



## Sustainability Policy

### Our approach to sustainable design

Every project we work on is given the same level of consideration by our experienced team and we continue to deliver clients sustainable, environmentally and socially responsible designs while managing our commercial activities in order to minimise environmental impact:

- We work closely with our clients to understand their objectives and provide relevant and robust advice on environmentally sustainable design and the subsequent commercial implications
- We collaborate with the project team to develop a tailored design strategy, using the industry's leading sustainable benchmarking tools and assessment methods such as BREEAM and LEED
- We have made significant investment into BIM technology (Building Information Modelling) – an intelligent working method which allows us to collaborate remotely with consultants in a smart and simple way, facilitating faster and more economic decision making. Adopting this forward thinking methodology helps us to mitigate the environmental impact of the design, construction and ultimately the life cycle of the building and external works
- We have a thorough understanding of current and new regulations controlling energy performance
- We consider the long term impact of our designs from an environmental, economic and social perspective
- We ensure that sustainability issues are regularly covered and understood in the ongoing professional development of our employees
- We ensure we specify only the manufacturers who source their materials responsibly

### Our approach to sustainable operations

At Urban Edge we are committed to an environmentally responsible day-to-day operation of our own office by:

- Minimising and controlling our waste, recycling and encouraging a paperless environment
- Promoting sustainable transport – we operate a cycle to work scheme and encourage car-pooling amongst staff
- Being well placed geographically with convenient links to major public transport networks, thus minimising travel time/distance for client and site visits
- Encouraging reduced travel through the use of video and telephone conferencing
- Ensuring energy efficiency by using heating, cooling, lighting and IT systems as effectively as possible in order to save energy
- Being actively involved in charity work within the local community

At Urban Edge we are committed to sustainability. We review our sustainability targets and objectives on a regular basis and will continually strive to improve our environmental performance in all aspects of our business, continuing to maintain the same high standards our clients expect.