

SUSTAINABILITY - WASTES POLICY

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The Brick Development Association (BDA) represents the United Kingdom's clay brick and paver industries. The aim of the association is to promote the manufacture and use of clay bricks and pavers in the UK. This includes promotion of sustainability. Maintaining brick and paver production, whilst minimising the environmental impact and maximising the environmental benefits, is central to delivering sustainable development for the members of the Brick Development Association.

Clay brick and paver production is to the wider construction industry, to our economy and our everyday lives. The manufacturing process for these products leads to the generation of some wastes, including fired bricks, paper, wood, cardboard, plastic, and refractories. The industry strives to minimise wastes generated and to reuse or recycle materials wherever possible. Doing so, minimises environmental impact and reduces demands on natural resources, as well as increasing business opportunities and improving stakeholder relations.

The Brick Development Association and its members will implement the following five overarching policy aims:

1. Develop a better understanding of wastes generation across the brick and paver industry,
2. Minimise wastes produced, and single-use plastic packaging consumed, in the brick and paver industry,
3. Develop partnerships to cultivate a high level of awareness of wastes minimisation and management throughout the industry, and a desire to re-use and recycle materials where practicable,
4. Establish the contribution that the brick and paver industry can make to the circular economy and
5. Protect the environment by ensuring that we are good stewards of the materials we use.

To help deliver these aims and to assist in the minimisation of wastes wherever possible, steps will be taken to raise awareness and enable staff at all levels to understand the importance and contribute to the implementation of the Wastes Policy.

This policy provides the foundation for the Associations' wastes strategy, which aims to improve understanding of wastes generated by the sector; to demonstrate measures that are implemented to reduce the production of wastes and to use material resources in the most sustainable manner so as to maintain the quality of the environment.

Signed on behalf of the BDA by;

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