and improvement.
5. Where materials and timbers are specified by a Client/Architect, that are considered unsuitable in respect of environmental standards, the Client will be requested to consider a specification change, and offered more eco-friendly alternatives.

Monitor & Review Policy:

1. We will continue to monitor and review this policy, updating and modernising where environmental practice and legislation changes. This will be the responsibility of in-house management staff.

Accountability:

1. The Environmental Policy is the direct concern of all employees within the Company and all employees are accountable to the Directors for its successful implementation.
2. Enquiries regarding this Environment Policy should be addressed to James Charles, as the Director Responsible for Environmental issues.