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## Furniture Waste Prevention Policy

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The Furniture Industry makes a significant contribution to the UK's national and local economies and it's important that JPA as part of this industry contribute towards a sustainable UK by developing strategy and policies to improve sustainable development and reduce social and environmental impacts.

This will be achieved by minimising our consumption of materials and natural resources, specifically reducing waste furniture to landfill and maximising re-use where possible.

We therefore address redundant furniture issues at time of new furniture purchase, integrating sustainable disposal/end of life into the procurement process at the start and giving a window to audit unwanted items and for re-use/rehome elsewhere – whether internally or externally.

### Legislation:

JPA are compliant with all relevant waste legislation and have an Upper Tier Waste Carrier licence. Environmental and Health & Safety legislation is monitored on an ongoing basis within our ISO14001 accreditation Environmental Management System and responsible person is in place for compliance and dissemination of legal updates.

### Product Sourcing:

We actively source recyclable furniture items and fabrics so that we can bring environmental choice to our clients. – products which dovetail with BREEAM, SKA and LEED Green Building schemes. We are working on the development of EPDs for core items.

Supplier performance is audited via a non-conformance log and key suppliers visited as necessary. Key suppliers have an FSC Chain of Custody number for timber sourced, FISP certification and are registered to ISO14001, ISO9001 and ideally to ISO 50001.

With regard to the sourcing of materials and products, we source local items (UK manufactured) where possible which benefits the local economy and reduces the carbon footprint of products. We seek new and innovative environmentally friendly products where end of life decommissioning has been considered and where design has addressed longevity and recyclability e.g. climate neutral and compostable seating/screen fabrics; seating and desking manufactured from recycled materials or which have a high percentage end of life recyclability.

### Furniture End of Life:

We address furniture end of life as part of the procurement process when refurbishments or relocations are initially discussed. Addressing the Waste Hierarchy at every stage we offer the following solutions:

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Internal Re-Use:

Our first step is to help Clients maximise existing furniture resources by re-use, re-configuration or refresh within the new scheme. We also work with any Client Warp-it platforms to provide manpower and transport for re-use between sites and the CAS support required for planning and integrating into new settings.

External Re-Use and Rehoming:

If the Client is unable to re-use internally then we try and re-home redundant furniture items within local community organisations who badly need it. We identified transport as a key factor stopping the take up of huge untapped resources of redundant furniture, and therefore we provide this free of charge.

Furniture Re-Sale:

We work with local charities such as Emmaus (who support people to work their way out of homelessness, providing by meaningful work as well as a stable home for as long as needed) who repair unwanted items for re-sale in their shops.

End of Life Furniture Recycling:

If we are unable to rehome redundant furniture we recycle it, diverting from landfill and saving landfill kg and CO2E. This can be certificated for Clients as evidence of improved environmental performance.

JPA Furniture has developed an end-of-life redundant furniture solution which improves our clients' waste performance and carbon footprint through recycling and ultimately it can also improve social performance through community rehoming and reuse. It's called DODO.

JPA furniture recycling is diverting significant volumes end of life furniture from landfill achieving landfill kg reduction, CO2E reductions and improving both client and JPA environmental performance.

A full programme of improvements in environmental efficiency and waste reduction planned for 2019, fully supportive all legislative actions in this area. We pledge to support our clients in achieving their individual sustainability goals.

This policy dovetails with our Environmental Policy, Waste Prevention Policy, Ethical Procurement and Timber Procurement Policies.



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