

rhp Environmental Policy

R H Partnership Architects (**rhp**) is an established and well-respected architectural practice founded in 1974. We see it as our duty to make the best use of the earth's precious resources. Architects in particular have a key role to play in minimising the enormous impact that the construction and operation of buildings has on our environment.

Back in the early 1990s **rhp** pioneered energy saving techniques in projects such as the Ionica Building and Harston Mill. What were considered innovative design ideas at the time have since been widely adopted. More recently we have worked on carbon neutral construction projects such as the Brighton Earthship, the Hastings Enviro21 development, and the Sophi Taylor Visitor Centre in Cambridge.

Our policy is to continue to strive for environmental excellence in the following ways:

- By remaining at the forefront in the knowledge and skills we offer to deliver sustainable solutions.
- Promoting a sustainable approach to clients and fellow consultants.
- Ensuring sustainability issues are addressed throughout the design process.
- Setting measurable targets to reduce environmental impact.
- Managing our own carbon emissions, water consumption, pollution, recycling and waste to landfill.
- Regularly reviewing our policy consistent to the requirements of international standard ISO 14001:2004.

rhp's Environmental Management System is captured in the Integrated Management Workbook, which is a strategic document describing our Practice, our services and our systems and our environmental impact management.

Feedback Procedures and Continual Improvement

Project reviews are held at key stages in the project to ensure environmental objectives are being met. These reviews ensure that technical, environmental and sustainability feedback is incorporated into the project. The use of Final Project Reviews on completed projects, is now accepted as one of the more important processes of the Management System; monitoring customer feedback and satisfaction, and providing feedback to help **rhp** continuously improve its procedures. We encourage the client/end user to be present at these reviews together with other consultants and the contractor, and actively seek client feedback wherever possible.

Director
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Botanic Garden, Cambridge
Plant Growth Facility for the University of Cambridge. Materials carefully selected to minimise environmental impact.



Earthship, Brighton
Self-build autonomous house made from recycled tyres and bottles.