



AGDON HOUSE PURCHASING POLICY 2020

HERE AT AGDON HOUSE, WE GIVE PREFERENCE TO PURCHASING ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ACROSS THE BOARD FROM THE PAINT ON THE WALLS TO THE SPONGES IN THE SINK, IF THEY MEET OUR PERFORMANCE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. WE CONTINUALLY REVIEW OUR SUPPLIERS TO ENSURE THAT WE WILL ALWAYS PURCHASE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT WE DEEM 'ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE', AS SET OUT IN OUR PURCHASING CRITERIA DOCUMENT.

ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING CRITERIA FOR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

RESOURCE USE AND RECYCLING

- IS THE PRODUCT ACCREDITED WITH A RECOGNISED ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD?
- IF PURCHASED NEW, DOES THE MANUFACTURING/PRODUCTION OR EXTRACTION OF THIS PRODUCT CAUSE ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE, SUCH AS LOSS OF HABITATS OR DAMAGE TO THREATENED SPECIES, IF SO, ARE THERE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES?
- IS THIS A REMANUFACTURED PRODUCT?
- CAN THE PRODUCT BE RE-USED, REFILLED, RECHARGED, OR RECONDITIONED TO EXTEND ITS LIFETIME?
- CAN THE ITEM BE EASILY UPGRADED BY ADDING OR REPLACING A PART?
- DOES THE PRODUCT HAVE A RECYCLED CONTENT? IF SO, WHAT PERCENTAGE?
- IS THERE AN ESTABLISHED RECYCLING PATH, IF NOT THIS ITEM SHOULD NOT BE PURCHASED!

ENERGY

- DOES THE PRODUCT USE ENERGY (I.E. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, HEATING ETC)? IF SO, IS THE ITEM AS ENERGY EFFICIENT AS FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES?

PACKAGING

- CAN PRODUCT PACKAGING BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED?
- IS PACKAGING MADE OF RECYCLED MATERIAL(S)?
- CAN PACKAGING BE RE-USED, RECYCLED, OR RETURNED? IF NOT, THIS ITEM SHOULD NOT BE PURCHASED!

FOOD

- IS FOOD ORGANIC OR FAIR TRADE, WHERE FEASIBLE?
- IS FOOD SOURCED LOCALLY AND WITHIN SEASON?
- DOES ANY FOOD WASTE 'GO TO A GOOD HOME' ONSITE? ENSURE THAT ALL EXCESS IS GIVEN TO STAFF/CLIENT ETC.

PURCHASING – DECISION MAKING

TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY, WE USE A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO INCREASE OUR PURCHASE OF GREENER GOODS AND SERVICES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RAISE AWARENESS WITH BOTH CURRENT AND NEW SUPPLIERS AND LINK WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THE SAME SECTOR.

- FOCUSING ON PRODUCTS OR SERVICES THAT HAVE THE GREATEST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.
- EXAMINING PRODUCTS THAT ARE HIGHLY VISIBLE WITHIN AGDON HOUSE, FOR EXAMPLE FOOD, BATHROOM EQUIPMENT, ETC.
- INTEGRATING REUSED, REFURBISHED, REMANUFACTURED AND RECYCLED-CONTENT PRODUCTS SUCH AS TABLES, CROCKERY, OFFICE SUPPLIES, ETC.
- CONSTANTLY REVIEWING OUR LIST OF GREEN SUPPLIERS, AS BEST PRACTICE PRODUCTS REGULARLY COME TO MARKET.
- SUPPORTING LOCAL MANUFACTURING EFFORTS BY PURCHASING LOCALLY WHERE FEASIBLE.
- IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PURCHASE A GREEN ALTERNATIVE FOR EVERY PRODUCT OR SERVICE AND COMPROMISE WILL BE REQUIRED. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO PERIODICALLY ADDRESS THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF OUR CURRENT PURCHASING POLICY.



