

WASTE POLICY 2017

The Brick Development Association (BDA) represents the United Kingdom's clay brick and paver industries. The aim of the BDA 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 BDA.

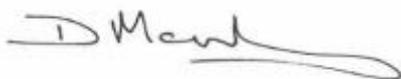
Clay brick and paver production is essential to the construction industry, to our economy and our everyday lives. The manufacturing process for these products leads to the generation of waste, including fired bricks, paper, wood, cardboard, plastic and refractories. The industry strives to minimise waste generated and to re-use or recycle materials wherever possible. This minimises environmental impact and reduces demands on natural resources, as well as increasing business opportunities and improving stakeholder relations. The BDA and its members will implement the following five overarching policy aims:

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

To help deliver these waste management aims and to assist in the minimisation of waste 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 Waste Policy.

This policy is an important step towards developing a waste strategy for the sector. Once implemented it will enable the members of the BDA to have a detailed understanding of the waste generated by the sector; to demonstrate measures that are implemented to reduce the production of waste; to use material resources in the most sustainable manner and to maintain the quality of the environment.

Signed on behalf of the committee by



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