Devonshire House Hotel

Net Zero and Carbon Reduction Policy

1. Our Commitment

Devonshire House Hotel is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible manner and supporting the UK's ambition to achieve Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

As a Liverpool-based hotel, conference venue and events destination, we recognise our responsibility to reduce the environmental impact of our operations while continuing to provide high-quality accommodation and hospitality services to guests, organisations and public sector partners. Our approach focuses on practical, cost-effective and measurable actions that reduce emissions, minimise waste and encourage sustainable behaviours throughout our business

2. Sustainability Measures Already in Place

Devonshire House Hotel has already implemented several measures that contribute to reducing our environmental impact:

- Digital booking and enquiry systems to reduce paper usage.
- Complimentary on-site parking, reducing the need for additional transport between accommodation and event facilities.
- New LED lighting in all bedrooms and corridors
- Energy efficient lighting using motion sensors
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, supporting digital communication and reducing printed materials.
- Ongoing recycling of operational waste wherever practical.
- Maintenance of landscaped gardens and green spaces that contribute positively to the local environment.
- Multi-purpose facilities that enable accommodation, meetings and events to take place within a single location, reducing the need for additional travel between venues.
- A focus on preventative maintenance to ensure equipment and building services operate as efficiently as possible.

- Local supplier utilisation where practical, helping to reduce transport-related emissions and support the local economy.

3. Our Carbon Reduction Priorities

Energy Efficiency

We will continue to reduce energy consumption through:

- Increased use of energy-efficient LED lighting.
- Regular monitoring of heating, lighting and other energy-consuming systems.
- Purchasing energy-efficient equipment as part of replacement and refurbishment programmes.
- Staff awareness initiatives that encourage energy-saving behaviours.

Waste Reduction

We are committed to:

- Increasing recycling rates across guest and staff areas.
- Reducing single-use plastics where practical.
- Minimising food waste and unnecessary packaging.
- Promoting paperless administration and digital communications.

Sustainable Procurement

We will:

- Prioritise local and regional suppliers where appropriate.
- Consider environmental credentials during procurement decisions.
- Work with suppliers that demonstrate sustainable business practices.
- Seek opportunities to reduce waste throughout the supply chain.

Sustainable Travel

To reduce transport emissions we will:

- Promote public transport options to guests and delegates.
- Encourage virtual meetings where appropriate.
- Support lower-carbon travel options for staff.

- Review future opportunities for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Biodiversity and Green Spaces

The hotel's established landscaped gardens form an important part of the venue and local environment. We will:

- Maintain and enhance existing green spaces.
- Promote biodiversity through responsible grounds management.
- Protect the environmental quality of outdoor areas for guests and wildlife alike.

4. Net Zero Targets

Devonshire House Hotel will work towards the following objectives:

- Establish and review a carbon emissions baseline for operations.
- Reduce energy consumption year-on-year.
- Increase recycling and reduce waste sent to landfill.
- Review opportunities to source renewable energy.
- Embed sustainability considerations into operational and procurement decisions.
- Continuously improve environmental performance through annual review.

5. Supporting Knowsley Council's Sustainability Objectives

We recognise the importance of environmental sustainability within public sector procurement and are committed to supporting Knowsley Council's wider climate and sustainability ambitions.

Through responsible resource management, waste reduction, local purchasing, sustainable travel promotion and ongoing carbon reduction activities, Devonshire House Hotel will continue to minimise its environmental impact whilst delivering safe, comfortable and value-for-money accommodation services.

6. Governance and Review

This policy is owned by the Hotel Management Team and will be reviewed annually to monitor progress, identify improvement opportunities and ensure continued alignment with national Net Zero ambitions and evolving best practice.