

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

It is the Practice's policy to protect the environment by every means available during design, specification and construction and to ensure that decisions are made on the use of resources that provide for future generation.

Cass Associates is concerned with land – its uses, its development and its improvement. It provides multi-disciplinary consultancy services over the following fields:

- Masterplanning.
- Urban design.
- Land remediation.
- Architectural design.
- Project Management.
- Landscape Design and Management.

Modern man's use of land has been largely based on exploitation rather than sound, long term management. As a result our urban and industrial areas present us with economic, environmental and social problems on an unprecedented scale. The costs of dealing with these problems can be very great. Cass Associates has a very successful track record in developing the necessary skills and managing the process of improvement and development. Both are necessary for cost effective problem solving.

The Practice takes a broadly based, integrated and creative approach to problem solving. In an increasingly complex and specialised world, we believe this is essential if sensible, long term decisions are to be taken on the use and treatment of land, and the design of development which takes place upon it.

Land is a finite natural resource. The concept of sustainable development demands that we manage our natural resources so that they contribute to the quality of life for future generations rather than become a burden upon them. That is what we aim to do.

Protection of the environment and the sustainable use of resources is fundamental to the Practice and we will work with clients, regulators, professional bodies, suppliers and the wider community to ensure that environmental standards are raised.

The Practice aims to achieve the following wherever and whenever possible.

- Seek to prevent pollution and integrate environmental factors into its business decisions
- Use its professional skills to influence the way in which the built environment is improved and to enhance the quality of the natural and cultural environment in which we live
- Use of public transport and bicycles where practical
- Use environmentally friendly fuels for transport and heating
- Recycle materials in the office
- Reduce waste
- Specify recyclable or recycled materials for projects
- Conserve energy - heating, lighting and monitor the effectiveness of its energy conservation strategy
- Avoid specifying ozone depleting chemicals by designing energy efficient buildings
- Avoid specifying materials on the Governments Red List except where after careful consideration and risk assessment there is no suitable alternative
- Check where feasible that timber specified and/or used in Practice designed construction projects is from sustainable sources.
- Avoid use of substances hazardous not only to humans but also flora and fauna. Ensure COSHH data sheets are checked and risk assessment are undertaken
- Spread the Practice expertise in the reclamation of derelict land/brownfield sites for redevelopment.