



Environmental Policy

St Martins House Conference Centre recognises that our actions have an impact on the environment around us. Sustainability and tackling climate change are key strategic issues for us, and for the UK.

We are therefore committed to the implementation of an effective environmental policy that will not only reduce the impact of our activities on the environment but also increase our efficiency and effectiveness.

We fulfil this mission by a commitment to:

- Understanding environmental issues and sharing this information with our team
- Developing innovative and flexible solutions to bring about change
- Sourcing products and services which are produced and distributed responsibly
- Recognising that managed social responsibility is essential to our future
- Monitoring and measurement of our progress for each project
- Encouraging all our suppliers and partners to share in our mission

Thoughtful and considerate employees

St Martins House Conference Centre recognises the responsibility our employees have in contributing to good environmental management. We will seek to harness and channel the enthusiasm and interest shown by our employees and provide the appropriate training and support to ensure all staff exercise their environmental responsibility.

Responsible suppliers and partners

St Martins House Conference Centre will promote and encourage good environmental practice to its business partners. We will seek to do business with those who share our vision, encouraging a shared responsibility in preserving the natural spaces that sustain our planet.

Sustainable food sourcing

The provenance of our food ingredients means a great deal to us. Of course, we want them to be the finest and freshest available, but we also want to know that they are from suppliers with integrity. That's why we source fish from suppliers dedicated to promoting sustainability and minimising food miles. The butchers we use can trace every link in their supply chain back to the farm. Our hot beverages are supplied by importers who are as committed to the welfare of the growers as they are to the quality of the product.

We recycle

- Paper
- Glass
- Cardboard
- Cooking oil
- Plastic

- Cans
- Batteries
- Printer cartridges
- Electrical equipment
- IT equipment

Steps we take to reduce our environmental footprint

- Manage our venue's energy consumption by turning off unnecessary light and climate control to our rooms through a computerised Building Management System (BMS).
- Reduce electrical load on aircon chilling plant by using fresh air only when weather below 19 degrees and not using any re-circulation function.
- Lights in conference rooms and public areas fitted with PIR sensors to save energy when rooms are unoccupied.
- Use low energy light bulbs wherever possible.
- Commitment to removing single-use plastic.
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Conference room notepads have been removed.
- Promote the use of hybrid events in order to reduce delegates carbon footprint.
- Have aerators on taps to reduce water usage.
- Encourage bedroom guests at St Martins Lodge to reuse towels, and reduce linen usage during their stay which in turn uses less water and detergent.

Greengage ECOsmart Award

In August 2023, St Martins House Conference Centre was awarded the Greengage ECOsmart 2023 Silver Award in recognition of our work towards achieving greater sustainability. To achieve this award, businesses undertake an extensive accreditation process.

<u>Greengage ECOsmart</u> is a business travel and events industry certification that recognises organisations who can demonstrate a comprehensive approach to environmental sustainability within their business and who promote a green approach with their clients.

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