

# **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

## **Policy Aims and Objectives**

In order to maintain and improve the quality of life, GLJ Contracts have created an Environmental Policy, which endeavours to produce a practical contribution in conserving the local and global environment. Our key policy objectives are:

- Maintain the environmental strategy plan, and monitor performance to deliver the principles of the plan.
- Ensure commitment and practical action from all members and staff, site staff and sub-contractors.
- Offer the best practicable advice on environmental options & opportunities in relation to our clients projects.
- Promote and practice environmentally friendly transport methods for employees, sub-contractors and suppliers.
- Minimise waste by promoting recycling of materials and packaging.
- Reduce office and site fuel consumption where possible of all valuable energy resources.
- Think long term in the interests of the economy and community.
- Ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.

GLJ will work towards these commitments through its practices and procedures, but will operate within the legal and financial constraints, which are imposed by central government, local government and the EU.

## **Policy Benefits**

Good environmental practice is based upon solid reasoning, which as well as protecting the local and global environment will also provide practical benefits such as:

- Market opportunities, as local government, councils and businesses invest in companies with environmentally green policies.
- Using less energy reduces fuel costs.
- Installing energy efficient equipment is rewarded by government through taxation benefits.
- Corporate image increases awareness and increases sales.
- Employees prefer to work for companies who are environmentally aware.
- Most importantly, our environment and our Children's future environment are protected.

## Strategy Plan

Our strategy plan to achieve environmental goals is as follows:

- Monitoring of environmental polices using our membership to official bodies, plus regular checks of government websites to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation is up to date.
- Non-renewable resources will be conserved where practicable.
- Environmental impact will be kept as minimal as possible, by using the best available technology not entailing excessive cost, and not contravening the Client requirements.
- Clients will be alerted to the benefits of environmentally friendly purchases where applicable by assisting in the selection of equipment, and by increasing awareness of capital expenditure tax benefits plus long term fuel and maintenance savings.
- The policies of energy conservation as defined by the ODPM will be incorporated into designs carried out by us or our appointed sub-contractors. Alternatively Clients will be advised of non-compliance where found on pre-designed projects.
- We will request supportive documentation concerning environmental standards in contracts with our specialists and sub-contractors, ensuring standards are at least equivalent to ours.
- Recycled materials will be used wherever practically possible.
- Materials will be delivered to site in sizable amounts to reduce transport fuel expenditure.
- Methods of transport, numbers of operatives per vehicle and fuel usage and types will be considered when planning journeys to and from sites.
- Waste, will be disposed of carefully, and we will recycle materials when possible where this is cost effective, and to the environments benefit.
- Principle contractors will be requested on large sites to provided separate waste containers, so recycling of redundant/left over materials/waste may be carried out where possible.
- We will ensure that, where energy is used, the best proportion becomes useful heat, light or power, not forgoing the primary requirements of Health & Safety.
- Office staff, site staff, sub-contractors, specialists and suppliers will be made aware of their environmental responsibilities relating to the Environment.
- Project managers and senior site operatives will be monitored by the appointed Director and his representatives to ensure green policies are being actioned on site and in house.
- Encouragement of employees and members to report any matter that they think is a danger to the environment.
- We will minimise, and wherever possible eliminate, the release of substances, which will cause demonstrable damage to the environment or its inhabitants.
- Renewable natural resources will be used where practicable.

### Useful Websites

[www.savenergy.org.uk](http://www.savenergy.org.uk)

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

[www.energy-efficiency.gov.uk](http://www.energy-efficiency.gov.uk)

[www.TFL.co.uk](http://www.TFL.co.uk)