

# **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

## **1. AIMS OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

This policy will apply to all aspects of our activities including all projects, buildings, and transportation.

We aim:

- To promote the importance and value of a quality environment and its contribution to quality of life for the community
- To support the community in their protection, enhancement and enjoyment of their local environment
- To carry out our work in an efficient way that minimises or eliminates it's adverse impact on the environment

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

We shall wherever practicable:

- Minimise the creation of waste, especially hazardous waste and wherever possible, or reuse materials
- Dispose of all wastes through safe and responsible methods in compliance with the relevant environmental legislation
- Maintain respect for natural resources by ensuring the most efficient use of materials and by using, wherever possible, renewable, recycled and recyclable products
- Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation by conserving energy, improving energy efficiency, seeking to utilise safer energy sources and giving preference to renewable over finite energy resources wherever possible

## **3. ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES**

### **3.1 We shall:**

- Communicate the environmental policy and provide appropriate training to ensure its effective implementation
- Prepare, implement and monitor action plans to improve performance
- Review, take appropriate action and report these findings to the Parish Council and others as part of our annual report.

### **3.2 With regard to the purchase of goods and services, we shall:**

- Support and encourage contractors, suppliers and other relevant partners to minimise their impact on the environment through the communication of our environmental policy and strategic purchasing and contract policies
- Actively seek to influence others to adopt environmental policies and good environmental management
- Use and specify the use of used, reclaimed or recycled materials wherever appropriate and possible
- Actively seek the purchase of materials locally and the appointment of local contractors whenever such materials and skills exist locally.

These actions will be pursued in a context where purchasing decisions need to secure good value for money in addition to sound environmental factors. Invitations to tender will make clear what requirements are mandatory and which are desirable but discretionary.

### **4. Each Councillor and employee shall:**

- Encourage colleagues to adopt and take responsibility for the implementation of the environmental policy
- Encourage employees, volunteers and members of other organisations to adopt good practices so as to improve the environmental performance of their organisation and improve its impact upon the environment.