



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 objectives 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:

- In May 2024 the hotel was accredited with the Eco Label Award by Green Hospitality Ireland. We achieved this award by putting in place an environmental action plan covering the areas of energy, waste and water management biodiversity, community engagement, staff training and continuous improvement.
- As part of this initiative, we put in place a green team to oversee our objectives and put plans in place for its continued evolution.
- Our new solar panels on the three flat bedroom roofs were installed in the summer of 2024 and commissioned in November 2024. JV Tierney and Company Consulting Engineers engaged Cool Air Ltd to install the 400 PV solar panels across 13,000sqft of the building's roof by the ESB. Cool Air estimates that the installation of PV solar energy infrastructure will cut the hotel's annual emissions by more than 47 metric tonnes of Co2. In terms of the reduction in atmospheric carbon, the total is the equivalent of planting 1,869 new trees every year. While the PV solar panels contribute less during the winter months, it is estimated that solar energy will make up 35% of the hotel's overall usage of electricity during the April to September period. The average contribution across the year is projected to be more than 20%, leading to an annual saving of €35-€ 40,000 on the hotel's electricity bills.



OUR INITIATIVES...



ENERGY MANAGEMENT
TICC BOX energy management system in place monitoring: How much power the PV panels are generating, electricity consumption gas consumption, waste consumption



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



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



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



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



E CHARGERS

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



CAR PARK LIGHTING

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



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



KEY FOBBS

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



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



COMPLIANT

To be compliant with all environmental legislation



REDUCE WASTE TO LANDFILL

Sligo Park Hotel has 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



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



FOOD & BEVERAGE / CONFERENCE DEPARTMENTS

Jams and marmalades are no longer served in single use packaging in our restaurant, bar and staff canteen



BETTER OPTIONS

Switched to compostable take away cups and lids and compostable paper straws

Fully eliminate the small usage of paper cups in the office



LESS PAPER

Standardised menus-less printing



LEISURE CENTRE

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



LESS ENERGY

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



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BIN DIVIDER

Ensures efficient sorting and disposal of recyclables and non - recyclables in guest rooms.

Aluminium Pod recycling bag - this enables us to return used coffee pods to www.podback.org



STATE OF THE ART

Our air conditioning in our third floor rooms are eco friendly reducing the impact on the environment while also enhancing the guest experience in the rooms.



SINGLE USE TOILETRIE

We had changed from the single use Voya toiletries in the 47 superior rooms and 31 executive rooms to pump action wall mounted Voya products thus reducing the waste of the single use containers.



PLASTIC BANK

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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