



Cowan Consultancy Ltd **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Environmental Policy Statement

Cowan Consultancy attaches maximum importance to environmental issues and seeks to improve environmental performance. We aim to meet and where possible exceed the requirements of relevant environmental legislation and codes of practice. We will try to reduce pollution, emissions and waste. It is our aim to reduce the consumption of primary raw materials and improve energy and resource efficiency. We will work closely with clients, consultants and suppliers to encourage and promote environmental issues. We will continuously seek to improve environmental performance through regular review of our policy and its impact on the environment. This will be monitored on a regular, annual basis during management and staff meetings.

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- We recognise that our operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. We will ensure that all staff are trained in our environmental management policy and given guidance in its implementation.
- As a consequence of this, the management is committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution. David Button is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this environmental policy.
- Current environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.
- We will implement measures to help the business and its employees to use 'green transport', for example, providing facilities for cyclists, encouraging car sharing, and encouraging the use of public transport by providing information on local routes. The Company seeks to encourage staff to reduce fuel consumption and lower exhaust emissions. This is a main consideration in purchasing company cars.
- We will dispose of all waste in a responsible manner, ensuring that we always comply with the Duty of Care Regulations. Any services used for the storage or disposal of waste will be checked to ensure that appropriate licences are held.
- We will attempt to reduce or eliminate the use of ozone depleting chemicals (CFC, Halon, 1.1.1 Trichloroethane, HCFC), tropical hardwood from forests which have not been independently certified as sustainable, pesticides on the U.K. 'red list' or EC 'black list, and peat for soil amelioration purposes.

- Our policy is to promote recycling and the use of recycled materials whilst reducing consumption of materials. Our aim is to reduce our impact on the environment through conservation, efficient use and careful planning of resources and activities.
- In the office environment, paper will be used sensibly, with measures to re-use and recycle waste paper, and the increased use of electronic communication to reduce the need for paper use.
- We will ensure that dust, noise and odour do not cause a nuisance to the community surrounding the place of business or site on which we are working.
- We will ensure that no polluting matter enters surface waters or groundwater and before commencing any works we will check the area for endangered species, protected plant species, trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, and protected archaeology.
- We will try to reduce the energy and water consumption of the business and minimise CO2 emissions. We will invest in the improved energy efficiency of products we use and investigate environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources.
- Cowan Consultancy adheres to the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Sustainability Charter. As a civil engineering consultancy we aim to develop and maintain a high level of sustainability awareness, whilst continuing to improve performance. We recognise the importance of our contribution to economic growth, environmental protection and improved quality of life through the design and specification of sustainable materials and methods. Equally, we recognise the need to enhance and protect the environment, whilst using resources in a way which will not be detrimental to future generations.
- We will try to use sub-contractors and suppliers who comply with the requirements of our environmental management policy, and will help sub-contractors and suppliers to comply with environmental laws and regulations as much as possible.



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