

## Our Sustainable Design Lab

Designing for the future today

We have created the **Sustainable Design Lab**, a virtual environment not a physical space, for sharing expertise and **best practice** throughout the Design Division of Capita Symonds - Architecture, Structures, Building Services and Interdisciplinary.

Sustainable Design Lab:

- training through communication
- virtual libraries
- research and development
- workshops
- virtual forums

Sustainable design is embedded into the heart of everything we do at Capita Architecture, its **not a bolt on**. The Sustainable Design Lab is a focus and **centre of excellence** created in the heart of Design Division. Drawing on expertise throughout Capita Symonds we create **added value** for our architecture clients by ensuring they **benefit** from these on-going, **collaborative working practices**.

Our company wide expertise in sustainability is considerable and touches on many areas which can directly or indirectly **assist our clients** in achieving their sustainability goals:

- sustainable design
- climate change mitigation
- renewable energy
- carbon footprinting
- sustainability and energy assessment
- sustainable procurement
- corporate social responsibility
- carbon management strategies

We are in a **unique position** to deliver a true, beginning to end sustainable design appropriate to the **needs of our clients**. We can help clients understand what sustainability means to them, help them develop briefs which can **quantify targets**. These targets may be reduction of energy use or increasing use of renewables, they may measure the social impact of their design by a **decrease in sick days** in an office environment or **educational attainment** in a school; while economic targets can revolve around a construction budget through a whole life cost model to the value of **increased footfall in a retail space**.

**Sustainable Design Lab:** to give our clients a better design solution through real integration of disciplines.

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