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Pellings recognises that its activities and operations have an impact on the environment and is committed to conserving natural resources, operating in a manner sensitive to the environment and complying with all relevant legislation. In particular:

Pellings is committed to:

- Minimise waste products from all processes;
- Maximise the efficient use of energy and water;
- Reduce the impact of travel/transport;
- Access the most technically accurate advice that promotes current best environmental practice;
- Prevent pollution wherever possible;
- Avoid the use of deleterious material;
- Avoid the use of non-renewable resources and material;
- Recycle material in a cost effective manner;
- Encourage/support others in their aspirations;
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, applicable consents and codes of practice to which the company subscribes;
- Continual improvement in environmental performance.

Pellings will achieve these commitments by:

- Setting and reviewing progress towards environmental objectives and targets and management programmes to ensure continual improvement;
- Providing environmental training for all employees to understand the company's environmental policies, objectives and programmes and their role within them;
- Training our staff in environmental issues as required, and with regard to the environmental effects of their activities;
- Including environmental considerations in our Procurement Procedure;
- Ensuring the company understands and complies with the requirements of all environmental legislation, guidelines and codes of practice applicable to the organisation;
- Working with suppliers and contractors to encourage the adoption of environmentally responsible practices.

Pellings has an environmental management system in place which is certified to the International Standard ISO 14001:2015 which will help to achieve its commitment. Pellings Senior Management are responsible for the implementation of our Environmental Policy.

The full policy is publicly available on request.



Signed:
Position:

Chairman

Date: June 2018

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Pellings are committed to improving our own environmental and sustainable performance and to support our clients in achieving their own objectives.

Pellings have an environmental management system at the heart of our business which is externally audited and certified to ISO 14001:2015 which will help us to achieve our commitment. Pellings senior management are directly responsible for the implementation of our Environmental Policy.

Environment

Pellings take due account of environmental matters in all their activities in terms of carbon dioxide emissions, energy efficiency and the use of finite resources. The organisation acknowledges that in operating a business the use of finite resources is inevitable and that there is an ongoing need to assess the impact of materials, their use, preparation and disposal.

As an organisation we undertake wherever possible to comply with the following:

- use materials that can be recycled in preference to those that cannot.
- avoid the use of non-renewable resources and materials.
- avoid the use of materials which have a deleterious effect on the environment in production, use or disposal.
- recycle materials in a cost effective manner.
- pursue our professional commitment to remain aware of current legislation and opinion regarding environmental matters.

All such elements are monitored under our ISO 14001 system and measured with targets for continual improvements set.

Office Management

As an organisation we believe that good environmental practices start with putting our own house in order first. We undertake the following:

- Procedures have been established relating to recycling particular forms of waste such as paper, plastics, printer cartridges etc. All waste paper is recycled.
- Re-use of materials such as scrap paper is encouraged.
- Adjustments are made to heating systems where possible to avoid unnecessary levels.
- Cooling and extract systems are avoided in favour of natural ventilation.
- A switch-off policy exists.
- Public transport is used where possible rather than single occupancy cars.

Specification of goods and services for Clients

Our principal activity is the specification of goods and materials for clients:

- We subscribe to BSI, BSRIA, Constructing Excellence, CIRIA, etc and use the online Barbour Technical Library system that is automatically and regularly updated, so that all relevant technical information and publications are readily available to all staff.
- We also subscribe to a wide range of professional journals, many of which contain an interest in environmental matters.
- We organise staff seminars and CPD sessions at which environmental matters of moment are discussed. e.g. contaminated land, sustainable communities etc.
- We encourage staff to attend seminars and conferences at which environmental matters are discussed. This is funded from our training budget.
- The organisation issues guidance notes from time to time on such matters as specific materials to be avoided such as asbestos or tropical hardwoods.
- The organisation has carried out a number of energy conservation projects for its clients and pursues the ability to advise on the long term benefits of such measures.
- The organisation advocates to its clients the energy and cost advantages of pre-planned maintenance programmes to avoid waste.
- As a practice we have a Sustainable Construction Forum which advises the practice on specific issues related to sustainability and innovation and keeps the practice advised and up to date with developments. The role of this Forum is also to review projects where we have used sustainable/innovative solutions and assess their performance on a practical level. This Forum ensures that experiences are shared throughout the practice and consistent advice is given to Clients.
- We directly employ staff trained in environmental assessment models such as BREEAM, Code for Sustainable Homes and LEED, enabling us to support our clients in obtaining such certification.

Sustainability

At the core of Sustainability is the belief that all members of our community should have equal access and rights to a good basic living and working environment. This includes the right to heating, light and comfortable conditions, all of which are primarily determined by our immediate environment, our homes and workplaces.

The creation of a sustainable built environment is more than limiting the carbon dioxide emissions, energy consumption or resource use. It is also about providing places where people want to live and work.

Our key aims under any project would be to take measures to:

- Reduce CO2 emissions from the operation of the buildings
- Reduce 'embodied' carbon dioxide in materials and components
- Reduce mains water consumption
- Reduce waste sent for disposal off-site

- Reduce transport movements by lorry and car (materials and employees)
- Protecting ecological features on and adjacent to the buildings (trees, soft landscape, watercourses).
- Maximise the reduction in heating, electricity and water costs
- Choose materials and components with the least whole life maintenance costs
- Improve quality of life through creative thinking and the integration of appropriate technologies
- Identify and research alternative methods of energy supply, e.g. combined heat and power.
- Advise on Whole Life Cycle Costing of green/sustainable materials specification.

Continuous Improvement

The Senior Management of Pellings are committed to continual review, measurement and improvement in the reduction of our environmental impact as a business.



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