

Environmental Policy Statement

INTRODUCTION

As architects we have an opportunity to define not only our own environment, but also that of building occupants and the general public. We recognize that the buildings, landscapes and infrastructures created by our industry make significant impact upon the environment at local, regional and global levels. Therefore it is fundamental that a sustainable approach is applied to the design of the projects produced by Buckley Gray Yeoman. We believe this philosophy should also be carried through to the general running of the business.

We therefore commit to compliance with all environmental legislation and regulations, relating to our design work and office activities. We regard these as minimum standards of performance and strive to do more.

OUR OFFICE

Buckley Gray Yeoman have an efficiently scaled operation in East London. We are nevertheless committed to minimizing the impact of our workplace and working practices on the environment. We strive to make our environmental commitments an integral part of day-to-day activities. We commit to providing a quality service in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees and visitors.

We aim to ensure that all of our staff understand this Policy and are able to implement the aspects relevant to their work. All employees are directed to this document and our Environmental Management System (EMS).

We are committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution, social impact and damage of our activities. To benefit from the greatest knowledge base we encourage our team to suggest improvements to our environmental systems.

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OUR PROJECTS

The greatest positive effect that Buckley Gray Yeoman can make upon the environment is through the output of our professional services. We recognize that the products of our designs will have far greater environmental impact than our own operations and aim to keep this impact to a minimum. This is through careful consideration of the energy used in a building's construction, embodied in its materials, used throughout its occupation and beyond. At Buckley Gray Yeoman we look to integrate these principles into the overall concept and philosophy of a building, for example using passive cooling and day-lighting strategy as key driver of form. In this way we can minimize the environmental impact and attempt to inspire others to do so too; through built environments that are improved as a result.

Current environmental regulations, and codes of practice will be regarded as minimum standards of performance. We seek to improve upon these standards wherever possible, and to place legislation within specific project context to ensure that the less-regulated aspects of the built environment also receive thorough consideration. This is particularly pertinent to works upon existing and historic structures.

Buckley Gray Yeoman encourage adoption of recognized environmental accreditation and assessment systems (for example BREEAM) for appropriate projects. These methodologies help the project team monitor and understand a design and their decisions.