**St Aubyn Estates - Environmental Policy**

St Aubyn Estates spans 5,000 acres with a diverse portfolio of land, buildings and businesses which include agricultural land, woodland and coastline, residential and commercial property, tourism and hospitality, building and farming. At the heart of the estate is St Michael’s Mount, which the St Aubyn family runs in partnership with the National Trust.

**St Aubyn Estates’ vision** is: ‘*To be a sustainable force for growth while preserving the beauty of the landscape under our care*.’

The estate is committed to protecting the environment through its activities and actions, working towards enhancing positive impacts and reducing negative impacts whilst preventing environmental pollution. The organisation is committed to complying with legislation and other compliance requirements which are monitored regularly as part of normal business practice. Sustainability targets are decided at an Annual Management Meeting and outlined in an improvement plan based on the following objectives.

The following key objectives have been identified through which to approach environmental management and continual environmental improvement:

* **Energy and carbon** - to encourage energy efficient practices and invest in the estate to reduce our carbon footprint;
* **Emissions and discharge** – put in place and maintain appropriate controls to prevent pollution and work towards reducing emissions to air, land and water;
* **Sustainable procurement** – to encourage and embed sustainable and life-cycle considerations into purchasing decisions;
* **Waste and material resources** – to encourage the prevention and reduction of waste and reuse of resources prior to recycling or disposal;
* **Water** – to reduce water consumption through water efficient practices and technologies;
* **Sustainable travel** – reduce emissions from work-related travel and company owned vehicles. Wider reductions through encouraging visitor use of sustainable transport;
* **Biodiversity** – to enhance wherever possible wildlife habitat on Estate-owned land whilst supporting wider initiatives as appropriate;
* **Education** – to promote sustainable business and support staff through encouragement, training and recognition with regards environmental performance

SAE will continue to set environmental objectives and targets integrating these into its Environmental Management System, which is reviewed regularly. This policy is also reviewed annually. Sustainability is a regular agenda item at both board and management meetings. Performance is recorded, measured and communicated to stakeholders as appropriate.

This policy is circulated to all relevant departments and is available on request and online.

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