

Architects Declare Progress Statement 2024





“For everyone working in the construction industry, meeting the needs of our society without breaching the earth’s ecological boundaries will demand a paradigm shift in our behaviour.”

UK Architects Declare

Architects Declare is a network of architectural practices across the world committed to addressing the climate and biodiversity crisis.

Those who have joined the collective are dedicated to strengthening working practices to help create architecture and urbanism that has a more positive impact on our environment.

The signatories sign a declaration to show their dedication to creating positive change. This consists of 12 Declarations.

AEW have been a signatory to Architects Declare since 2020, publishing an annual report to be transparent about the work we are doing, to try and embed the 12 Declarations into our practice.

Together we...

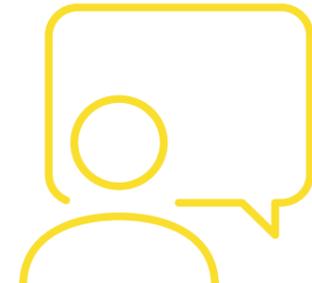
Change Fast

13 The AEW Team have advocated at Industry panels.
We have been supporting the Industrial Sector Working Group helping to develop the emerging UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard.

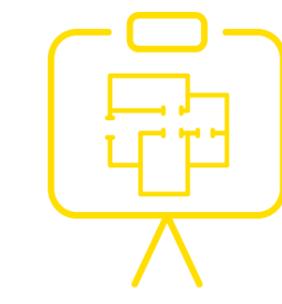
Certified Certified B Corp company (2022) and ISO 14001 business.
 We have become a B Corp (2022) and are active members of the Built Environment Working Group.
Corporation

Raise Awareness

 **17** Sustainability focused internal CPDs presented to the practice.

 **10** Sustainability client engagement workshops.

Collaborate & Reduce

 **12** Design Team Workshops conducted to propose resource efficiency measures in active projects.

Regenerative Design

 Raising awareness with clients so they have increased desire to opt for the end project goal to have a positive environmental impact, rather than just minimizing harm.



New Goals

Sale West Estate, winner of the 2024 'Social Impact Award' for outstanding social improvement to the community by including a number of schemes, initiatives, and community-focused interventions. AEW are continuing to sponsor the Insider North West Residential Property Award for Sustainability.

Upgrade Existing



47%

Of our projects in 2023 involved existing building refurbishments.

467

Affordable home retrofits currently in design stage.



Share Knowledge

DEC Partnership with Ashton on Mersey School



35

 Learners

18

 DEC Awards

700

 Learning Hours

13

Work Experience students have been supported.



4

Apprentices mentored.



Climate Justice

We have been carrying out Research & Development to better understand embodied climate justice impacts of building materials.



10%

Of our projects in 2023, were social housing schemes, supporting equality and improved quality of life.



Mixed-use transformation

Spindles Shopping Centre, Oldham



Project Overview

Working with the Council and it’s advisors, we helped advise on the initial acquisition and redevelopment plans for Oldham Spindles - a failing shopping centre in the heart of Oldham.

Following its successful acquisition, we were retained by the Council to oversee the transformation of the 450,000 sqft centre. This included supporting a successful Towns Fund application and the interior design of the Phase I civic offices.

As a prominent, publicly owned site, our proposals followed extensive stakeholder engagement with Council groups, residents, market traders, retailers, and other local stakeholders. This included participation in “The Big Oldham Conversation,” an online and in-person consultation event, gathering feedback from over 600 contributors.

Project Credits

Oldham Council	Client
Oldham	Location
Culture & Community	Sector
Architecture, Interior Design, Retrofit	Services
450,000 sqft	Size

Community-led regeneration

Sale West Masterplan, Sale



Project Overview

Award winning housing estate which we have developed transformational masterplan and architectural proposals for providing high-quality homes for the residents.

Over the next decade, 263 homes and a range of estate improvements will be delivered for the benefit of the Sale West community. The scheme shall achieve high standards of social value and environmental performance.

Considering the diverse range of stakeholders within the community, we used a range of techniques to undertake our consultation. These ranged from traditional workshops and one-to-one interviews to virtual reality presentations and strategically located QR coded signs linking to digital content.

Project Credits

Irwell Valley Homes	Client
Sale	Location
Residential	Sector
Masterplanning, Architecture, Sustainability	Services
43 ha	Size

Together we...

Parkmount & Princesdom, Harpurhey

Minimise Waste

Using embodied carbon metrics to inform early stage discussions and assumptions promoting efficient design and construction.



Whole Life

12

Full building Life Cycle Assessments completed in 2023.



Evaluate Projects

passivhaus homes

 **46**
In technical design

 **77**
At feasibility stage

Implementing sustainability as standard service to our major projects, to inform clients of embodied and operational carbon impacts at concept design.

AEW Sustainable Outcomes Toolkit for best practice design principals.

We have created a dashboard to compare project KPIs.

Low Carbon

115,000 sqft

Of commercial development has been designed to meet UK Net Zero Carbon Building Standard & BREEAM Outstanding.





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