



East of England Development Agency

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

EEDA is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment of the East of England, and to improving the quality of life for people in the region both now and in the future. By minimising the impacts of our activities, we will contribute to the improvement of the global environment through local action and will deliver sustainable development by recognising the links between the environment, people and our economy.

In order to achieve good sound environmental management, we will prevent pollution and ensure full compliance with all relevant legislation, regulations and licences, specifying that our contractors do the same.

**We seek to continually improve our environmental performance and will:**

- Focus objectives and targets on reducing our carbon footprint, seeking opportunities to minimise our resource use through; energy efficiency, transport initiatives, and sustainable procurement.
- Reduce the amount of waste we produce and minimise our environmental impact by following the waste hierarchy of eliminate, reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Maintain, develop and document an environmental management system, which will be assessed in line with ISO 14001 and the Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) requirements.
- Raise awareness and encourage environmentally-responsible behaviour in the workplace by effective communication and training employees in environmental matters. We will encourage and influence other organisations within the region on environmental issues whenever possible.
- Communicate openly with all staff, neighbours, the general public, government, regulatory authorities and all other interested parties to improve the environment. In addition, we will publish an annual Sustainability Statement; reporting our past achievements and forthcoming objectives and targets, which will be made available to all EEDA employees and the public.

Everyone at EEDA is responsible for working towards the objectives contained within this policy, as we continue to build on and maintain our status as carbon neutral organisation.

This statement represents my commitment, on behalf of EEDA, to strive for the continual improvement of environmental and carbon performance.

Signed:

Deborah Cadman, Chief Executive

Dated: March 2010



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