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## Environment Policy

### Introduction:

Verity & Beverley maintain a sustainability policy in connection with our current and future commitments to sustainable building and business practices.

### Business policy:

As a business, we are aware of our own carbon footprint, and regularly conduct reviews of our office procedures to ensure that we are maintaining an efficient office. As part of our commitment we:

- Source all our business consumables from local suppliers.
- Use recycled paper from companies that are FSC accredited, both for internal paper and letterhead.
- Recycle 100% of our paper waste.
- Maintain our membership of relevant bodies including the RIBA and The Green Register of Construction Professionals.
- Ensure all members of staff are provided with relevant training and awareness of renewable technologies and carbon emissions. This is through in-house training, educational events and visits on site.

### Design and construction:

Our objective is to ensure that we not only adhere to current best practice, but improve upon it where possible. Through a maintained working relationship with suppliers, installers and Local Authorities, we can ensure that all parties are aware of our commitment and the need to design with sustainability in mind throughout the construction process.

At an early stage in each project, we endeavour to inform our clients of the potential within the proposals and to consider and improve upon its impact on the environment, utilising our bespoke Green Briefing Checklist. Through a series of questions, we can appraise the proposals and suggest a number of site-specific options to the client as a starting point during the feasibility stage of the project.

We endeavour to ensure that our clients are aware of the pros and cons of all the various options available, and not just those which receive the most marketing or press attention. We want our clients to achieve value for money as well as realistic and measurable carbon savings. As well as projects utilising renewable technologies, such as Ground or Air Source Heat Pumps, we often find simple solutions such as installing double-glazing or a gas combi boiler can have a marked reduction of a building's carbon footprint. We are particularly keen to ensure that our clients with refurbishment projects are willing to undertake an appraisal of the existing building, and upgrade wherever possible. We also encourage developers to consider the merits of recognised standards, including 'Ecohomes' and the 'Code for Sustainable Homes', on their sites.

Our membership of The Green Register of Construction Professionals illustrates our commitment to building with sustainability in mind. In order to comply with Green Register policies, Verity & Beverley's design team members have attended a course in Sustainable Building & Services as well as other educational events. As a practice, we regularly travel to events including Ecobuild, as well as offices of local consultants such as Energist UK for training.

Case studies: Nimrods Barn and Bownham Park.

### The Future:

Verity & Beverley are committed to maintaining our membership of the relevant professional bodies, in order to ensure awareness and remain competent to a high standard. As policies and Building Regulations change, and as legislation strives towards zero carbon, we will make every effort to ensure that, as a practice, we are kept aware of the relevant changes through our programme of Continuous Professional Development and our working relationships with other members of the construction team.