



# **Environmental Policy CFC 2019**

# Environmental Policy

As a leader on and off the pitch, Chelsea Football Club is aware of our impact within our community. As part of this commitment we believe that football clubs have a vital role to play in minimising this impact by the club, staff and fans on their environment.

It is the policy of Chelsea, as a club and a business, to continually develop, review and improve our environmental objectives and with this in mind our company wide Sustainability Group works towards further sustainable and environmentally friendly projects, in the present and for the future of this club.

To reach this goal, we shall continue to improve efficiency in the use of all resources and adopt an approach to implement low and zero carbon technologies where appropriate.

We are committed to treating all relevant legal and environmental legislation and guidelines as a minimum requirement and will seek to exceed them wherever possible. We are also fully (Energy Savings Opportunities Scheme) ESOS compliant.

We also encourage all internal and external stakeholders to share our aims, particularly our staff, fans and suppliers/partners.

## Our Commitments

All Chelsea employees are encouraged to turn off computers, televisions and not to print documents or emails unless necessary. They are also urged to use public transport or walk/cycle to work where practical and to adopt similar environmental commitments at home.

To further improve environmental performance at Stamford Bridge and our training ground at Cobham, all existing lighting is being replaced with LED alternatives to reduce energy use.

All urinals across both Cobham and Stamford Bridge are also operated via smart flush systems that ensure that water is used as and when required.

All materials used are to be environmentally sustainable wherever feasible, including the paper used in offices and for marketing and promotional materials. Furthermore, carrier bags at the Chelsea Megastore are now made from biodegradable material.

We have installed a building management system to control lighting, heating and air conditioning at both Stamford Bridge and Cobham, ensuring that equipment works to the optimum and is only used when required reducing energy usage

Buildings are installed with movement sensors which automatically switch lights on/off.

Air-handling units are equipped with heat recovery coils to reclaim heat from extracted air which is used to heat air supply when needed. Wasted heat is also recycled through the air conditioning systems.

To offset our carbon emissions we have planted more than 3,500 trees and shrubs at our training ground.

Some car charging systems are already in place, with extra numbers being investigated for future use.

## Travel

We encourage all staff to use public transport wherever practical. We have a loan system if needed to allow staff to buy bicycles for their commute.

Chelsea also encourage fans on their way to games to use public transport or other more environmentally-friendly means. For certain away games the club will continue to provide coach and train travel to encourage less car usage. For fans using private cars Chelsea has also introduced a scheme for fans to share cars to home and away matches.

## Recycling

During the 2018/19 season we were also proud to join forces with the Premier League and Sky Ocean Rescue on an initiative designed to reduce plastic waste at Stamford Bridge.

The initiative saw reusable cups replace the majority of draught drinks purchased in the stadium and is part of a bigger initiative to reduce plastic waste, in conjunction with the Premier League and the Sky Ocean Rescue project, inspiring fans to #passonplastic and reduce usage in everyday life.

Fans, media and guests are encouraged to try the reusable cups before the game and at half-time, and then once finished with them, place them in any of the 54 designated drop-off points around the stadium concourses areas or return them to any bar.

Collection teams then gather up the used cups, which will be washed and re-used another day, ultimately allowing the club to significantly reduce the disposal of single use plastic within the stadium.

We are also working with water and waste management experts SUEZ with a view to separating waste on site. This will form part of a new, more environmentally friendly, waste process in the future.

## Water

To reduce our water usage, a management system have been introduced ranging from presence detection to foaming units.

At Cobham all pitches are also watered using water from the lake, this is effectively recycled naturally through the underground water tables.

## **Cobham Training Ground**

In addition to the measures already described, Cobham has implemented a number of energy-saving opportunities designed to reduce our environmental impact across the site.

This includes the original design of the men's first team building to meet BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology) Excellent.

To maintain constant temperatures, the buildings have been installed with a brown roof and brass cladding. This level of insulation helps to maintain air tightness and minimise heat loss.

We have also installed a system that monitors direct sunlight, which automatically operates the internal blinds to help maintain internal temperatures and minimise solar heat gains.

Kit washing is done on site at Cobham and the temperature of the water has been lowered. Timing devices have also been installed to drinks fridges to limit the amount of energy they use.

## **Procurement of Goods and Services from our Suppliers**

Procurement has a tangible role at Chelsea to ensure our buying decisions focus upon sustainability and environmental impact.

Our revised procurement process ensures that all buying decisions relating to products and services include sustainability as a decision criteria where applicable.

We endeavour to ensure that all our current and future suppliers comply with our sustainability and environmental guidelines and vision.