

Environment Policy

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1.1 Environmental Risk Assessment

LDCL endeavors to carry out Environmental Risk Assessments for all works that may adversely affect the surrounding environment. This procedure prompts workers to identify potential risks. Both the likelihood and severity of hazards are predicted. This allows a total score of risk to be calculated for each hazard and the job as a whole. The Assessment initiates mitigation measures that will effectively prevent / reduce the elements of risk.

1.2 Environmental Performance

LDCL continues to opt for electronic equipment with the highest possible energy ratings. The offices were recently fitted with four state of the air conditioning units that are market leading in terms of Coefficient of Performance (COP) and Energy Efficiency Ratings.

1.2 Offices

The office features thermally efficient Velux windows and double-glazed glass is installed throughout. Exterior doors are properly sealed and unwanted draughts prevented.

1.3 Environmental Awareness

Working to improve the environment does have other benefits. Many of the actions we take also provide considerable cost savings. Every unnecessary light bulb switched off will reduce operating costs. LDCL strives to reduce energy requirements by careful management of lights, cooling and heating. All computers and printers are switched off overnight. The offices are designed to make full use of natural light.

1.4 Waste Management

As part of LDCL's ongoing service to clients, we will ensure that waste production is minimized.

Where possible waste will be minimized and segregated by type. Recycling will be carried out where possible.

All office waste products including paper, cardboard and printer ink cartridges as well as unwanted equipment is recycled by authorised providers.

1.5 Pollution

Working procedures and designs will be centered on the prevention and minimization of pollution risk. For example, it is identified that siltation from construction activities poses a major risk to watercourses and water quality across the UK. Siltation control will be assessed in all schemes to reduce the risk of pollution spillovers.

Further measures must also be taken to mitigate the risk of pollution, both air, ground and water pollution, from the use of company vehicles. This includes but is not limited to; regular servicing of vehicles, use of hybrid/electric vehicles where possible and regular checking for oil leaks.

An electric vehicle charger is also available at the Escrick Office to further encourage the adoption of less polluting vehicles.

1.6 Consultancy

It is vital to consider possible ecological constraints when conducting both on-site surveys, when preparing specific drainage mitigation strategies and when producing soil handling recommendations. Whilst the majority of works are conducted for Clients whose projects have previously undertaken detailed Ecological Assessments; we endeavor to ensure that LDC are made aware of any possible ecological concerns prior to the commencement of works. When conducting site surveys, employees should remain vigilant and report any ecological concerns to the Client promptly. Wildlife designations should also be assessed prior to the commencement of works.

Where necessary, due consideration should be given to archaeological investigations, and any possible areas of particular importance. If anything of suspected archaeological importance is identified, a record should be taken and the Client and Landowner should be notified of the findings.

1.7 Vehicle Usage

LDCL promotes and encourages the use of Hybrid and/or Electric company vehicles where possible. Regular service checks are required on all company vehicles to ensure they remain as safe and efficient as possible.

All LDCL staff are advised to minimise mileage through efficient and careful planning of work. Where possible, staff should travel together to reduce the total mileage travelled, and to mitigate against the effects of fatigue. Where longer drives are required, a company vehicle should be used to allow for the sharing of driving responsibilities.

All miles travelled in the pool car should be recorded on the mileage log specific to that vehicle. All vehicles should be assessed prior, and following each use, with any defects or faults being notified to the Office Manager upon the vehicles' return. If the company vehicle requires refueling, this should be done in accordance with the Driving for Work Policy.

1.8 Train Usage

LDCL promotes the usage of trains for long haul travelling where practical.

1.9 Car Share

Where possible, LDCL actively encourages car sharing. This reduces congestion, fuel consumption and pollution.

1.10 Cycle to Work Scheme

Since summer 2010, LDCL has adopted a cycle-to-work scheme, similar to the one promoted by the UK Government. Staff are advised on the physical, economic and environmental benefits of cycling to and from work on a regular basis.

2.0 Environmental Legislation

- List of environmental regulations that are relevant to LDC's operations:
- Land Drainage Act 1991 and 1994 amendment
- The Water Resources Act 1991
- The Control of Pollution Act 1974 and The Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989
- Code of Practice for the Use of Pesticides in Amenity and Industrial Areas
- Guidelines for the Use of Herbicides on Weeds in or Near Watercourses and Lakes
- The Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations (2012)
- Flood and Water Management Act 2010
- The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989
- The Environmental Protection Act 1990