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## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY APRIL 2014

### Overview

We recognise that our operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. We will ensure that all staff are trained in this Policy and given guidance on its implementation.

As a consequence of this, the management are committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution. RM Builders and Contractors is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this Policy.

### 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, provide facilities for cyclists, encourage car sharing, and encourage the use of public transport where practicable.
- 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 licenses are held.
- If any notice or prosecution related to a breach of environmental legislation is served against the business by the Environment Agency, a local authority, or other regulatory body, we will immediately notify the relevant persons.
- 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 UK 'red list' or EC 'black list', and peat for soil amelioration purposes.

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- We will try, where possible, to use suppliers who are willing to take away packaging for re-use or recycling and will consider the environmental impact of all purchases.
- We will try to reduce the water and energy consumption of the business and to minimise CO2 emissions. We will invest in the improved energy efficiency of products we use and investigate environmentally safe and friendly energy sources.
- 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 try to reduce waste production and carry out recycling as much as possible.
- In the office environment, paper will be used sensibly, with measures to re-use and recycle waste paper, with the increased use of electronic communication to reduce the need for paper use.
- We will ensure that no polluting matter enters surface waters or groundwater, will obtain permission before discharging any contaminated water, 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 use sub-contractors and suppliers who comply with the requirements of this Policy, and will help sub-contractors and suppliers to comply with environmental laws and regulations as much as possible.

Member of senior management confirming endorsement of this Policy:

Signed: 

Position: Office Manager

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