

Plastic Reduction Policy

Birmingham Airport is committed to reducing its environmental impacts through continuous improvement and we will continue to strive for environmental best practice across the Airport.

We recognise that waste plastics pose a significant global threat to both land and marine environments. With over 4 tonnes of plastic waste generated on site each year we commit to minimising our use of plastics and to play our role in reducing their environmental impact.

The Executive Board is responsible for this policy which sets out our commitments in minimising our use of plastics and how we expect staff to help deliver on this commitment.

Commitments:

- Measure and audit our use of single-use plastics and seek alternatives to and replace them in all Airport Buildings.
- Review catering suppliers to reduce the use of plastics in items such as cutlery, sugar sachets and stirrers and require that they use only recyclable products.
- Develop an assessment of the environmental impact of plastics we buy and use to inform the purchase of goods and services, including events.
- Where there is no practicable alternative to plastic, aim to buy only those products that can be easily reused or recycled.
- Work with onsite partners, tenants and concessions to reduce use of plastics.
- Add plastic free clauses into new Commercial contracts.
- Maintain housekeeping standards at our sites to prevent the escape of plastic litter.
- Work with employees, customers and suppliers to encourage them to take practical steps to reduce the use of plastic and the production of plastic waste.
- Develop campaigns to highlight the environmental damage caused by plastic waste, such as wet wipes and cotton buds, in the sewerage system.
- Promote behaviours that reduce reliance on plastics, particularly encouraging the use of water refill stations over bottled water and the reduction of plastic packaging waste for passengers and staff.
- Provide all new and existing Birmingham Airport employees with a reusable coffee cup.
- Support and encourage employee and community initiatives to remove plastic waste and litter from the environment.

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