

Quality and Environmental Policy

At Studio Spicer we are committed to providing a quality service in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees, directors, customers and visitors. With our quality service we aim to reduce our potential impact on the environment. We will operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and we will strive to use pollution prevention and environmental best practices in all we do.

It is the policy of Studio Spicer to:

- strive to satisfy the requirements of all of our customers, stakeholders and interested parties whenever possible, meeting and exceeding their expectations
- comply with all compliance obligations, codes of practice and all other requirements applicable to our activities including the nature, scale and environmental impacts of its activities, products and services
- manage the reduction of hazards, prevention of injury, ill health, protection of the environment, including prevention of pollution, sustainable resource use, climate change mitigation and adaptation, the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems and any other specific commitments which are relevant to the context of the organisation
- provide all the resources of equipment, trained and competent staff and any other requirements to enable these objectives to be met
- ensure that all employees are made aware of their individual obligations in respect of this quality and environmental policy
- maintain a management system that will achieve these objectives and seek continual improvement in the effectiveness and performance of our management system based on “risk”
- comply with part L of the building regulations. These refer to the conservation of fuel and power and exists to guarantee the eco-efficiency of properties built under UK law
- comply with government guidelines to ensure a COVID safe workplace

Our Workplace

Studio Spicer will:

- consider environmental factors in all our decision-making activities and integrate into our workplace policies
- promote environmental awareness among our employees and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner, such as by working electronically wherever it is safe and secure to do so while ensuring that all key information is fully and securely backed up
- reduce waste through recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable or refurbished equipment, products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical and suitable for its purpose
- ensure responsible disposal of non-recyclable waste using only environmentally responsible suppliers
- promote efficient use of space, heating/lighting, equipment, materials and resources including water, electricity, raw materials and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable
- purchase and use environmentally responsible products accordingly
- include energy efficiency as one of the selection criteria when purchasing new equipment
- avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, use substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of
- where required by legislation or where significant health, safety or environmental hazards exist, develop and maintain appropriate emergency response policies
- communicate our environmental commitment to clients, customers, suppliers and the public and encourage them to support it
- strive to continually improve our environmental performance and minimise the social impact and damage of activities by periodically reviewing our environmental policy in light of our current and planned future activities
- use public transport or travel by foot or bike in preference to travel by car, wherever it is possible and effective to do so

Our designs

At Studio Spicer we recognise that the products of our designs will have far more environmental impact than our own operations therefore we are further committed to exercising our professional skills in such a way as to minimise environmental impact in so far as this is possible within the instructions received from our clients.

We are committed that Studio Spicer will:

- raise the awareness of clients about sustainability and environmental protection, and help those designing projects to develop a shared vision of environmental aspirations
- ensure as far as possible that building projects are supported by a travel plan that promotes sustainable travel choices through public transport
- assess sites for their ecological value and microclimate, and ensure buildings make best use of the natural features of the site including sun, wind and landscape
- ascertain the potential for local power generation from renewable energy sources locally or on site
- ensure that biodiversity is protected or enhanced
- make the best use of orientation and shape to reduce the need for artificial forms of conditioning
- operate a 'right-first-time' culture (through our quality management system) for our production information in order to avoid wasteful site reworking
- minimise the use of construction materials, and specify materials and components with the optimum balance between environmental impact and performance in use
- ensure that building services are inherently efficient and controllable, and that metering encourages monitoring and management of resource use
- ensure that buildings are commissioned fully before handover, and that full operating manuals are provided
- support clients in the first few months of operation by providing on-site training and advice to ensure that systems are fine-tuned and operate in accordance with the design intent