Our Environmental
Sustainability Priorities

We care about the legacy we leave. That's why we provide market leading recyclable products that enable our customers to make sustainable choices, without compromising on performance or quality. Here are some of the ways we're playing our part, to help our customers meet their sustainability goals:

1 **Sustainable & Ethical Business Priorities**

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4 **Local Employment**

5 **Charitable Partnerships**

6 **Noise Management**

7 **Environmental Management**

8 **Sustainable Packaging & Waste Management**

1 Sustainable & Ethical Business Priorities

- We're committed to recycling all our GRP as well as GRP for the wider composites industry by 2024.

- We've taken action to remove paper from our processes and procedures wherever possible and actively recycle what's left through approved local recycling schemes, along with our waste cardboard, plastic and aluminium.

- We offer alternative options such as virtual CPDs, training sessions and project consultations to reduce our travel footprint.

2 Decarbonisation

- Available shortly, our Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) will provide clients and specifiers with the product data they need to make informed choices. They are transparent, objective reports that communicate how our GRP products impact the environment across their life cycle.

- The embodied carbon values for our moulded and pultruded Glass Reinforced Polymer range can be used to help during the planning, materials selection, design, construction and long-term management of your infrastructure.

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3 Circular Economy

- Simply put, our products last longer than many traditional materials, and can be re-used and recycled. Re-use is the most economically and environmentally beneficial strategy as finished products are worth much more than the raw materials they are composed of and direct re-use preserves the most value and embodied energy. With this in mind, we have a dedicated Dura Upcycling company which advocates for the re-use and re-purposing of our waste and leftover materials wherever possible, in recognition of their inherent durability.

5 Charitable Partnerships

- Voted for by our staff members, our local, environmental, and national charity partners are close to our hearts. For 2023-2024, we've chosen to fundraise to support the incredible work of EACH (East Anglia Children's Hospices), Essex Wildlife Trust and Mind.

7 Environmental Management

- Our ISO 14001 certification controls our impact on the environment as well as reducing resource use and improving our overall efficiency.

- We've reduced emissions from our on-site vehicles through the use of HVO fuel and through the electrification of 96% of our company car fleet.

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4 Local Employment

- We take our responsibilities to our local community seriously and recognise that recruiting a diverse local workforce increases employee wellbeing, reduces overall recruitment costs and benefits productivity. We offer apprenticeships in a variety of disciplines and have high staff retention.

6 Noise Management

- Wherever possible we choose vehicles that are both efficient and help minimise environmental impact. Our electric workplace equipment e.g. lift trucks produce less noise levels than conventional systems.

8 Sustainable Packaging & Waste Management

- Our wood waste is used to heat our factory and fabrication premises in a specialised boiler, and we also use bearers instead of pallets wherever practicable to reduce on site waste for our clients.

- We employ software tools such as nesting optimisation to ensure the best yield from every project component, to both maximise material usage and reduce on-site waste for our customers.

- We are committed to sourcing renewable, biodegradable or recyclable packaging for our products wherever possible and to finding ways to eliminate unnecessary packaging materials. For example, our plastic shroud keeps our products clean and free from damage while they are being transported or stored. It contains recycled material and are made from a type of Linear Low Density Polyethylene plastic that is accepted by most recycling facilities.

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