

Environmental Ask

In 2019 Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils recognised and declared a climate emergency and made a commitment to investigate ways in which they could reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions as well as supporting the Suffolk wide aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

[Mid Suffolk District Council - What we're doing to combat climate change](#)

[Babergh District Council – What we're doing to combat climate change](#)

To reduce the negative environmental impact of the Councils procurement of goods, services and works we will include environmental factors in the specification of requirements for goods, services and works and we will evaluate the environmental response of bidders for our contracts.

Supply Chain

Our ask of our contractors is to: -

- know the impact that your organisation has on the environment;
- have an Environmental Policy that embeds a culture of reducing negative environmental impacts within your organisation;
- ensure your environmental impact is measured and regularly reported and overseen at the highest level;
- reduce negative environmental impacts with a clear action plan outlining the work to be undertaken focusing on the biggest impacts, with key targets and timelines to the actions to be undertaken for example;
 - if you use travel, reduce your mileage. For the miles that you are not able to reduce, travel in more environmentally friendly ways;
 - if you use building/s ensure that you have had Environmental building survey/s undertaken and mitigated the negative environmental impact;
- work with your supply chain to know the environmental impact of the goods/services/works you purchase and mitigate/reduce the negative impact, where the negative impact is not able to be reduced, offset the impact;
- work towards your organisation also being Carbon Net Zero by 2030.

Further information

Advice for businesses - [Babergh District Council](#) and [Mid Suffolk District Council](#)

The Carbon Charter provides guidance to local businesses in addition to an accreditation recognising businesses for effective environmental management. www.carboncharter.org

- [Carbon Footprint Calculator](#)
- [Environmental Policy & Action Plan Guidance](#)