



## Statement

The built environment sector accounts for...

- 45% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and energy consumption
- 40% of all freshwater consumption
- 40% of all human produced wastes
- 50% of the world's material

Marks Barfield Architects integrates the principals of sustainability into all aspects of the practice: in our designs, in our office and in our research and development. We aim to find a positive balance between economic viability, social benefit and minimal environmental impact and in doing so, offer the best possible value to the client, the community and the Planet.

These responsibilities are regulated by the following:

1. Strict compliance with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations, as listed in the BEAMS Project Guide, and whenever possible surpass these expectations.
2. Organising the way that we run the company in order to minimise carbon footprint, pollution and disturbance to our community and the general public.
3. Through efficient use and specification of materials and resources with particular regard to the long-term sustainability of consumable items. We also aim to ensure that products are locally sourced, where available.

4. Ensuring that there is someone in the management structure with specific responsibility for the implementation of our environmental policy.

5. Management reviews to monitor, measure and make improvements to the following key areas: Design, IT, Office Environment and Waste Removal. Our policy does not cover work undertaken on site and environmental impacts over which we have no control. In these circumstances we seek to advise of best practice in line with current regulations.

6. Regular management reviews of the environmental policy to ensure continuous improvement in performance.

This statement is guaranteed by the directors of Marks Barfield Architects and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure its suitability with all relevant laws and standards.

## Record of Amendments

July 2007	Revision A
14 August 2007	Revision B
28 January 2008	Revision C