



Environmental Policy

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Environmental Policy Statement

DMA Fire Protection is a limited company specialising in Passive Fire Protection.

We recognise that our activities impact on the environment, and as such we have created an environmental & sustainability policy to help identify and minimise these impacts.

We ensure that our policy is:

- Regularly checked, updated and agreed by our senior management team
- Available to the public, our staff and those working on behalf of the company - can be found on our website or upon request.
- Implemented through our day to day activities
- Monitored for success on an annual basis.

DMA Fire Protection commits to:

- Preventing pollution from activities at our head office and on site.
- Continual environmental improvement
- Complying with applicable environmental legal and other requirements.

The company aims to mitigate the risk of an environmental incident. However, in the event of an incident that may lead to pollution, the company will put in place response plans to reduce the potential impact on the environment. We recognise our duty to inform the Environment Agency in the event of pollution being caused by our activities.

DMA Fire Protection aims to:

- Minimise production of waste and increase recycling rates by following the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle)
- Minimise consumption of energy and water
- Minimise the environmental impact of activities on site
- Minimise emissions from vehicle use
- Promote the use of materials with recycled content or from sustainably managed sources.

We recognise the importance of sustainable development and will work with our clients to ensure that our projects meet their sustainability requirements.

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1. Environment

We are committed to continually looking for ways to reduce our impact on the environment and working to prevent pollution. We pay particular attention to waste minimisation and resource efficiency and ensure we source sustainable materials where practically and economically feasible. We take the Government's aim to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted very seriously. We are looking at ways to minimise our carbon emissions. DMA shall develop and maintain an integrated Management system (IMS) that conforms to the requirements of ISO 12001:2015; ISO 9001:2015 so that we can provide and maintain a consistently high quality in all work we undertake.

Each day we are faced with a number of environmental issues that relate specifically to our industry. The key areas of concern include, but are not limited to:

- water pollution
- noise pollution
- airborne pollution
- contaminated land
- waste
- visual pollution
- energy consumption
- biodiversity.

2. General arrangements

Our general aim is to plan our activities and implement control measures sufficient to protect the environment, ensure compliance with relevant statutory provisions and client requirements associated with our works. We seek to do this in such a way that we avoid the need for complaints or any issue of enforcement (improvement or prohibition) notice, or prosecution.

We will achieve this aim by:

- mitigating the environmental impact of our operations by paying attention to the environmental risks posed by our work;
- listening to the concerns of the local and wider communities affected;
- minimise resource use through planning, sustainable procurement and reuse where possible;
- monitoring utilities consumption;
- selecting offices, facilities, vehicles and equipment which use energy saving technologies;
- encouraging environmental awareness among staff, suppliers and sub-contractors;
- being proactive and reviewing our policies in line with real-time environmental concerns;
- seeking alternative design solutions to reduce environmental impacts where possible;
- assessing our environmental impacts in line with our objectives and targets, and;
- obtaining prior consent for certain activities being carried out, where it is our responsibility to do so.

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3. General preventive measures

3.1. Water pollution

We will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the protection of rivers, streams and other watercourses by:

- ensuring that environmental permits are obtained from the Environment Agency (or similar) before discharge into a watercourse takes place, and make provisions made to ensure such discharge is safe;
- agreeing control measures with the Environment Agency (or similar) where there is a risk of contamination to a watercourse;
- giving required notice to the Water Authority before commencing works near a foul tank or trunk sewer;
- promptly reporting environmental incidents involving watercourses to the Environment Agency (or similar), and;
- only undertaking concrete wash out (or similar) at agreed locations where resulting effluent cannot flow into watercourses and drains. Wherever possible we will minimise concrete wash out on site and encourage suppliers to use facilities at the production plant.

3.2. Noise pollution

As the majority of our works are carried out at height, or on exposed rooftops, noise carries further. We recognise that noise is a very sensitive issue. For this reason, we will assess areas of concern before commencing work. This is especially important when operating near hospitals, schools, residential areas and places of work. We will:

- based on the works, assess environmental noise impact;
- consider alternative construction methods, which offer the minimum noise levels;
- maintain plant and equipment to ensure optimum performance and eliminate avoidable noise;
- use noise reduction screens where necessary, and;
- restrict working hours to avoid particularly noise-sensitive times, such as nights or weekends, wherever possible.

