

New Oriel Hall Environmental Policy January 2016

The New Oriel Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment, and will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

1. Make the most efficient use of energy. We will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. It will, from time to time, review its energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact, monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use and communicate to hirers and staff the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors.
2. Provide information about public transport on publicity materials and provide safe cycle storage.
3. Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
4. Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements.
5. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage users and staff to minimise waste, including the provision of separate disposal facilities for recycling glass, tins and paper, plastic and cardboard.
6. Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources, designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber.
7. Work with other local, national and other agencies as appropriate to promote environmental policies.
8. To purchase where possible from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
9. Monitor and review this policy when appropriate and where possible improve performance with positive action.