

# Architects Declare progress statement 2023

## Raise Awareness



What we have done...

We have conducted CPD programmes to ensure we all understood the importance of climate and biodiversity. We raised key impacts of climate and biodiversity and proposed developments at the earliest stage to give clients the opportunity to implement measures.

What we are doing...

We are supplementing CPD's with information in other formats: Sustainable Outcomes Toolkit.

What's next...

We strive to create briefing templates to ensure consistent discussion of climate & biodiversity impacts at brief stage.

## New Goals



What we have done...

We have been instrumental in introducing the 'Social Impact' award to the Insider North West Residential Property Awards in 2020.

What we are doing...

We are continuing to support the 'sustainability and social impact' awards, celebrating successes in climate and biodiversity mitigation within our industry.

What's next...

We strive to engage further with organisations to ensure that their award criteria promotes restorative environmental efforts.

## Evaluate Projects



What we have done...

We have discussed the Sustainable Design Outcomes for schemes with our clients, communicating the wider value and mitigating further climate breakdown.

What we are doing...

We are using OneClick LCA to assess designs and suggest components that will lower CO2 emissions. Providing further design assessment using BREEAM and the Passivhaus methods, and our Sustainability Design Outcomes Toolkit.

What's next...

We strive to invest in further training for our staff to continue to provide a high quality sustainability consulting service.

## Whole Life



What we have done...

We have fully adopted OneClick LCA software to the practice as an additional service to our Sustainability Team.

What we are doing...

We are working on phasing in the OneClick LCA software to the BIM system and applying this analysis to a wider array of projects. We have adopted early stage operational energy analysis software, DesignBuilder, to further assist with Passive design and facilitating operation energy data feedback from the earliest design stages.

What's next...

We strive to adopt further pieces of software to develop and continue to improve our output of real-life data.

## Collaborate & Reduce



What we have done...

We have worked hard to help our projects use materials efficiently and reduce construction waste.

What we are doing...

We are standardising our process to ensure consistency across all our projects as part of our works to apply the hierarchy of reducing embodied carbon.

What's next...

We strive to expand to more projects and become...

## Minimise Waste



What we have done...

We have promoted the reuse and refurbishment of existing buildings helped to minimise wasteful use of resources.

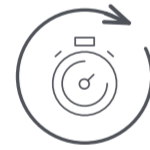
What we are doing...

We are utilising our OneClick LCA software at a very early stage to get high-level input on building form and construction type to inform our masterplan and feasibility work.

What's next...

We strive to continue to update our procedures and formalise key steps of the embodied carbon hierarchy into our workflows throughout all stages of design and construction.

## Change Fast



What we have done...

We have lobbied our MP over the Retrofit First & ACAN campaigns, added a public statement in support of Part Z: Embodied Carbon Emissions, encouraged our staff to sign up to the Households Declare campaign.

What we are doing...

We are making changes inline with Part O amendments

What's next...

We strive to further develop our B Corp - collective voice within our industry to campaign for buildings which will benefit planet and people.

## Share Knowledge



What we have done...

We have shared our experience to net zero embracing our successes and failures. Worked with Class of Your Own to develop training content to help educate the next generation of architects and designers.

What we are doing...

We are creating an in-house dissertation library to share our staff's knowledge and assist those who are conducting research of their own. Going to local schools and organisations to present our company knowledge and expertise.

What's next...

We strive to further develop our Net Zero standards.

## Upgrade Existing



What we have done...

We have been promoting refurbishment methods over demolition and new build.

What we are doing...

We are implementing our Sustainable Outcomes Toolkit in our projects and within practice.

What's next...

We strive to further development of guidance to be used internally and presented to external organisations

## Regenerative Design



What we have done...

We have formed our Sustainability Influencers Team who have developed an internal CPD programme.

What we are doing...

The Sustainability Influencers are continuing to provide informative CPD sessions broadening our practice's knowledge base on environmental KPIs.

What's next...

We strive to develop future collaborations with the Sustainability Influencer's and the Sustainability Team, providing CPD's and events internally and externally to the practice promoting a holistic perspective.

## Low Carbon



What we have done...

We have the OneClickLCA database of EPDs helped us to quickly compare the embodied carbon impact of alternative products and materials specified in our projects.

What we are doing...

The Sustainability Influencers are working on research to develop and share detailed knowledge on more low carbon materials available to help drive down the embodied carbon in our projects.

What's next...

We strive to develop our collated data collected by the Interior Design and Sustainability Teams during their research to create a Materials Library for the practice.

## Climate Justice



What we have done...

We are all working hard create a built environment that supports local environments and mitigates impacts.

What's next...

We strive to work together to ensure our mitigation actions are clear.