## SouthernGreen

## **Ethical Policy**

Southern Green Ltd is a landscape architectural practice delivering the provision of landscape architectural services throughout the UK encompassing landscape design and assessment for a range of sectors incorporating play, sports, holiday and leisure facilities, housing, commercial, educational and healthcare settings, public realm design, and restoration of historic parks and landscapes. We view our Occupational Health and Safety, Environmental and Quality responsibilities as an integral part of our services, processes and activities (such as design and administration etc. of landscape projects).

At Southern Green believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. We will strive to be ethical in everything we do.

We endeavour to behave ethically in how we treat our staff and how we run our business, including our relationships with suppliers and external organisations.

As a registered practice of the Landscape Institute, Southern Green provide the assurance of professional staff supported by a trusted professional body. The eleven Standards within the Landscape Institute Code of Practice are central to our profession. Rule 3 dictates that we "must uphold the reputation and dignity of the landscape profession and that of the Landscape Institute".

In our business activities we seek to promote a healthy environment and to minimise our impact on the environment. Under the Royal Charter of the Landscape Institute all registered landscape architectural practices must seek to conserve, protect and enhance the natural and built environment for the benefit of our clients and the general public. Rule 1 states that we "must deliver landscape services in ways which promote sustainable development and the environmentally responsible use of resources".

We will ensure we are fair to our customers in the fees we charge. We seek to achieve this by always setting out fees clearly in plain language. In accordance with professional values, on each project the correct approach is always prioritised, without external influence and avoiding any conflict of interest. Rule 4 of the Landscape Institute Code of Practice states that we "must ensure that your landscape business is managed properly and in accordance with legal requirements" and further to this Rule 8 states that we "must aim to deliver the safest, highest quality landscape service, consistent with our professional obligations, in the public interest and in accordance with relevant legal requirements".

Should an issue arise which brought into question our ethical standards, adherence to the standards set out within the Landscape Institute Code of Practice would be prioritised beyond any commercial opportunity.

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