

The new wording of Standard 5, the duty to pay due regard to “the interests of anyone who may reasonably be expected to use and enjoy the products of the [architect’s] work” – a resource for information

Code of 2010, Standard 5: An editorial in *bd (Building Design, 13 November 2009)* mentioned one of the main issues currently affecting architectural education and practice: “Attacking the media for raising questions about global warming only exemplifies how green orthodoxy is stifling legitimate discussion, *Amanda Baillieu* [Read more here](#).”

Inquirers and policy-makers may find it necessary to take this into account in connection with

- **Standard 5 of the Architects Code 2010 Version** (addressed to registered persons and promulgated by the Architects Registration Board, ARB): “Whilst your primary responsibility is to your clients, **you should take into account the environmental impact of your professional activities.**”, and
- **Standard 1 Honesty and Integrity:** “1. You are expected at all times to act with honesty and integrity and to avoid any actions or situations which are inconsistent with your professional obligations. **This standard underpins the Code** and will be taken to be required in any consideration of your conduct under any of the other standards. 2. **You should not make any statement which is contrary to your professional opinion** or which you know to be misleading, unfair to others or discreditable to the profession.” (emphasis added)

An AARUK contributor proposes that an independent person supplying professional services in connection with building works (including a registered architect) would be expected (by clients and others affected) to have had regard not only to commercially or politically motivated exhortation or coercive statutory requirements (see below) but also to concerns such as those mentioned [here](#).

On statutory requirements, the following must be noted, pending due reconsideration of questions about the evaluation and assessment of information and predictive “modelling”:

Climate Change Act 2008

Long Title: An Act to set a target for the year 2050 for the reduction of targeted greenhouse gas emissions; to provide for a system of carbon budgeting; to establish a Committee on Climate Change; to confer powers to establish trading schemes for the purpose of limiting greenhouse gas emissions or encouraging activities that reduce such emissions or remove greenhouse gas from the atmosphere; to make provision about adaptation to climate change; to confer powers to make schemes for providing financial incentives to produce less domestic waste and to recycle more of what is produced; to make provision about the collection of household waste; to confer powers to make provision about charging for single use carrier bags; to amend the provisions of the Energy Act 2004 about renewable transport fuel obligations; to make provision about carbon emissions reduction targets; to make other provision about climate change; and for connected purposes. [26th November 2008]

Section 1: The target for 2050: (1) It is the duty of the Secretary of State to ensure that the net UK carbon account for the year 2050 is at least 80% lower than the 1990 baseline. (2) “The 1990 baseline” means the aggregate amount of— (a) net UK emissions of carbon dioxide for that year, and (b) net UK emissions of each of the other targeted greenhouse gases for the year that is the base year for that gas.

For the whole Act see: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2008/ukpga_20080027_en_1

For the departmental Explanatory Notes to the Act see:
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2008/en/ukpgaen_20080027_en_1

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Professor Brian Edwards on “the message from Copenhagen” and “energy stress” at
http://www.ribajournal.com/index.php/feature/article/bringing_it_home_JAN10/

Jan-Carlos Kucharek on “Every generation seems to get its scare campaigns...” at
http://www.ribajournal.com/index.php/feature/article/guarding_the_home_front/

AARUK – *The status of the ARB Code in relation to independent professional skill and judgment and inconvenient truth* – a [Note from an independent observer](#), 4 January 2010

The Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change at http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/sternreview_index.htm and at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stern_Review