

Environmental Statement

We are a Central London Barristers Chambers consisting of 34 barristers and 5 staff in a leased building on two floors. As we are a reasonably small office our potential impacts to the environment are considered to be minimal. We do however understand that 'best practice' should result in continual monitoring of our working procedures to help reduce our carbon footprint, ensure that we keep to a minimum our impact on the environment and to increase our efficiency and effectiveness as a small business.

We are committed to ensuring all people involved with Chambers are aware of our general policy to reduce the negative impact of Chambers' activities on the environment. As a collective and as individuals, our Chambers is aware of its responsibility to minimise its carbon footprint. We will comply with applicable legislation and will aim to reduce Chambers environmental impact by introducing new techniques to improve our own sustainability. This will help us in creating a sustainable future for Chambers at all levels of our business. Some of the things we have already introduced are:-

- recycling of waste by giving members separate bins in rooms for different types of waste
- use of energy efficient light bulbs throughout Chambers
- use of recycled paper or paper sourced from sustainable forests, printing of emails and other electronic information only when absolutely necessary
- double sided printing to cut down on paper usage
- recycling of all ink cartridges and toners
- reducing energy consumption by turning off lights (outside working hours and in rooms unused during working hours) computers, laptops, printers and photocopiers when not in use
- selecting, where possible, suppliers who have environmental policies that complement our policy and environmental expectations
- the ordering of supplies and consumables in bulk to cut down on suppliers' travel to and from Chambers
- printing of emails and other documents in electronic format only when absolutely necessary
- promoting awareness amongst our barristers and staff of the environmental impact of travel and encourage the use of relevant technology to reduce the need for unnecessary journeys
- communicating the importance of environmental issues to our staff and barristers, and encourage feedback regarding our own environmental issues and concerns.

We aim to continually monitor and review our procedures in line with the above to ensure we are making every effort we can to keep our carbon footprint to a minimum. We are always happy to consider recommended changes, where appropriate, if it is thought this will further improve the position in relation to our environmental impact.