

## British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Environmental Policy

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### Statement

The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust recognises its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment and Trustees, management and staff are committed to continuous improvement of our sustainable environmental performance.

The Trust is also committed to managing and reducing running costs to ensure its long-term sustainability and resilience and to maintain cash flow and that by operating its business in an environmentally sustainable manner can assist in this goal.

BMIHT also recognises increased levels of expectations from visitors and corporate clients to ensure that the environmental impact and carbon footprint of its operations is managed and reduced wherever possible.

### Policy Aims

- To comply with all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- Based on this policy, implement an environmental action plan to track and record progress.
- To work with other organisations to raise environmental awareness e.g. Green Tourism and Greengage EcoSmart to better understand our environmental impacts.
- Increase employee awareness and involvement in our environmental sustainability journey.
- To be environmentally sustainable through net zero carbon operations.

### Our Environmental Commitment

**Energy:** The Trust will continue to work to reduce all energy consumption throughout the site with LED lighting, optimised building management system, use of efficient chiller plant and low energy consumption ovens and refrigeration equipment. Green electricity will continue to be supplied to the site. A proposed project to install second life EV batteries to the solar array on the Collections Centre for power storage in 2023 is underway. Ongoing investigation of other environmental initiatives including low carbon and renewable technologies that may help to reduce our carbon footprint.

**Water:** We will continue to reduce the amount of water used which is assisted by the installation of waterless urinals, dual flush cisterns in washrooms, sensor taps, plumbed in water dispensers and the provision of an in-house water bottling plant for filtered still and sparkling water utilising reusable glass bottles removing transportation and waste.

**Waste:** We will continue to work to minimise waste generated by our activities as far as possible, maintaining levels of recycling, reuse and recovery and will continue to operate on a zero waste to landfill basis. In addition, all food waste will continue to be disposed of via

an anaerobic digestion facility which generates electricity and crop feed, and green waste is disposed of at a composting facility.

**Travel:** Due to the rural location of the museum, public transport is limited, so most people arrive by car. For those with an electric car EV charging is available for all visitors, staff and volunteers. Business travel for staff and volunteers is minimal, but wherever possible the use of public transport is encouraged for longer journeys to reduce carbon emissions. We will undertake works on how best to survey our visitors to better understand how they arrive at our venue.

**Procurement:** The Trust will work to ensure that the procurement of all goods and services is undertaken in as environmentally sensitive manner as possible with suppliers who share our environmental values, utilising local suppliers wherever possible. Continue to purchase seasonal and local produce via our catering procurement process.

**Exhibitions & Displays:** Care will be taken to ensure that new exhibitions and displays are environmentally sustainable and where possible previous exhibition displays will be repurposed to minimise waste and maximise the recycle potential. We will aim to produce more collaborative exhibitions where resources are shared by more than one organisation. As we have a technical collection, we will use this to help our visitors explore the environmental issues of cars and travel.

**Paper:** Wherever possible, the use of paper will be minimised, reused or recycled, printed materials such as publicity leaflet and other copy will always be produced on 'FSC' paper from responsible sources and where relevant electronic media will be used to reduce paper consumption.

**Employee Awareness:** The implementation of an Environmental Team of staff and volunteers across the organisation has been established and encourages greater participation in energy conservation and recycling initiatives and improves communication within the Museum and Conference Centre operations. This team will be responsible for implementing an environmental action plan to track and record the progress of initiatives implemented.

**Compliance:** The Trust will continue to comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

#### **Continuing improvement**

- Continually monitor and look to improve energy performance.
- Continue to progress the project to install second life EV batteries to the solar array on the Collections Centre for power storage.
- Review and analyse metering of energy to help identify, justify & improve usage.
- Regular Environmental team meetings to increase employee awareness and encourage suggestions of energy saving/carbon reduction initiatives.
- Identify all business areas where savings and improvements can be made by involving all employees.
- Communicate energy saving achievements to encourage continued involvement and commitment from all employees.
- Improve or maintain accreditation standards.

#### **Review and Responsibilities**

The British Motor Museum Head of Operations is responsible for ensuring that this environmental policy is implemented, however, all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of this policy are met. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

This policy will be presented to the Board for review and approval on an annual basis.