

Our policy

Environment

Burgess Salmon is the independent UK law firm which delivers the best mix of advice, service and value. Our environmental management system is certified to EN ISO 14001.



Our impacts

We recognise that our impact on the environment results principally from the following activities:

- Procurement and use of manufactured and natural resources (such as paper, gas, water and electricity) at our offices.
- Waste generation from our offices.
- Energy use through travel.
- Advise clients on the opportunities and obligations arising from and under environmental law.
- Work collaboratively to engage in the public debate on the environment and to develop, apply and promote best practice across the legal sector.
- Report on our progress and be accountable.
- Prevent pollution from our operations. Protect and where possible enhance the environment through our Responsible Business activities.
- Reduce volumes of waste generated as far as practicable and promote the recycling of unavoidable waste.
- Optimise the level of energy efficiency at our offices in Bristol, London and Edinburgh, all of which have a BREEAM "Excellent" rating.
- Record and monitor paper, electricity, gas and water consumption.

Our commitments

We are committed to the principle of continual improvement in reducing the impact of our activities on the environment. In order to achieve this commitment, we will:

- Comply with all applicable environment legislation and guidelines. Where such legislation and guidelines set standards, we will not only meet those standards but endeavour to exceed them where practicable.
- Operate an Environmental Management System to measure, manage and reduce the impact of our operations.
- Work with external stakeholders to reduce our indirect impact.
- Integrate awareness of environmental impact across our business.
- We are working to bring our new Edinburgh office (opened 1 May 2019) into the scope of our Environmental Management System over the next 12 months.
- Progress our transition to a "paperlite" office

These commitments incorporate the core principles of the Legal Sustainability Alliance. We are founder members of the Legal Sustainability Alliance; a network of law firms committed to working collaboratively to take action on climate change by reducing their carbon footprint and adopting environmentally sustainable practices.

Our actions

We will take the following actions in order to minimise our environmental impact:

- As part of our procurement policy, take into account the environmental impact of purchased goods and services, and assess suppliers on their environmental credentials in accordance with our Supplier Charter.

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