

WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT
St Georges Centre
Gravesend

Introduction

This is the Waste Management Policy Statement of St Georges Shopping Centre (Gravesend). The policy reflects the Centres commitment to waste management as part of our environmental policy and procedures. The policy is communicated to all of our employees and tenants; a copy is provided annually to each tenant when they sign their waste transfer note. We are committed to a zero waste to landfill and the creation of renewable energy.

By treating waste as a valuable resource, from which by-products can be recovered as secondary materials or energy, St Georges centre can boldly claim that all of the waste materials collected are re-used, either recycled or recovered for their energy content.

- We collect and sort items that householders and businesses alike choose to throw away
- We recover anything that can be recycled and where possible reuse the resultant materials
- We treat waste in such a way that we always extract any value

Objectives

The aims of the policy are to:

- Identify and minimise waste and its effect to the environment associated with the shopping centre activities.
- Comply with current waste legislation and where appropriate act in anticipation of future requirements in line with our company environmental legislation register and environmental impacts and aspects register.
- Set targets and deliver continual improvement in the management of waste management issues via key performance indicators and ongoing data collection of waste produced.
- Produce Site Waste Management Plans on all contracts along with duty of care waste matrix data collection and checks on all waste movements. All waste or surplus arising is assessed whether they can reuse, recycled, or require correct facility disposal.
- Review each element of works prior to commencement and implement valued engineering changes where possible and acceptable.
- Make sure all materials where possible are sourced from sustainable, renewable, or recycled means, assess, and monitor suppliers and subcontractors to make sure all company objectives and procedures are achieved.
- Liaise with the Environment Agency on a regular basis to review `best practice` and maintain a good working relationship including advice as and when required. Utilise other agencies and interested parties' information for up-to-date advice and knowledge. The policy is subject to the company's Integrated Business Management Process.

Policy

To achieve its objectives the company is committed to:

- Prevent pollution, reduce waste and to maximise the efficient use of materials and energy.
- Use sustainable, reusable, or recyclable products where technically and economically viable.
- Ensure that all wastes, particularly hazardous or contaminated wastes, are tested, transported, and disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner, in accordance with statutory duty of care requirements.
- Minimise waste levels, waste nuisance, pollutants, and disturbance to the public and local ecosystems, wildlife habitats, and preservation of heritage.
- Review its activities and identify issues which could have a significant impact on the waste production.
- Encourage our supply chain and subcontractors to comply with this policy.
- Provide the necessary awareness and training to enable staff at all levels to understand and contribute to the implementation of this policy.
- Promote waste management via posters, notices and IT news flashes
- Review, Reuse and Recycle! This policy statement outlines the centres commitment to minimising the adverse environmental impact from our activities.

There are a few basic requirements in term of the Duty of Care when applied to Controlled Waste and to Special Waste. Part of the Duty of Care requires that we keep records of the wastes, which is produced and transferred. A Waste Transfer Note (A Legal Requirement) is required to be completed whenever waste is handed over to an authorised person and should be signed by all parties. The transfer note details from whom and to whom the waste has been transferred, the category of authorised person to whom the waste has been consigned, place, frequency of transfer as well as information on the quantity of waste, how it is packed and a description of the waste. The transfer note is required to be completed and signed by both parties involved in the transfer.

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Krishna Phipps'.

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