This sustainability declaration cannot (and indeed should not) replace contractual arrangements. Instead, its aim is to offer input on the key sustainability goals that should be kept in mind in the planning process. These suggestions can thus be incorporated into considerations when drafting and planning contracts.

The Phase Sustainability initiative was launched by the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) in collaboration with the Federal Chamber of Architects (BAK). Its declared aim is to bring about a transformation in planning practice until sustainable building becomes the new normal! Architects specialised in all kinds of disciplines – as well as expert planners involved in any other related areas – are called upon to join forces and help foster this transformation together.

Why was this initiative started? Because we cannot afford to waste any more time when it comes to sustainable building, even though this is a highly complex issue. Because there are plenty of climate manifestos and non-binding lists of signatures – but in the building sector, nobody can solve this issue alone. Because we can all learn sustainable building step by step. Because with sustainability, we need to work together in acquiring, building and sharing know-how, experience and expertise. Because this requires strong people who are willing to take the initiative, form partnerships and provide support – plus many, many more committed people who want to join us on this journey.

Not joined us yet?

Become part of our network of like-minded people: www.phase-nachhaltigkeit.jetzt

## **DECLARATION OF SUSTAINABILITY**

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



and the Federal Chamber of Architects (BAK)

Project			Less important	Discuss and record the importance of each sustainability	
Landscape Ar	chitecture firm		Important	goal	
Client			Very important		
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Sufficiency							
Appropriateness	Use of spaces	Multiple use	Anticipating the future				
Ensure spaces, surfaces and materials are used appropriately	Appropriateness of indoor and outdoor spaces; fewer sealed areas	Promote multifunctional outdoor spaces	Plan for future requirements				
Climate protection & climate change mitigation							
Carbon emissions	Carbon sinks	Climate change mitigation	Projects that generate energy				
Reduce carbon emissions over the life cycle of buildings; make cycling and public transport more convenient	Prioritise natural climate protection by including trees, plants typical of moorlands, etc. in plans	Consider issues regarding heat, drought and flooding, etc. in early planning processes	Introduce ways to generate energy outdoors				
Environment							
Biodiversity	Soil balancing	Microclimate/macroclimate	Water resources				
Safeguard and promote biodiversity both on site and in the supply chain	Implement positive steps to achieve net zero by unsealing soil and avoiding soil sealing	Optimise surface materials and plantlife to exert a positive impact	Make conscious use of grey water, rainwater and local water supplies				
Circular design							
Adaptability	Integration of natural cycles	Resource conservation	Pollutant-free materials				
Design buildings, floor plans and extensions with flexibility in mind	Implement nature-based solutions	Prioritise resource protection and conservation when selecting materials	Use pollutant-free materials				
People focus							
Plan with people in mind	Inspiration and identity	Care and maintenance	Quality within urban areas				
Use non-polluting materials, sound insulation and natural light with building users in mind	Encourage people to become involved in how buildings are used	Ensure spaces are looked after in the long term (including green facades)	Promote the quality of outdoor spaces and integrate interdisciplinary thinking into early planning				
Baukultur							
Integration of landscapes	Nutrition	Design quality	On-site potential				
Assess, preserve and develop nature and landscapes – and strike the right balance	Promote a culture of gardening, community gardens and self-sufficiency	Design timeless and future- ready outdoor spaces; make good use of synergies	Capture the spirit of the location, historical and cultural values, the landscape				

history, etc.