## Safety, Health, Environmental and Quality Manual This is an UNCONTROLLED DOCUMENT when printed.

Scott Tallon Walker Architects **Environmental Policy** 

## **EP 4.2 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Scott Tallon Walker Architect's Environmental Policy is to combine the commitment and involvement of the Board of Directors and all personnel, using our documented environmental management system to implement environmentally responsible design strategies, as an integral part of our overall design philosophy for project development.

Sustainable design presents an opportunity for both architects and clients to innovatively apply new building practices and technologies to projects, in order to control buildings' environmental impact while increasing building efficiency and competitiveness.

We approach each project on an individual basis to allow a dedicated environmental strategy to evolve, one that both maximises energy efficiency and minimises the project's overall environmental impact. As a practice, our sustainable design process includes consideration of aspects as diverse as: -

- emerging sustainable technologies and renewable energy innovations, to significantly reduce building CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- orientation of design, to maximise use of daylight, allow for the use thermal mass systems and minimise solar gain.
- site strategies to maintain and enhance existing ecologies.
- interior environments designed to provide the highest standards of daylight, fresh air, acoustic comfort, access to the exterior environment and occupant control of building systems.
- building and site adaptability as a key to a project's longevity and sustainability.
- building specification that seeks to continually reduce the impact of materials' life cycle cost to the environment.
- local sourcing of materials and energy requirements.

Scott Tallon Walker Architects approaches sustainable design with the realization that responsible, dynamic, environmental design is central to the creation of healthy, uplifting buildings and environments that benefit us all, as a global community.

Scott Tallon Walker Architects are committed to: -

- ensuring this policy is appropriate to the nature, scale and environmental impacts of our activities, products and services.
- continual improvement and the prevention of pollution.
- compliance with all applicable legal requirements and other environmental requirements, to which we subscribe.
- periodic review of our environmental objectives and targets.
- documenting, implementing and maintaining our environmental management system, in accordance with the requirements of Irish Standard I.S. EN ISO 14001: 2004.
- communicating this policy to our design partners and to all persons working for or on our behalf,
- ensuring a signed copy of this policy is available to the public for viewing at our Dublin, London, Cork and Galway Offices and on our 'www.stwarchitects.com' website.

This policy shall be upheld as an integral part of the day to day running of our business. Every employee shall support and be fully committed to its implementation. We have set in place an internal system that fully reflects this policy. This system provides information and procedures for all personnel to follow.

Signed:

Date: 31st May 2010

For and on behalf of Scott Tallon Walker Ltd.

Scott Tallon Walker Architects' Board of Directors is committed to achieving the environmental policy objectives contained in this Environmental Policy document. The scope of Scott Tallon Walker Architects' environmental management system mirrors all applicable clauses from the Environmental System Requirements of the Irish Standard I.S. EN ISO 14001: 2004.