



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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The Sligo Park Hotel will:

- Aim to achieve environmental best practice across the hotel.
- Produce an environmental plan, setting out our objective's targets and planned activities on a yearly basis.
- Fully compliant with all relevant legislation.
- To continually implement the three R's, Reduce, Reuse, recycle all resources consumed by our business where practical.
- Provide all employees with appropriate training and resources to meet our aimed objectives.
- Invite our customers, suppliers and contractors to take part in our efforts to help protect the environment.
- To minimise and reduce the consumption of water, waste and energy in the Sligo Park Hotel.
- To continually monitor and record our environmental impacts on a regular basis and to compare this with our policy and objectives.

Some of the initiatives we are currently working on include:

- Plastic straws to recyclable paper ones.
- Cardboard and paper recycling and shredding.
- Food waste and general waste is all segregated.
- Food waste is regenerated into biofuel to power the food company's trucks on the road.
- Prior to Covid we installed 15 solar panels on our leisure centre roof to assist in the reduction of CO2 emissions.
- Members of Repak which ensures that we are supporting the recycling of the packaging placed in the market by funding household recycling bins, bottle banks and civic amenity sites around the country.

OUR INITIATIVES...



1. ENERGY MANAGEMENT

TICC BOX energy management system in place monitoring:

How much power the PV panels are generating

Electricity consumption

Gas consumption

Waste consumption



2. SUSTAINABILITY

Continue to work with Failte Ireland and our consultants to ensure best practice in sustainability



3. CARBON FOOTPRINT

Working with Failte Ireland on Carbon Footprint to calculate our carbon emissions – and to conduct competitor analysis both nationally and internationally.



4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Reduce the environmental impact of energy usage.

We have recently signed up with Flogas Enterprise for the provision of our electricity – Flogas Enterprise electricity is certified 100% renewable.

OUR INITIATIVES...



5. E BIKES

In partnership with Sligo County Council and Bolt Bikes Ireland we have introduced ebikes on site. These bikes are available for both staff and guests alike to make environmentally friendly travel to and from the hotel.



6. E CHARGERS

We currently have 2 electric cars spaces for staff and guests to charge their cars at the hotel.



7. CAR PARK LIGHTING

We upgraded lighting in the carpark in 2020, by changing all fittings from hyalite fittings to energy saving LED bulbs.



8. HUMAN RESOURCES

Reception and Administration offices continue to educate and train all employees in best environmental policies and to set specific goals and objectives.

All staff induction is now done online to reduce the printing out of all paper documentation.

Replaced the key fobs for Timepoint for staff clocking in and out to facial recognition to reduce the need for the plastic fobs, and the costs associated with these.

Paper shredders in the admin offices to shred paper.

OUR INITIATIVES...



9. 100% CARBON NEUTRAL

Partnership with Brother printers on all our printing and their sustainability journey which began in 2004. All toners and printer cartridges are recycled and are 100% carbon neutral.



10. COMPLIANT

To be compliant with all environmental legalisation.



11. REDUCE WASTE TO LANDFILL

Sligo Park Hotel has engaged engaged with Food Surplus Management (FMS) for removing waste and food waste from the hotel. Food waste collected is used for energy recovery in a biogas, (Anaerobic digestion) facility, this produces electricity for the grid and also gas to fuel their fleet.



12. RECYCLING

All cardboard/packaging is baled and recycled.
Plastics and recyclable material in separate bins are segregated.
Chemical dilution system in place for all departments in hotel, accommodation, food and beverage and leisure centre, for all chemicals thus eliminating single use bottles and cartons.

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13. FOOD & BEVERAGE / CONFERENCE DEPARTMENTS

Coffee cups newly branded with hotel logo Down2earth – fully certified compostable.

Plant based bio plastic.

Caps are biodegradable.

All our plastic straws have been changed over to bamboo straws which are fully compostable.

Glass Recycling Glass crushed with REL which is then collected by Greenstar.

Where possible to purchase locally sourced food produce.



14. LEISURE CENTRE

50 sq. metres of solar panels were fitted on the leisure centre roof in 2019.

The pool cover was replaced and is in operation since January 2023, initial findings from our TICC BOX energy management system are encouraging showing less energy usage.



15. ACCOMMODATION

Other initiatives include in regard to towels and linen usage we have placed a card into guest rooms since 1st May 2022 – to help our environment “towels in the bath/shower means please replace them – towels left on the towel rail means I will use them again”

Our shampoo and body wash are now changed from the traditional 30ml bottle to a 30ml doypack saving 68% on CO2.

All our guest information folders have been removed and the guest information and directory are now on the TV's screens in all bedrooms.

All corridors and bedroom lighting are being changed to LED energy fittings on an ongoing basis.

Recycle all our rubbish, plastic cardboard and glass.



16. ACCOMMODATION

We are currently changing from the single use Voya toiletries in the 47 superior rooms to pump action wall mounted Voya products thus reducing the waste of the single use containers.

Voya partner with Plastic Bank to support their mission to stop plastic before it enters the ocean.

The equivalent of one rubbish truck full of plastic enters the ocean every minute, and by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish*.

We are proud to have made several commitments as part of our Ocean Steward partnership with Plastic Bank and over the next two years, VOYA has pledged to help stop the equivalent of over 2 million single-use plastic bottles from entering the ocean.

This is equivalent to over 45,000kg of plastic and means for every VOYA product sold, we will help to prevent 3 plastic bottles from entering the ocean.



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