

## **Corporate Environmental Policy**

Erith considers that we have a responsibility to care for, protect and enhance the environment and its biodiversity in the locations in which we work and operate. We are fully committed to conduct our operations in an environmentally responsible manner and by employing best practice to demonstrate continual improved environmental performance across all our business activities. We will work with, and encourage our suppliers, sub-contractors and communities in which we work to join us in this endeavour.

Our key impacts are in the areas of: energy use; raw material/natural resources use; waste creation; emissions to air/water; water use and transport. We will reduce these impacts across the business by increasing awareness and engendering commitment of all our employees and auditing against construction excellence/industry Key Performance Indicators (KPI).

### **1. Energy Use**

The Corporate Energy Policy clearly states the emphasis on continual measured reduction in energy use across the business; some of the elements include:

- The consideration of life cycle impacts in all areas of our business;
- Introduction of low carbon technologies, such as Solar Power on site, whenever practicable;
- Integrating energy reduction [and hence carbon footprint] within project design and methods of working;
- Incentivising energy saving at all premises including sites; and
- Undertaking regular energy audits and identifying areas of improvement and publishing results on the company website and to all staff.

### **2. Raw Materials Use**

The Sustainability Policy clearly states our commitment to sustainable procurement and the prudent use of natural resources. We will evaluate our suppliers to ensure that they have aligned with our corporate responsibility and ethical values.

Whenever possible we will use recycled materials such as secondary aggregates in our projects.

### **3. Waste Creation**

We will adopt and increase awareness of the waste hierarchy of prevention, reduction, re-use and recycling. Specifically we will:

- Minimise waste by careful and efficient use of materials and incentivise waste reduction in all areas of the business especially in projects;
- Set and meet targets for waste reduction in specific areas of the business;
- Ensure that all waste must, whenever possible, be re-used or recycled, only discarded if no alternative is found;

- Review and audit (within our integrated management systems [IMS]) our performance against industry benchmarked KPI's and targets and then revise and set new targets; and
- Publish our performance on the website.

#### **4. Emissions**

In line with good practice and the principles of the Considerate Contractors Scheme, all emissions will be scrutinised, minimised and prevented whenever possible. Examples include noise and dust generation which can both be controlled/minimised to acceptable limits; and would be monitored as a matter of routine on projects.

Other emissions, such as those to water and the like, constitute environmental incidents/pollution and as a responsible business with strict operating procedures and methods of working, we do not create pollution within soils or waters such as surface waters and groundwater.

#### **5. Water Use**

Water is a resource that needs to be carefully managed within the UK and its conservation needs to be proactively considered in projects and across the business as a whole. Climate change influences are becoming more apparent with the increasing use of hose pipe bans and scarcity of water for public consumption.

Water needs to be considered by everyone as a precious resource and as such incentivising innovations within projects for conserving water and reducing water consumption is an important part of a responsible business. Some examples include:

- Collecting rainwater especially on site;
- Using grey or rain water for dust suppression and toilets on site;
- Using the finest water spray nozzles for workface dust suppression, rather than hosepipes; and
- Using stone rather than soil for main haul routes to minimise dust;

We are committed to reducing its water consumption across the business to a minimum and this will be the subject of regular audits to identify areas of improvement.

#### **6. Transport**

We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint year on year, and to achieve that improvement in our performance, there must be a measured continual reduction in energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions targeted on transportation within the business.

Erith's haulage fleet is upgraded to address company requirements and this allows the older less efficient vehicles to be rotated out of the fleet on a regular basis. Increased awareness amongst the drivers with regards energy conservation means that drivers are careful not to leave vehicles idling and they are incentivised to achieve good fuel consumption ensuring that they are driving in the most fuel efficient manner. The same applies to the plant operators.

With regards private and company cars, there are various schemes to incentivise fuel efficiency and lower carbon footprint such as:

- Incentivising car sharing; the use of public transport and electric or hybrid cars; and
- On projects use park and ride schemes;

We will demonstrate our commitment by undertaking an annual review to ensure a process of continual improvement. Specific measurable targets will form a key part of the performance objectives. The results of the audit will be published internally and on the company website.



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