

**Stockport Council - Corporate Leaders Team Reports
Environmental Impact Assessment**

The purpose of completing this section is to help identify, forecast and understand any environmental impacts/consequences of your proposal at an early stage so necessary mitigations can be considered. For construction projects full EIAs are required. Please see below the table for guidance on completion.

KEY

Criteria	Beneficial Impact		No Impact	Adverse Impact		Cause & Mitigation
	Extent	Term SL/RI		Extent	Term SL / RI	
Nature <i>loss of habitats & species, topography changes</i>			✓			
Water <i>Potential for Pollution, flood, drainage, use</i>			✓			
Air <i>Quality, emissions</i>	L	L/R		L	L/R	The transition from petrol and diesel cars to zero-emission vehicles will enable AQMA to reduce their rates of pollution. The charging infrastructure for these vehicles may be targeted in specific areas with high air quality impacts to prevent further increases.
Transport <i>Method, fuel type and use, staff travel, supplier miles</i>	R	L/R		R	L/R	
Local Resources <i>Energy, materials, paper, electricity, buildings, local sourcing</i>	R	L/R		R	L/R	It is hoped that with the introduction of ZEVs, there will be a shift in power towards renewable energy. Working with ENW, the capacity for the network needs to be further investigated but ongoing conversations with third parties means that the future of ZEV could be renewable, leading to a more sustainable vehicle.
Waste <i>Increase, Disposal, Recycling, non reusable materials. Does it follow the waste hierarchy: reduce, re-use, recycle</i>			✓			
Extent		Term				
National	N	Short	S			
Regional	R	Long	L			
Borough	B	Reversible	R			
Local	L	Irreversible	I			

Guidance on Completing the EIA Table:

Consider the likely impacts that your activity being reported on could have for each of the criteria. Using the key provided, complete each of the columns as required for beneficial, adverse or no impact outcomes. When doing this take account of the extent of the beneficial or adverse impacts – will it benefit or adversely affect only local areas

Criteria	Searchable Terms
Nature <i>loss of habitats & species, topography changes</i>	Natural capital; biodiversity net gain; planting native plants / trees; providing space and corridors for plants, insects and animals; pollinators; water features; tree shade; low maintenance native trees & shrubs.
Water <i>Potential for Pollution, flood, drainage, use</i>	Water UK; permeable paving; sustainable drainage; water butts; water efficiency; greywater flushing; Refill.
Air <i>Quality, emissions</i>	Air quality; clean air zones; public transport; active travel; planting to help air quality

(e.g. streets, post code areas, wards) or will it affect wider geographies? If there is an impact, will it be short term (days, weeks or a month) or longer term (months, years, decades, etc.) and could the impact be reversed or mitigated? Use the final column to explain the causes and likely mitigation of impacts that could affect reversibility etc. Remember to capture beneficial impacts as well as negative ones since this can help clarify how adverse impacts can be better avoided or managed.

If you feel that you don't have enough knowledge of the criteria to assess impacts to enable you to respond, then consider using an internet search engine to research the terms next to each criteria in the table below to find out more about possible impacts and benefits.

Transport <i>Method, fuel type and use, staff travel, supplier miles</i>	Traffic emissions; traffic congestion; accessible routes; sustainable transport; shared vehicles; virtual meetings; home working; electric vehicles; sustainable paving; travel plan; solar car ports
Local Resources <i>Energy, materials, paper, electricity, buildings, local sourcing</i>	Green suppliers and technologies; renewable energy; energy efficiency; sustainable procurement; local economy; food miles; economies of scale; Social Enterprises; procurement policy
Waste <i>Increase, Disposal, Recycling, non reusable materials. Does it follow the waste hierarchy: reduce, re-use, recycle</i>	Waste hierarchy; circular economy; sustainable procurement; recycled goods; Plastics Pact.

For general queries on environmental sustainability and assessment please contact Angie Jukes in the Planning Policy Team at angie.jukes@stockport.gov.uk.

Remember that the Council's Climate Action Now Strategy has the following aim:

'We will incorporate climate impact assessment into everything we do by incorporating it into decision making, report templates and all key strategies'

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