

Sustainability_EMS Policy



We practice what we preach, and strive not only to incorporate sustainable design into our work, but also in the way we run our business.



1. General Statement

Architects Design Partnership LLP (ADP) is committed to continually reducing its environmental impact and improving the environmental performance of buildings that it designs. The practice seeks to prevent pollution and conform with relevant environmental legislation and other requirements which relate to its environmental aspects.

The ISO 14001 Environmental Management Standard is used to ensure rigour in analysis and control of ADP's environmental policy.

2. Office Management

2.1

ADP monitors the environmental footprint of its office functions and seeks cost effective ways to reduce adverse impacts.

2.2

Annual audits are carried out to determine the levels of inputs and outputs used in running the practice including energy consumption and the type and quantities of waste produced. The findings of the audits are used to generate proposals for cost effective reductions in adverse impacts.

2.3

ADP's business plan sets out intentions for the growth of the practice in turnover, staff numbers and profitability. The actions sought to reduce adverse environmental impacts are therefore to be monitored both in net quantity and as a function of turnover and numbers of staff employed.

2.4

Architectural practice is highly commercially competitive. Proposals for policies to reduce adverse impacts will be prioritised according to cost effectiveness. ADP believes that good environmental management is a desirable end in its own and can be a significant contributor to the efficiency, competitiveness and profitability of the business. It is therefore fully compatible with all other aspects of the practice business plan.

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Key criteria:

- Energy required to run the offices
- Ratio of travel by public transport to private car
- Quantity of paper used
- Types of waste product
- Effectiveness of participation in recycling schemes

3. Design Output

3.1

ADP seeks to continuously improve the general standard of the environmental efficiency of its designs by increasing the number of projects with and to increase the proportion of its projects that stand as examples of best practice.

3.2

Project specific environmental targets are sought from clients as part of the briefing process.

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3.3

Designs are reviewed at key project stages in relation to the brief and standards and resources made available to staff via the practice intranet.

3.4

Contract specifications contain controls appropriate to the project to restrict adverse environmental impacts of the construction process.

3.5

Feedback is sought regarding the environmental efficiency of design output both in construction and lifecycle issues.

3.6

The practice statement regarding its Environmental Management System records the types of measures that ADP typically seeks to incorporate into its projects.

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Key criteria:

- Proportion of projects having specific environmental targets agreed with the client and recorded as part of the project brief
- Proportion of projects subjected to detailed assessment of environmental efficiency of the design
- Number of projects annually assessed as achieving best practice and exemplar against the ADP Sustainability Tracker
- A general increase in environmental efficiency of design output measured from feedback of completed projects, submissions for awards and publicity

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