

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

At London Square our vision is to bring sustainable living to the Capital. Combining our innovative approach to design, build and customer service with sustainability; creating places and communities where people really want to live, now and in the future.

This policy should be read in conjunction with “Building Sustainable Communities” which is publicly available on our website.

Our Sustainable Procurement Strategy has been developed to ensure that all staff involved in the procurement of goods and services routinely consider how we can enhance and protect our shared environment, contribute to the health and well-being of society, and build a sustainable economy through our procurement decisions.

The Sustainable Procurement Strategy outlines six priority areas for the purchase of materials and construction services:

1. Optimising the use of natural resources.
2. Reducing waste throughout the supply chain.
3. Efficiently managing the delivery of goods and services.
4. Supporting the reduction of our carbon footprint.
5. Working with suppliers and manufacturers to raise awareness of sustainability issues and facilitate sustainable change.
6. Ensuring that we and our suppliers operate with fairness and integrity, paying fair wages and eliminating modern slavery through the supply chain.

To embed sustainability considerations into the decision-making process, the procurement department considers the likely impact of making the purchase and identifies opportunities to mitigate any negative impact and take positive sustainable action. Specifiers and buyers are to prioritise objectives and raise questions throughout processes as follows:

REDUCING UNSUSTAINABLE AND VIRGIN RESOURCES

- Examining the percentage of unsustainable and virgin resources and formulating proposals to reduce, or preferably eliminate their use. Creating effective circular economy models which consider material, water and energy use.
- Utilising products with EPD's (Environmental Product Declarations) and digital Material Passports.
- Using SMARTWaste to understand and measure carbon, fossil fuels, waste and water use on site.
- Examining what renewable energy sources are used and what is available for use.



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MATERIAL PRODUCTION, USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

- London Square commit to sourcing 100% of timber from sustainable sources with FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody certified when purchased directly and via our supply chain. The Company internally audit the timber purchased ensuring valid certificates are held by suppliers and referencing delivery tickets to ensure certified product actually received on site.
- Preference in procurement is afforded to products that meet BES 6001 standard (or equivalent accreditation) using the BRE Green Guide as a reference.
- Managing and reducing waste and pollution within our offices, site infrastructure and production processes.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIFICATION AND MATERIAL SELECTION

- Is the purchase necessary?
- Does the product have an EPD or digital material passport detailing circular economy (ideally cradle to cradle) or ISO 14024 environmental labels that will assist our Whole Life Carbon Assessments?
- Do materials/products selected have a recycled content and can they be recycled or reused in future to minimise the impact of eventual disposal?
- Selecting materials that give preference to low embodied carbon content and reduced energy consumption.
- Utilising locally sourced materials and labour where practically possible, if it makes economic sense.
- How to monitor, record and minimise water use in production and in operational use.
- Utilising recycled and recyclable packaging and reducing packaging used without affecting quality or causing an increased risk of product damage in transit.
- Ensuring no negative impact on biodiversity or eco-systems in production or use.
- Giving preference to products/services that do not harm human health or the environment.

OPERATIONAL AND SUPPLY CHAIN ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES:

- Is a documented EMS (Environmental Management System) in place? Preference will be provided to ISO 14001 certified (or equivalent) companies.
- Assurance of quality (ISO 9001 or similar accreditation), health and safety (ISO 45001 or similar accreditation), worker welfare, Modern Slavery Act 2015 compliance, equal and non-discriminatory treatment of all workers under Equality Act 2010 and transparency of the supply chain audit process.
- Does the supplier pay fair prices, pay fair wages, ensure minimum labour conditions and fair payment terms? London Square are not obliged to accept lowest quotation. Preference should be given to supply chain companies that can demonstrate ethical trading practices – example: Living Wage Compliance.
- Supply chain organisation sustainability strategies (London Square collect data regarding suppliers and manufacturers).
- Preference should be given to supply chain partners that can demonstrate how they are reducing environmental impact – especially carbon footprint.



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- Ensure that the supply chain partner has an appointed person responsible for sustainability.
- Suppliers, sub-contractors and manufacturers must check/audit organisations within their supply chains for all aspects of sustainability compliance.
- Our supply chain must be committed to supporting our 2030/2040 Net Zero aspirations.
- London Square's supply chain is invited to join the Supply Chain Sustainability School by personal letter from our Commercial Director.
- London Square have created an animated video for suppliers and sub-contractors to understand the steps required to be accepted on to London Square's supply chain.
- Obtaining the most direct delivery option available from manufacturer to site avoiding split journeys, extra handling, intermittent storage, craneage and transport. Consideration of fuels used to operate transport and plant. Consolidation of deliveries to sites and timed deliveries to reduce congestion.
- Utilisation of an inclusive and diverse labour force in London Square and their supply chain workplaces.
- Tendering opportunities for local businesses and SME's.
- Community engagement in line with our social value strategy.

COMPLIANCE:

- Purchased materials information is recorded using the Company's internal procurement tracker.
- London Square are ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management Systems, ISO 45001: 2018 Health & Safety Management Systems and ISO 14001: 2015 Environmental Management Systems certified.
- Site waste, energy and water usage is recorded utilising BRE's SMARTWaste application.
- We are partners of the Supply Chain Sustainability School and undertake their training programmes to suit different department skillsets.
- Sub-contractors comply with London Square's Code of Conduct.

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