



Self Declaration of Environmental Commitment for Place Group UK



Place Group UK is London's most well regulated private landlord and private housing supplier. Our clients include some of the largest corporations and, through our student housing business The London Student Group, we provide "corporate quality" housing to students from all the main universities in London. We were voted "Best Landlord Of The Year For Student Housing" in 2012 and 2013. We are currently nominated for the Green Landlord Of The Year Awards (2014) and our CEO is a member the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

This is the second year that we have produced a Self Declaration of Environmental Commitment.

During the past 2 years we have:

- Started sourcing some of our power from solar panels.
- Implemented a car sharing system, have joined the Bike2Work scheme and have hybrid/biofuel vehicles. We have also started using hosepipes to wash our vehicles and have offset our carbon.
- Started to sponsor Enfield Town FC's Under 17 Football Team for the 2013/14 season.
- Added pens, pencils and mousemats to the list of recycled products we purchase.

We comply with all environmental legislation relevant to our business activities, are committed to preventing pollution and reducing our impact on the environment by:

- Implementing a system for recycling a wide range of waste streams including paper, plastic containers and film, ink cartridges, computer, monitors, textiles, food and garden waste, electrical equipment, stamps, scrap metal, metal cans, cooking oil, batteries and lightbulbs.
- Selling or giving away unwanted equipment or redundant supplies.
- Reducing energy consumption by using energy efficient bulbs, turning electrical equipment off when not in use, using sleep features, using laptops rather than desktops, using economy washes, insulating our roof and building spaces, purchasing lower energy replacement equipment, putting timers on heaters and using sensors to control lighting.
- Generating our own solar power.
- Monitoring our vehicle fuel consumption, regularly maintaining our vehicles and using public transport for work purposes where possible.
- Monitoring our water consumption, collecting rainwater for use in gardens and car washing, using water saving devices in our toilets and using grey water.
- Reducing our use of resources by using duplex and multiple page printing, using e-invoices where possible and buying recycled paper, cardboard, packaging, furniture, bricks and construction materials. We also use eBay and Freecycle for business purposes.
- Using eco-friendly products including water based inks, biodegradable packaging, products not tested on animals and purchasing Fairtrade products where possible.
- Using a purchasing policy that considers environmental and Life Cycle Impacts when designing, purchasing equipment and in the decision making process.
- Auditing our suppliers to demonstrate their environmental credentials.

Although we are already demonstrating a significant reduction in our environmental impacts, over the next 12 months we are also committed to:

- Continuing to monitor and reduce our environmental impact and work to maintain our 5 star rating.

Date declaration agreed:

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