OUR GREEN CREDENTIALS AND CURRENT SUPPLY LIST

HERE AT AGDON HOUSE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND MINIMISING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE OUR CARBON EMISSIONS, CUT OUT WASTE AND PROCURE GOODS AND SERVICES IN AN ETHICALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAY.

IN 2020, WE OPENED AGDON HOUSE, AND WITH OUR APPROACH TO SOURCING, OUTLINED IN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY, WE MADE SURE WE WERE MINDFUL AT EVERY STAGE OF THE BUILD.

SEE BELOW OUR EVER-GROWING LIST OF SUPPLIERS AND KEY PIECES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRODUCTS WE HAVE CAREFULLY SELECTED, TO SUPPORT US ON OUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING MORE AND MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE.

PROCUREMENT

OCTOPUS ENERGY

OCTOPUS ENERGY SUPPLY ALL THE ENERGY WE USE AT AGDON HOUSE. OCTOPUS ENERGY SUPPLY 100% GREEN ELECTRICITY TO CUSTOMERS AND INVEST IN NEW RENEWABLE GENERATION. ON TOP OF THIS, THEY ALSO USE RADICAL TECHNOLOGIES TO DRIVE SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE AND END THE UK'S RESILIENCE ON FOSSIL FUELS.

GREEN CLEAN

GREEN CLEAN, OUR CLEANING PARTNER, PRIDE THEMSELVES ON USING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRODUCTS. AGDON HOUSE IS CLEANED USING PROBIOTIC CLEANING SOLUTIONS, ELIMINATING HARSH CHEMICALS FROM OUR DAY TO DAY CLEANS.

FIRST MILE

FIRST MILE, OUR RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTION HAVE A ZERO-WASTE-LANDFILL POLICY. ALL NON-RECYCLABLE WASTE IS SENT TO GENERATE GREEN ENERGY, AND OUR WASTE IS TAKEN AWAY BY THEIR LOW EMISSION FLEET.

BUILDING MATERIALS

LUXS

THE POLYBOARDS THAT WE SUPPLY TO CLIENTS IN THE STUDIO, ARE MADE FROM RECYCLED PLASTIC, AND PAINTED IN WATER-BASED PAINT. WHEREVER POSSIBLE WE REUSE AND RECYCLE OUR POLYBOARDS.

LICK

LICK SUPPLIED OUR ECO-FRIENDLY PAINTS ON ALL INTERNAL WALLS. LICK PAINTS ARE LOW ODOUR AND VOCs, ARE WATER-BASED AND CONTAIN NO SOLVENTS. LICK ALSO TRY TO MINIMISE THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT BY CUTTING DOWN ON PLASTIC AND USING WOODEN HANDLES INSTEAD. LICK ARE COMMITTED TO CHANGING THE PAINT INDUSTRY AS WE KNOW IT – AND WE HERE AT AGDON HOUSE SUPPORT THEIR JOURNEY.

CONCEPT TILES

CONCEPT TILES ENSURE CONSCIENTIOUS PRODUCTION OF TILES. THE MICRO CEMENT CERAMIC FLOOR AT AGDON HOUSE MEET THE 'GREEN BUILDING MEMBER' STANDARD, AS WELL AS ISO 14001 G. THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT THROUGH DESIGN OUR TILES HAVE ELIMINATED NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THE CLIMATE AND OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

FINSA

FINSA MATERIAL WAS USED IN THE MAKING OF OUR CUSTOM ON-SITE OFFICE AND OUR BESPOKE HAIR AND MAKEUP STATIONS. FINSA IS ACTIVELY COMMITTED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND ENSURE THAT THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES HAVE THE LEAST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AS POSSIBLE.



FURNITURE, FITTINGS, AND DAY TO DAY NEEDS

WHERE FEASIBLE WE SOURCE FROM LOCAL, ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE SUPPLIERS AND THOSE WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY. ALL OF THE FURNITURE AND MOST FITTINGS WHERE POSSIBLE ARE UPCYCLED, EXTENDING THE LIFETIME OF PRE-LOVED ITEMS AND REDUCING THE NEED TO MANUFACTURE NEW ITEMS. WE ALSO MADE THE IMPORTANT DECISION TO INSTALL UNDERFLOOR HEATING THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE, AS IT IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND EFFICIENT WAY TO HEAT THE SPACE.

