



Pellikaan

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Single Use Plastic Policy

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Policy Statement

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Definition

Single use plastics (SUPs) are defined as plastic items that are intended to be used only once and for a short period of time before they are disposed of.

These plastics are a burden on society and will become increasingly so for future generations of people across the world.

They can take thousands of years to decompose and, whilst doing so, contaminate the earth and our oceans through the release of fossil fuels and greenhouse gases.

Plastic microparticles have been found in drinking water across five continents of the world.

Scope

This Policy applies to all employees of Pellikaan Construction Ltd and is applicable at all levels within the business.

We also aim to have a positive impact through our supply chain and will seek, wherever possible, to achieve this.

In particular, the SUP policy approaches of subcontractors must fully reflect those adopted by Pellikaan. We will ensure compliance through examination of subcontractor policies, induction to our own policy approaches, and provision of any necessary training.

Policy Implementation

In implementing this policy in the workplace, we will:

- Recognise the ban of certain SUP's by the UK government within businesses such as shops, restaurants and takeaways. We will not allow the use of polystyrene cups and food containers and plastic cutlery – either within our office or onsite. In doing so, we will support the government's goal of eliminating "all avoidable plastic waste" by 2042 and our policy will apply to employees, subcontractors and wider suppliers.
- Ask employees and subcontractors to avoid the use of wider single use plastic packaging – for example, shopping bags, plastic fruit and vegetable trays, straws etc.
- Encourage employees and subcontractors who are on site to use reusable non-plastic bottles and fill these from water dispensers or mains connected water in our site offices.
- Switch to zero/ low plastic cleaning products.
- Review office deliveries and how these are packaged by suppliers. Our preference will be to only use suppliers whose packaging uses minimal or zero SUPs and is made from materials that can be reused, recycled, or recovered where feasible.
- In line with our green procurement objectives, carry out a wider sites-wide review to identify areas where Pellikaan has opportunities to reduce plastic waste. We will take positive action to reduce this waste wherever possible.
- Again, in line with our green procurement objectives, prioritise suppliers that commit to sustainability and provide low levels of or no plastic packaging. We will also specify in procurement contracts that suppliers use recycled, recyclable, or minimal plastic materials wherever possible.
- Replace PVC signage used onsite with signs which include a high percentage of recycled materials.
- Look for viable alternatives to SUP, considering reusable or compostable (biodegradable) items. We will engage our supply chain and subcontractors in this process.
- Collaborate with our suppliers and subcontractors to reduce and eliminate SUP as much as possible. We will request them to do the same with their own supply chains and participate with us in the sharing of innovative approaches, use of recyclable alternatives to SUP and application of best practices.
- Consider ordering materials/ products in bulk or larger packs, as this can reduce the volume of packaging per item.
- Reuse large plastic sheets onsite as protection against the weather.
- Ensure that onsite storage and handling of materials is effective and uses as little SUP as possible.

- Ensure that materials ordering processes are effective and avoid unused items and cut-offs as much as possible.
- Educate employees and our subcontractors on how to properly segregate and recycle plastic materials on site.
- Avoid the use of mixed waste skips. The incineration of plastic materials in these adds toxic fumes to the air we all breathe.
- Only use licensed waste contractors which have the facilities to capture and segregate all unavoidable plastic waste for recycling or energy from waste.
- Give preference, where possible, to take back, direct recycling and collection schemes. These can be used for packaging/ wraps, temporary plastic piping etc. and divert waste from landfill and incineration.

Policy review

Pellikaan will review and update this Policy periodically and at least annually, ensuring continued compliance and application of environmental best practice.

Continuous Improvement

Pellikaan is committed to the continuous improvement of its environmental performance. This is driven by our BS ISO 14001 accredited Management System.

We set targets for continued reduction in environmental impact, and conduct regular internal audit of our operations.

We shall also achieve continuous improvement through the application of innovative approaches to SUP, regular policy review and benchmarking against best practice in the construction industry.

Responsibility and authorisation

Our Managing Director carries responsibility for the environmental performance of our business and has signed this Policy as such.

Signed:



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