

ArchitecturePLB is committed to the principle of sustainable development and managing our own day-to-day business practices in a sustainable manner.

In our professional advice to clients we believe that the best way to implement that commitment is to engage them in a dialogue regarding sustainability at the outset.

Our objective is to develop designs which can be constructed and operated sustainably, which have the potential to be adapted to suit changing future needs and which can eventually be dismantled and recycled at the end of their life.

Approach

We take a practical attitude to sustainability and believe that it should be part of a holistic approach not a bolt-on technology. We concentrate on solutions that offer high sustainable gains for low cost input alongside investigation of other potential solutions appropriate to the particular project. We work with our clients to realise the most sustainable solution to suit the individual project requirements.

Expertise

To support Project Teams we have a Sustainability Special Interest Group made up of architects from across the office who have particular expertise in Sustainability. The group undertake training and research to ensure that we are at the forefront of innovations and developments in sustainable construction and legislation. We have embraced and successfully designed to the highest levels identified by industry standard environmental assessment methods such as BREEAM and the Code for Sustainable Homes (CfSH). We are also working with SKA and Passivhaus methodologies, developing approaches which inform the design strategy for all of our projects.

We seek to maximise the positive environmental impact of every project, even those where no formal environmental assessment is undertaken. The knowledge built up by the Sustainability group is disseminated to all architects via seminars and practice notes. Every Design Stage report produced for all projects will have a section setting out our strategy for addressing sustainability and environmental issues raised by the particular project.

Day-to-Day

We are also committed to addressing the environmental issues raised by our everyday business practices. We are committed to compliance with legal requirements and to the prevention of pollution.

Our ISO14001 Accredited Environmental Management System includes a commitment to continual improvement in our environmental performance for which we have established environmental targets and objectives. These are monitored regularly by members of our Green Office Group who are trained and given resources that support ArchitecturePLB's commitment to deliver environmental improvements. Our ISO 14001 processes are supported by a formal Carbon Management Plan and a Sustainable Procurement Policy.

Signed: Rachel Shaw, Director
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Related practices and procedures that support this policy

ArchitecturePLB Environmental Management System
ArchitecturePLB Sustainable Procurement Plan
ArchitecturePLB Carbon Management Plan

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