

## **Scope of Policy**

Our green sustainability policy applies to all hotel operations.

### **Policy Details**

The following actions have already been taken to reduce our impact on the environment.

# **Our Policy**

- To minimise our carbon footprint.
- To reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.
- To extend our sustainable sourcing.
- To help improve local businesses and our local community within our supply chain.
- To take steps to encourage both our guests and people to lead healthier lifestyles.
- To educate our guests on car free transport to/from the hotel and explore the local area on foot.

## Our Hotel

- We record energy usage allowing accurate monitoring of our energy consumption and energy-saving initiatives.
- We use LED lightbulbs across the hotel.
- We have committed to glass-only bottles for water provision in our 15 meeting rooms.
- We recycle all waste glass, plastics and cardboard.
- We have installed a composting system for 50% of food waste.
- We have installed a voltage optimiser installed saving 10% of electricity used.
- We encourage groups to travel by public transport or one form of transport to reduce carbon emissions.

### **Our Bedrooms**

- We use LED lightbulbs in all bedrooms
- We change bed linen only after the second night, unless requested.
- We use kettles with a one-litre capacity or less to save energy boiling water that is not required.
- We provide separate bins for general waste and recyclable materials.

### **Our Bathrooms**

- We use in-room toiletries that are all environmentally friendly.
- We have reduced detergent and water usage, by only changing towels on request.
- We only use toilet rolls that are certified 100% British recycled.

• We provide large eco-pump bottles of bathroom toiletries to minimise wastage.

# Reception

- We have an online and telephone booking system which enables us to send all correspondence via email, reducing paper usage and postage.
- We allow guests to view bedrooms, sample restaurant menus, facilities and room availability for up to 12 months ahead on our website, reducing print materials.
- We recycle or shred all used paper.
- We have electric bikes available to rent with local routes and maps.
- We have doorstep guides for guests to encourage walks from the hotel and less car usage.
- We have electric car charging point installed for guests.

## Food & Beverage

- We use only British meats.
- We ensure all our cheeses come from local dairies.
- We ensure our fresh fish products are from sustainable sources.
- We use locally sourced products wherever possible.
- We collaborate with local suppliers for our menu items.
- We use a local brewery to offer a selection of real ales both on draught and in bottle form.
- We ensure wines and spirits are sourced locally, where possible.
- We ensure, to the best of our knowledge, that all of our products are GM-free products.

### **Our Team**

- We provide discounted travel on public transport to encourage alternatives to car use
- We offer a cycle to work scheme.
- We provide training for our people on green ways of working through our Welcome Day Induction.
- We provide mugs, cups, cutlery and dishes, so single-usage disposable items are not needed.
- We provide recycling facilities.
- We provide staff food which complies with all of our Food & Beverage commitments above.
- We encourage staff not to print off documents unless necessary.
- We have invested in an intranet as a means of communicating key messages to staff, to reduce the need for documents to be printed off for notice boards.
- We encourage our people to use public transport when travelling on business.
- We encourage our people to utilise their two paid volunteering days each year, to support the local community or charities.

# **Charity of the Year**

Edgbaston Park Hotel & Conference Centre will nominate a charity of the year, each year, which we will support with fundraising activities with both our people and our guests.

### **Green Committee**

The hotel has set up a Green Committee made up of a cross-section of hotel staff, who will meet every quarter to discuss and research potential green initiatives

# Staff Responsibilities

All staff have a role to play in improving the hotel's environmental and sustainability credentials. Every effort should be made by all our people to act in an environmentally conscious way while at work.

### Review

This policy statement will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains applicable to the activities of the hotel and any agreements made between the hotel and its stakeholders.