



Climate Change Commercial Ask –

Response

In response to Suffolk County Council’s Climate Change Commercial Ask (following the 2019 climate emergency declaration), we are committed to reducing our environmental impact and operating in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Environmental Policy

We are committed to:

- Minimising our carbon footprint where operationally feasible
- Using energy, water, and materials efficiently
- Reducing waste and increasing recycling wherever possible
- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations
- Continuously improving our environmental performance

We recognise the importance of supporting Suffolk County Council’s climate objectives and aim to contribute positively within the constraints of our operations.

Environmental Action Plan / Carbon Reduction Plan

While our operations are based in an older building, which limits some infrastructure changes, we are actively taking practical steps to reduce environmental impact:

Energy Use

- We use energy-efficient appliances where replacements are possible
- Lighting upgrades are implemented where compatible with existing electrical systems

- Equipment is switched off when not in use to reduce unnecessary energy consumption

Building Constraints

- Due to the age of the building, it is not currently feasible to fully upgrade the lighting or electrical systems
- We are unable to undertake major infrastructure changes without significant structural alterations
- Despite this, we maximise efficiency within the existing system wherever possible

Water Management

- The building operates with an older water system, including a water tank
- Water usage is monitored and kept to a minimum
- Staff are encouraged to avoid waste and report leaks or inefficiencies promptly

Waste Reduction

- Recycling facilities are in place where available
- We aim to reduce paper use through digital processes
- Waste is managed responsibly through appropriate disposal channels

Future Improvements

- We will continue to review opportunities for upgrades as technology and funding allow
- Any future refurbishments will consider energy efficiency and carbon reduction as key factors
- We remain open to adopting new practices that align with environmental best practice

Summary

Although we face limitations due to the nature of our building and infrastructure, we are committed to making reasonable and continuous improvements to reduce our environmental impact. We support Suffolk County Council's climate objectives and will continue to explore practical ways to contribute to carbon reduction.