3.3. Airborne pollution

The effects of airborne pollution shall be considered by site teams. Fundamental factors they will need to consider include:

- the ease with which particles contained in dust and smoke can spread, especially in strong or prevailing winds;
- the consequent danger to people in the immediate area and further afield where operations will create dust.

Appropriate actions shall be taken to keep air pollution levels to a minimum. These include:

- sheeting skips to prevent the escape of dust, particularly during transportation;
- using a water suppressant or vacuum device whilst cutting, grinding or similar;
- using vehicle speed restrictions and damping down roads which may have become dirty or dusty, and;
- managing stockpiles to reduce dust.

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3.4. Visual pollution

Perceptions of correct environmental behaviour is often influenced by a variety of visual signals. We will do everything we can to behave in an environmentally sensitive way, but also to be seen to be doing so. The following actions will therefore be taken in and around our operational sites:

- site boards and public information signs will be kept clean and will comply with local requirements;
- access routes will be properly marked, and;
- good housekeeping shall be maintained with materials properly stored, waste regularly cleared and vehicles sensibly parked.

3.5. Waste

In recognition of the fact that the earth's resources are finite, every step possible will be taken to minimise waste through the implementation of the waste hierarchy as outlined within Section 12 (1) of The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011. So far as reasonably practicable, we shall:

- prevent waste through effective procurement strategies and resource use;
- re-use waste material in its current state if safe and legal to do so;
- recycle waste;
- recover energy from waste (e.g. combustion), and;
- dispose of waste only once all other options have been exhausted.
- only licensed waste carriers shall be used to transport waste and thorough duty of care checks will be carried out prior to any movements taking place.

3.6. Energy consumption

Where possible, energy consumption shall be monitored with a view to seeking opportunities for reduction.

Our overall strategy on responsible management of energy consumption relies on all DMA employees:

- switching equipment (laptops, monitors, lights etc.) off when not in use;
- minimising the use of artificial lighting through efficient use of natural lighting;
- replace all compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs with light emitting diode (LED) bulbs in premises under our control;
- reducing paper consumption through responsible printing and always printing double sided;
- using programmable thermostats to reduce heating during off-peak hours;
- monitoring for air leaks which affect efficient heating and cooling, and;
- using tele or video conferencing technologies as an alternative to face-to-face meetings.

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3.7. Carbon and greenhouse gas emissions

Our strategy of reducing or offsetting our emissions relies heavily on our responsible management of energy consumption. In addition however:

- all plant and equipment are to be maintained and inspected according to manufacturer's instructions;
- company owned, and operated vehicles shall generally be unleaded where possible, however alternatively fuelled vehicles are encouraged; these are considered to be less polluting than equivalent diesel vehicles, resulting in less harmful particulates being released to atmosphere.
- vehicles operated by the company shall be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's details to maintain efficiency and minimise pollution, and;
- we shall seek opportunities, through renewable energy or green investment, to offset our emissions wherever possible.

3.8. Water consumption

Where possible, water consumption shall be monitored with a view to seeking opportunities for reduction wherever practical.

3.9. Responsible timber procurement

The UK government recognises wood certified under the FSC and PEFC schemes as "verified legal and sustainable". In line with these policies, DMA Fire Protection Ltd. will ensure that we, and our wider supply chain, only procure timber, timber products and timber sheet materials from FSC or PEFC schemes. Those which cannot demonstrate they are from FSC or PEFC schemes shall not be used.

4. Our People

We are committed to providing a safe working environment that focuses on the prevention of injury and ill health. We believe that everyone has a role to play in creating a safe working environment for themselves, those they work with and also ensuring that the public are not endangered by any of our activities.

We recognize the value of our employees and work with them to develop their potential and to increase their competence through regular training. Where possible we recruit our staff locally to support the local economy.

5. Community

The communities in which we operate can be affected by our projects and we work towards mitigating the potential nuisance of our activities. Where required by clients, we work to the Considerate Constructors standard.

We work to ensure that we interact positively with the communities in which we operate. Effective communication is important so that all those who work for us or on our behalf are aware of their responsibilities to ensure a high standard of environmental and community care is maintained.

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6. Process

We are committed to improving the effectiveness of our management systems in order to provide opportunities to maximise our delivery performance to all stakeholders

Finally, we are aware that the livelihoods of our staff and, to some extent, our suppliers and sub-contractors depend on our continued existence. This is best served by our continued commitment to producing quality work.

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