

## **Sustainability Claims and Communications Policy**

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At Muckle LLP we recognise that we have a responsibility to continually improve our environmental performance. As a firm we are committed to communicating our sustainability efforts with integrity, accuracy, and transparency. To uphold this commitment, we ensure that all public statements, marketing materials, and internal communications related to our environmental performance are truthful, fair, transparent, and evidence based.

We acknowledge the importance of credible sustainability leadership and communication and have therefore adopted the following principles to guide all sustainability-related claims:

1. All claims shall be factual and supported by robust, clear, relevant and credible evidence. Evidence supporting sustainability claims shall be provided to interested parties upon request. Periodic reviews shall be undertaken to ensure the current claims are still valid.
2. All sustainability claims must be stated in clear and unambiguous language. We shall avoid vague, exaggerated, or broad terms (e.g., "green") unless clearly defined and supported by evidence.
3. Claims shall reflect the full context of our sustainability actions, including limitations or areas for improvement. We will not selectively disclose information in a way that may create a misleading impression of overall performance.
4. Claims will represent the whole service. Where caveats are applied to claims, these shall be made clearly and prominently.
5. Comparisons (including those of competitors and internal progress) shall be fair and meaningful and supported by information as to the nature of the underlying characteristic, how the comparison was made or determined and the ways in which the comparison is made on a like-for-like basis. Evidence substantiating comparison claims must be comprehensive.

This policy applies to the whole of Muckle LLP and covers those sustainability claims and communications which we can control or influence. It will be reviewed annually, or more frequently in light of organisational or other significant changes. It will be made available to all our employees, contractors and key stakeholders through our intranet, websites and is also available upon request.

The Director of Operations is responsible for overseeing adherence to this policy. Any concerns regarding misleading claims or greenwashing risks should be reported to the Director of Operations.

**Signed Anthony Evans – Managing Partner**  
**For and on behalf of Muckle LLP**

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