

# Suffolk's Environmental Ask

In 2019, Suffolk's Local Authorities declared a climate emergency and committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their operations and services as well as working with partners in support of the aim of a net zero Suffolk by 2030.

All Suffolk's Local Authorities have jointly adopted this Ask in order to improve the environmental impact of our procurement of goods, services and works. When purchasing goods, services and works we will evaluate the environmental response of bidders for our contracts.

## Supply Chain

We expect our suppliers to have a positive environmental impact when delivering goods and services:

- To measure and report annually their **carbon emissions** as an organisation alongside other environmental impacts;
- To develop and deliver a **carbon reduction plan** to achieve **Net Zero** emissions;
- To work to create a **positive impact** on the environment through initiatives such as waste and resource management, water management and biodiversity enhancement.

Supporting guidance is currently being drafted and will be available soon. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact [cnnp@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:cnnp@suffolk.gov.uk).

## Further information

- A free carbon emissions calculator is available on the Carbon Charter website: [Carbon Charter | Calculate your Carbon Footprint - Carbon Charter](#). You will need to register to access this tool, but do not need to be a member.
- Further information and advice for SMEs is available from the [UK Business Climate Hub](#)

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We are members of the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership which consists of all Suffolk's Local Authorities, working with local organisations including Groundwork East and the Environment Agency. The Partnership not only shares best practice but also delivers on the ground projects that support communities, schools and businesses to improve their resilience to a changing climate and move towards net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

