



# **SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION POLICY**

***MARKS BUILDING  
SERVICES LTD***

**MARKS BUILDING SERVICES**, is committed to sustainable development, seeking to enhance the quality of life and minimising damage to the environment both through the service it provides and in the way it uses environmental resources.

**MARKS BUILDING SERVICES** will undertake, construction and refurbishment of buildings and infrastructure in accordance with the following:-

- If an existing building has to be demolished to make way for new, any suitable material will be re-used to form aggregate, base courses, timber for temporary shuttering etc. Other materials will be sent to salvage yards or recycled where possible, or disposed of in accordance with legislation.
- Due care will be taken to identify any materials considered harmful to health, and will be appropriately removed, and disposed of in accordance with relevant legislation.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

As a minimum on all sites and projects, waste will be stored separately and disposed of in the most environmentally favourable manner; excess packaging will be returned to the supplier at the next delivery round.

## **MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES USED**

Substances known to be harmful to the environment will be avoided at all costs where less damaging alternatives exist.

Locally sourced materials will ideally be specified when available at competitive prices. However, consideration must be given to ensuring that any relevant procurement rules are adhered to.

Suppliers of materials will ideally have an externally verified Environmental Management System.

## **POLLUTION**

All Construction sites are to be well managed in order to minimise the risk of pollution, special care must be taken during delivery and storage of raw materials and waste materials. Site Security must be attended to; certain materials have potential to cause pollution through normal usage:

- For example, solvents in paints, plastics, particle boards etc. and these should be minimised, trench pumping, cement piles and oil are potential hazards.

All construction sites are required to be secure – both during operation and when closed. Lockable cabinets may be necessary where particularly hazardous materials are stored.

All substances known to be reactive towards one another shall be stored separately and with separate drip trays.

Absorbent materials will be provided to all sites, with instructions for use in the event of any spillage. All such materials will be treated as hazardous waste for disposal purposes.

Stored materials, including waste and soil stockpiles, must be adequately protected to prevent escape and to prevent ingress of rainwater.

Substances known to be harmful to the environment will be avoided, where less damaging alternatives are available.

Noise pollution will be minimised.

External light pollution will be minimised by using a diffuser control.

## **RESPECT FOR COMMUNITY**

MARKS BUILDING SERVICES, whilst undertaking any construction works will ensure, all building users and the community that any, dust, noise and inconvenience will be minimised through careful management, while a strong emphasis is to be placed on ensuring employees have good working conditions.

The following factors must be considered:-

- Ensure respect for all building users and local communities during construction works.

- Evaluate competence, resources and commitment of sub-contractors in relation to health and safety, and training.
  
- Ensure good relationships with the surrounding community and monitor satisfaction.
  
- Ensure the surrounding community is informed of any changes that may affect them.