

## Waste Prevention Policy

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.

We achieve this by minimising consumption of materials and natural resources, reducing waste of all types and protecting the environment whilst maintaining business growth and employment. This is reflected in in UN SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production.

### Scope:

The company address efficiencies and waste with the scope of its certifications including ISO9001, ISO14001 and the Furniture Industry Sustainability Programme (FISP). JPA are compliant with all relevant legislation.

The company aims to reduce waste of all types wherever possible and has reduction and improvement programmes in place.

### Energy Management:

Scope 1 and 2 emissions are measured with reduction targets in place for measurement and review. These emissions are also offset enabling the operational side of the business to be Carbon Neutral.

The company has committed to the Race to Zero and is in the process of measuring Scope 3 emissions with a view to reducing all emissions by 50% by 2030 as a first step.

The company has also committed to a local approach and geography which reduces operational emissions and allows for optimal use of existing vehicle resources, load capacity and fleet miles.

### Sustainable Development:

Company operation and growth is underpinned by the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals – we want our business to have the most positive impact it can as a consequence of its activity across social, environmental and economic pillars:

In particular we have adopted SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities and SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production as core goals for our operation.

### Procurement and Circularity:

A Procurement Policy ensures a robust and sustainable approach to our supply chain. JPA source local items (UK manufactured) where possible which benefits more local economies and reduces the carbon footprint of products and services.

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**Procurement and Circularity – continued:**

JPA seek new and innovative environmentally friendly products where end of life decommissioning has been considered and where design has addressed longevity, recyclability and circularity e.g. climate neutral and compostable seating/screen fabrics; seating and desking manufactured from recycled materials or which have 100% end of life recyclability or re-manufacture potential.

We encourage our clients to work with the furniture items they already have before procuring new furniture items and provide a broad range of services to prolong existing furniture lifecycle and value.

**Packaging Waste:**

Levels of packaging are monitored and the company complies with the Packaging Waste Regulations. All furniture packaging is returned from site where it is either re-used for other, less well packaged goods or recycled.

The company uses its own re-usable blankets to reduce the amount of additional packing required whilst making sure that goods are suitably protected. We have zero single use plastic packaging. At end of life when no long serviceable, cardboard and plastic type packaging are separated, compacted and recycled and via certificated recycling processes.

**General Waste:**

The amount of general waste generated by our business activity is monitored and reviewed with targets are set for ongoing reduction. Recycling streams are in place for much of our waste, with the volumes of general waste decreasing on a yearly basis.

A minimum of 75% of general waste is reclaimed via MRF, the remainder going to Waste to Energy with the ashes being used in motorway tarmac.

**Furniture Waste:**

The company aims to re-use or rehome end of life furniture no-longer required by clients in the local community wherever possible.

End of life furniture that cannot be rehomed is either disassembled for spare sparts or diverted from landfill via materials recycling, achieving landfill kg and CO2e reduction for clients.

No redundant furniture goes to landfill.

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