

Stockport Council
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.

Radically Digital Stockport

Criteria	Beneficial Impact		No Impact	Adverse Impact		Cause & Mitigation
	Extent	Term SL/RI		Extent	Term SL / RI	
Nature loss of habitats & species, topography changes	B	LR				We recognise the climate impact of our digital footprint. Priorities around better use of cloud based technologies, data retention and website efficiency and consolidation will support wider national (and international) efforts on reducing the impact of digital technologies
Water Potential for Pollution, flood, drainage, use	B	LR				As above
Air Quality, emissions	R	LR				As above and Radically Digital Stockport ambition will also facilitate more opportunities for on-line customer interactions and for employees to work flexibly, reducing the need for local journeys.
Transport Method, fuel type and use, staff travel, supplier miles	B	LR				As above.
Local Resources Energy, materials, paper, electricity, buildings, local sourcing	B	LR				Radically Digital ambition will also lead to a reduction in materials and buildings required to deliver services.
Waste Increase, Disposal, Recycling, non reusable materials. Does it follow the waste hierarchy: reduce, re-use, recycle	B	LR				A Radically Digital Stockport will help reduce waste materials from paper files etc.

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:

Criteria	Searchable Terms
Nature loss of habitats & species, topography changes	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 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.

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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