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Climate change is one of the greatest threats of our time and has far reaching implications for the real estate industry, and all our futures. With the built environment contributing approximately 40% of the energy-related carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions in the World, the thought of tackling this challenge can seem daunting. This framework serves as a first step towards tackling this challenge within our own practices and homes.

As Chartered Surveyors, we are aware of how our business activities impact upon the environment, and we are committed to ensuring that these activities have the least possible detrimental effect on the environment. As members, we commit to following sustainable business practices in our day-to-day operations, and encouraging and supporting our clients and colleagues to instill these practices in their lives also.

This is the first publication of our sustainability declaration and it will be reviewed and amended going forward as appropriate.



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# OUR DECLARATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

## I will:

- strive to limit the use of fossil fuels in my practice
- act in accordance with the best principles for the mitigation of environmental harm and the enhancement of environmental quality for all
- strive to ensure that the uses of natural resources are fair and sustainable taking account of the needs of a diverse society
- use my skills and experience to serve the needs of the environment and society
- serve as an example to others for responsible environmental behaviour
- be aware of, and aim to observe and support the United Nations Sustainable Development goals:



# I AM COMMITTED TO:



## Energy:

- Reducing my carbon footprint as much as possible.
- Optimising energy efficiency and conservation in all operations
- Reducing the impact of transportation in my business activities.



## Waste:

- Actively promoting reduce, reuse and recycling in my office and/or workplace
- Minimising waste generation and unnecessary resource usage during the stages of planning, design and operation of new and existing business activities.







### Surveying Activities:

- Ensuring environmental practices are included in my assessment of suppliers and contractors and that their performance in this area forms part of the selection criteria utilised.
- Purchasing products and services that have the least known environmental impact, where this is feasible.
- Encouraging suppliers and contractors to implement sustainable environmental systems.
- Minimising the use of hazardous chemicals and solvents and instructing agents acting on my behalf to do the same
- Using materials, fittings and furnishings from sustainable sources where feasible.

### Water:

- Optimising water efficiency and conservation in all operations
- Mitigating risk of polluting water courses

### Biodiversity:

- Endeavour to incorporate biodiversity in both new build projects, infrastructure projects and in managing existing buildings.
- Take measures to avoid impact on ecosystems and where impacts cannot be avoided, take measures to reduce the duration or extent of impact



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