

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

INTRODUCTION

DC Flooring (UK) Ltd recognises that building projects have a considerable impact on the environment and have adopted a positive environmental approach with a view to encouraging **sustainable** development i.e, a development which meets the needs of the user without damaging present or future environments or depleting scarce or non-renewable resources.

Wherever possible the option of utilising environmentally sustainable processes will be promoted. Employees are encouraged to take an interest in the environmental issues that affect their area of activity to avoid waste and promote re cycling of materials.

OBJECTIVES

The company recognises that the works undertaken by DC Flooring (UK) Ltd can have a significant effect on the environment and therefore accepts responsibility for managing its operations in such a way as to comply with all relevant statutory provisions and codes of practice relating to the construction industry.

DC Flooring (UK) Ltd recognises that good environmental practice is an opportunity to improve performance by:

- Reducing pollution and waste
- Using energy and resources more efficiently
- Lowering costs
- Minimising disturbance to the site's neighbours
- Improving health safety and morale

LEGISLATION

DC Flooring (UK) Ltd will also ensure that all activities carried out by the Company will comply with, or exceed, all national or Local Authority environmental requirements.

Attention will be drawn to the need for compliance with relevant environmental law and other Local Authority provisions. In this respect the DC Flooring (UK) Ltd are aware of their duties under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) to:-

- Prevent anyone from dealing with their waste illegally
- Prevent the escape of their waste
- Ensure that waste is only transferred to an authorised person
- Ensure that an accurate description of waste is provided when the waste is transferred, and a transfer note completed

DC Flooring (UK) Ltd will fulfil our environmental responsibilities and co-operate fully with clients and Local Authorities to bring about improved performance in order to achieve that goal.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

DC Flooring (UK) Ltd will cooperate with any waste management plans in place for specific projects.

Waste minimisation, which includes reduction, re-use and recycling, is the mainstay of our strategy to ensure:

- Material scheduling prior to delivery to minimise offcuts and optimise deliveries where practical.
- Good handling, protection and housekeeping to avoid damage to materials.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

- Recycling of packaging materials where feasible in accordance with suppliers instructions and any Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (Amendment)

Where it is unavoidable to produce waste it must be:

- Appropriately handled by competent/licensed operators
- Segregated where feasible to aid recycling
- Promptly placed in the correct disposal area, stockpile or receptacle. Where licensed recycling centres are used for the disposal of materials it is ensured that different components are separated and disposed of at relevant parts of the facility e.g. vinyl products, carpet and fabrics, waste wood flooring, solvents etc.
- Disposed of in accordance with Section 34(1) of Part II of The Environmental Protection Act 1990, Waste Management Duty of Care and The Special Waste Regulations 1996 (Amendment), with documentation retained

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY

The use of energy during the construction of a project requires monitoring and review to establish measures to avoid using resources, power etc. unnecessarily.

Staff are encouraged to use public transport where this is practicable and to share company vehicles rather than travelling to sites individually.

An effort is made to rationalise the delivery of materials to sites and to order in bulk to avoid multiple deliveries where this is possible and cost effective.

Energy conservation is also a priority at the company offices where wasted energy is discouraged and low energy use equipment and fittings are employed.

Use of Energy and Water.

Wherever practicable materials, plant and equipment will be provided on the basis that they:

- Are thermally efficient
- Consume low levels of energy and water
- Are evaluated against design requirements in order to reduce environmental impact

Plant, equipment and transport must be:

- Energy efficient modern units of optimum power and water consumption for the task
- Maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Operated by trained operatives
- Operated within site speed limits and switched off when not in use

CONTROL OF POLLUTION

Emissions to Air.

Wherever practicable plant, transport and equipment shall be provided to ensure effective protection of air quality from emissions

Materials will be:

- Delivered in planned optimal loads
- Contained to minimise dust during transportation and operations
- Assessed for COSHH implications

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CONTROL OF POLLUTION (CONTINUED)

Site operations will be planned to ensure:

- Minimal use of construction plant
- Plant, equipment and transport are properly maintained.
- Plant and transport is switched off when not in use.
- Electrical rather than diesel equipment is used where practical
- Fumes, dusts and odours are minimised and where unavoidable contained.

Discharges to Water and Land

Discharges to controlled waters or land will only be allowed where discharge consent have been agreed with the relevant authority at the specific site or project. Arrangements will be made for the correct storage and use of materials and substances, in order to prevent contamination of the soil, air and watercourses, flora, fauna or human beings.

Nuisance

Noise and vibration disturbance shall be reduced by:

- Avoiding the use of noise/vibration generating plant where possible
- Working within agreed hours
- Using well maintained, modern equipment suitable for the process
- Locating any noisy plant to avoid disturbance to neighbours

Disturbance to the local community will also be minimised by:

- Using agreed access and egress points
- Parking in designated areas
- Adhering to traffic and pedestrian management schemes

PLANNING WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

DC Flooring (UK) Ltd will make a positive impact on the environment by:

- Briefing all operatives on site specific environmental issues
- Attending any client induction briefings
- Integrating environmental issues into risk assessments and method statements
- Following agreed environmental working practices

SELECTION OF MATERIALS

Where DC Flooring (UK) Ltd has influence upon the selection of materials certain environmental factors must be recognised for example:-

- Use of recycled material where practicable
- Use of natural in preference to highly processed materials.
- Using timber which is sourced from well managed forests.
- Avoiding on-site preservative treatment of timber to minimise health and pollution risks
- The use of paints which have no or low amounts of organic solvents.
- Standardisation and modular sizing for waste reduction
- Pre-scheduling of cut to length components
- Recycling capability at end of useful life

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INTERNAL OFFICE POLICY

Greater health and environmental awareness has led to an increasing adoption of greener products and systems. The result has been that the following systems are in place at the office :-

- Purchase of paper, cardboard packaging etc. made from recycled materials
- Undertaking electronic preparation, transfer and storage of information wherever practicable to avoid the use of paper
- Use of scrap paper for notes and messages etc.
- Recycling of paper, cardboard, bottles and cans used at the office
- Encourage all at the office (and site office) to avoid waste by limiting power use and ensuring that lights, equipment and heating are switched off when they are not required
- Encouragement of use of public transport by staff whenever practicable.

STATEMENT

The Environmental Policy of DC Flooring (UK) Ltd is to operate in such a way that it attains:

- Compliance with Legal Requirements and site specific arrangements
- Efficient use of natural resources
- Minimising environmental disturbance
- Reduced energy requirements
- Effective waste management

All managers, site and office employees and subcontractors have a part to play in ensuring that the DC Flooring (UK) Ltd Environmental Policy is followed.

DC Flooring (UK) Ltd is committed to the implementation of this Policy.

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Signed:

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