SMILE PLASTICS

SMILE PLASTICS CUSTOM-MADE OUR COUNTERTOP AND SPLASH BACK FOR OUR KITCHENETTE. SMILE USE 100% RECYCLED MATERIALS, FROM VARIOUS WASTE STREAMS. THEY WORK WITH (AMONGST OTHER THINGS) PLASTIC BOTTLES, YOGURT POTS AND PACKAGING, PLANT POT, FOOD PACKAGING AND COFFEE GROUNDS. THEY ARRANGE THE PLASTICS BY HAND BEFORE PRESSING, MAKING EACH PANEL A UNIQUE PIECE.

CHEEKY PANDA

CHEEKY PANDA SUPPLY ALL KITCHEN TOWEL TO AGDON HOUSE. WE WEIGHED UP THE IMPACT OF USING WASHABLE TOWELS VS. DISPOSABLE KITCHEN TOWEL, AND WITH THE AMOUNT THAT WE USE, ITS MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TO USE 100% CARBON BALANCED, VEGAN FRIENDLY BAMBOO KITCHEN TOWEL. THAT IS WHERE CHEEKY PANDA CAME IN! THEY USE 100% RECYCLABLE PACKAGING AND PART OF EVERY PURCHASE GOES TO SUPPORT RAINFOREST REGENERATION PROJECTS THROUGH THE WORLDLAND TRUST.

PRESTO!

PRESTO! SUPPLY OUR ECO-FRIENDLY TOILET ROLL. IT IS 100% RECYCLED CELLULOSE, AND FSC RECYCLED CERTIFIED (PAPER MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIAL).

NUDE

NUDE ARE LOCAL TO US AND PRIORITISE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND ETHICAL PARTNERSHIPS WHEN SOURCING THEIR COFFEE. THEY WORK DIRECTLY WITH FARMERS THROUGH DIRECT TRADE WHEREVER POSSIBLE, OR THROUGH REPUTABLE GREEN SUPPLIERS TO ENSURE THAT FARMERS ARE RECEIVING THE FULL WORTH OF THEIR COFFEE.

BLUE GOOSE

BLUE GOOSE SUPPLY ALL OUR COMPOSTABLE COFFEE CAPSULES. UNLIKE ALUMINIUM AND PLASTIC CAPSULES THAT CAN TAKE 200-500 YEARS TO DEGRADE IN LANDFILL, BLUE GOOSE PRODUCE PLASTIC-FREE, COMPOSTABLE NESPRESSO PODS AND LIDS THAT ARE 100% RECYCLABLE IN COUNCIL FOOD WASTE BINS. WHEN WE RECYCLED THEM, THEY ARE THEN PROCESSED INTO COMPOST OR LIQUID FERTILIZER WITHIN AROUND 12 WEEKS.

WASTE

WE HAVE STRIVEN TO INTEGRATE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE INTO OUR PROCESS WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE HAVE LOOKED AT EVERY ASPECT OF OUR OPERATION WITH A VIEW TO CUTTING WASTE, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- A HOUSE-WIDE BAN ON SUPPLYING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS
- OUR FRIDGE IS ONLY STOCKED WITH DELICIOUS FOOD WITH RECYCLABLE PACKAGING
- WE CAN PROVIDE GUESTS OF AGDON WITH REUSABLE METAL BOTTLES WHERE NEEDED, WHICH CAN BE REFILLED FROM OUR FILTERED TAP THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

RECYCLING

- WE ENSURE THAT ALL PAPER/ CARDBOARD/ GLASS AND PLASTIC/ BATTERIES/ LIGHT BULBS AND INK CARTRIDGES ARE CORRECTLY RECYCLED AT END-OF-LIFE.