

FBN ARCHITECTS

Environmental Policy

We share widespread concern about the fate of the planet – the dangers of climate change and depletion of natural resources – and we recognise that, as architects, we have a real responsibility to help our community move towards sustainable consumption and enhancement of the natural environment.

We aim to continuously improve our design work for social housing and other buildings, to progressively reduce their impact on the environment, both in construction and in use. We will demonstrate our commitment by example, by further improving on the environmental management activities – reducing energy use, emissions, pollution and waste – that we already undertake within the office. The accompanying documents: Environmental Practices in the Office and in Design describe our approach in detail.

We involve everyone in the practice, through regular discussion and training, in furtherance of this aim.

We acknowledge, welcome and seek to implement statutory changes that have been made to encourage, require and measure progress towards our shared aim, specifically: the Scottish Executive's Sustainable Development Strategy, the Building (Scotland) Regulations and Technical Handbooks (incorporating the requirements of the EC Energy Performance of buildings Directive) and the BRE Eco-Homes Standards (Code for Sustainable Homes).

We require our suppliers, when reviewing them annually, to demonstrably aspire to similar standards of environmental performance.

We monitor our performance through annual assessments of our achievements, both in design work and in our office practices. We also review this Policy annually.