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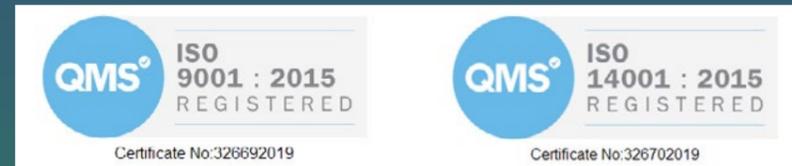
At NWA, we believe that change starts at home...

A GREENER OFFICE

Our hard work has already started paying off. Office conversations have been imbued with sustainability and positive change talks. We have been changing the status quo, step by step, moving forward in the right direction. We have:

- Analysed electricity and gas bills and compared consumption against industry benchmarks;
- Measured illumination levels at workstations to ensure industry guidelines are met whilst maximizing energy efficiency;
- Improved recycling practices by revising labelling system, adding new bins and glass items to the collection service;
- Reduced our waste all the way into Christmas.

NWA is also proud to announce we are now ISO14001 and ISO9001 certified in recognition of its Environmental and Quality Management practices.



CARBON FOOTPRINT

What gets measured gets managed.

NWA has delved into carbon footprint, reviewed the current situation and determined the goals for the future. This far we have:

- Calculated the staff's carbon footprint derived from transport and operational energy use;
- Explored scenarios to reduce carbon emissions including a new heating system, installation of solar panels and carbon offsetting;
- Incorporated our sustainability ethos into our company profile and been informing clients of their projects' carbon footprint from inception.



This year's NWA Christmas tree is greener than ever, and charitable! Made of food cans, we will be donating our tree to a local food bank in the new year. Our team has also purchased plastic free gifts for the White Elephant, our favourite game of the season!

SCREENING + TALKS

2019 has also marked the start of our Plastic free Wednesdays to reduce single-use plastic waste generated from meal packaging consumed at lunch.

We continue with the monthly Screening on Wednesdays to open the discussion on various topics that matter for our planet and the construction industry.

This season we have screened videos and talked about renewables, fossil fuels, solar panels, batteries, statistics and national incentives.

NEWS

WINTER 2019

OTHER NEWS

A few news emerged this year that will impact our industry beyond 2019:

- UK legislated net zero carbon emissions by 2050, becoming the first major economy in the world to commit to a legally binding target to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- RIBA joined other organisations in declaring a climate emergency and committed to an action plan.
- RIBA launched "**2030 Climate Challenge**" document with recommended targets for operational energy use in domestic and non-domestic buildings. A call to action to architects and designers to play their part in reducing carbon emissions from the built environment.
- GLA requires each major development proposal to submit a detailed energy assessment to demonstrate reductions over and above Building Regulations. Payments to be required for remaining carbon emissions that exceed the targets.
- Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) required for large companies, a step towards more inclusive and transparent energy use and carbon emissions reporting.

Momentum is building up towards a net zero carbon future...

Hyperscale Data Centres across the globe are joining the trend by securing energy deals from renewable projects such as wind, solar and hydro to power their operations. (Read about [Microsoft](#) and [Google](#))

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THIS SEASON'S VISITS



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London Build 2019 - Sustainability Forum

RIBA Sustainability Festival at Oasis Farm Waterloo, London

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