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.

EIA						
Criteria	**Beneficial Impact**		**No Impact**	**Adverse Impact**		**Cause & Mitigation**
	Extent	**Term SL/RI**		**Extent**	**Term SL / RI**	
Nature *loss of habitats & species, topography changes*	L	L/R				Where the loss of habitat is a result of highway works the council seeks improve other locations so that overall the will be an improvement in the local environment of the borough. Animal and Vegetation studies will be done where necessary to identify risks and mitigate against loss of species/habitat overall.
Water *Potential for Pollution, flood, drainage, use*			x			Schemes will seek to as a minimum not worsen the drainage and flood potential of a area due to a scheme and seek to mitigate/ avoid pollution of the water courses in the borough.
Air *Quality, emissions*			x			Schemes will seek to as a minimum not worsen the local air quality and often are seeking to encourage the use of less or non-polluting modes of transport
Transport *Method, fuel type and use, staff travel, supplier miles*				B	LR	The council recognises that the plant and transport it utilises have an environmental impact and are working to reduce this. However there is much work still to do.
Local Resources *Energy, materials, paper, electricity, buildings, local sourcing*				B	LI	The council recognises that the materials and energy it utilises have an environmental impact and are working to reduce this. However there is much work still to do.
Waste *Increase, Disposal, Recycling, non reusable materials. Does it follow the*				N	LI	The council recognises that the materials and it utilises and the way they are disposed of have

waste hierarchy: reduce, re-use, recycle						an environmental impact and are working to reduce this. However there is much work still to do.

Criteria	Searchable Terms
Nature *loss of habitats & species,*	Natural capital; biodiversity net gain; planting native plants / trees; providing space and corridors for plants, insects and animals; pollinators; water impact.

KEY			
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 (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.

topography changes	features; tree shade; low maintenance native trees & shrubs.
Water *Potential for Pollution, flood, drainage, use*	Water UK; permeable paving; sustainable drainage; water butts; water efficiency; greywater flushing; Refill.
Air *Quality, emissions*	Air quality; clean air zones; public transport; active travel; planting to help air quality
Transport *Method, fuel type and use, staff travel, supplier miles*	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 *Energy, materials, paper, electricity, buildings, local sourcing*	Green suppliers and technologies; renewable energy; energy efficiency; sustainable procurement; local economy; food miles; economies of scale; Social Enterprises; procurement policy
Waste *Increase, Disposal, Recycling, non reusable materials. Does it follow the waste hierarchy: reduce, re-use, recycle*	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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