



The Marsh Street Arches and Garden Community Interest Company Environmental Policy

We recognise that we have a responsibility to help create and maintain a sustainable and eco-friendly environment, having regard for the visual and noise impacts upon our 'neighbours'.

We are committed to the prevention of pollution and will work to minimise the impact of our project through a continuous improvement programme. Therefore our policy is to:

- Comply with all existing environmental legislation and all other requirements.
- Pursue regular programmes of maintenance and repair in order to maintain energy efficiency as well as reduction of harmful emissions to atmosphere, using solar power whenever possible.
- Manage energy and water usage wisely.
- Seek opportunities to minimise waste by efficient use of raw materials and by reuse and recycling of waste.
- Commit to the continuous improvement of waste management practices, guided by both value for money and the environmental benefits of options for each waste type and ensure that materials no longer required are managed according to the following:

Reduce at source – by using and discarding less material generally, segregating wastes and asking suppliers to take back packaging and re-usable containers.

Re-use and repair – by using re-usable products wherever possible, passing on to others and repairing in preference to replacing where appropriate.

Recycle – by separating materials for recycling.

Responsible disposal – by complying with the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

- Aim to use, wherever practicable, materials, the production of which is ecologically sustainable and recyclable.
- Promote an awareness and understanding of environmental issues, particularly in relation to the incorporation of such issues into the project.
- Invite those tendering to submit their environmental policy which will be taken into account in the process of awarding any possible contract.
- Measure, monitor and report on key indicators of our environmental performance on an annual basis.
- Review our policy on a regular basis to take into account new developments in environmental management and legislation.

The Marsh Street Arches and Garden CIC recognise that the effective implementation of the policy represents an opportunity to minimise environmental risks and impacts.