

Environmental Policy

CAG Consultants is committed to developing and maintaining an environmental management system equivalent to the requirements of ISO14001/EMAS. Our innovative, flexible, home-working model minimises the environmental impacts of our day-to-day work. We are endeavouring to take full account of our environmental impact and aim to continuously improve our performance in this area. We are doing so by:

- Establishing a carbon footprint monitoring system for Partnership-related travel and aiming to minimise our carbon emissions year on year.
- Using public transport and bicycle where reasonably possible and minimising our use of private cars.
- Discouraging business travel by air and agreeing a clear environmental justification for any work in locations which require air travel, with all such work requiring the agreement of the partnership in advance of it being bid for or taken.
- Minimising our use of paper and other office consumables.
- Arranging for the reuse or recycling of office waste including redundant equipment as far as possible.
- Only procuring and supplying paper and wood derived products that meet a minimum of FSC or equivalent standards.
- Procuring energy efficient office equipment and environmentally-friendly furniture as far as possible.
- Integrating environmental objectives into our advice to all our clients.
- Ensuring that any associates that we employ take account of environmental issues in their advice to clients.
- Ensuring that all our staff are fully aware of this policy.
- Ensuring that we meet all our legal responsibilities.

For each project we undertake we will consider the most significant environmental impacts and seek to minimise these.

Table 1. Project environmental impacts template

The significant environmental impacts of this project are through:

- **The indirect impact of the study.** Through developing a community engagement plan and tools for engaging communities in XXXXX around climate change adaptation issues, with the aim of helping them to increase their resilience to future climate impacts;
- **The direct impact of travel for attendance at meetings by consultants.** We propose to minimise this by requiring our consultants to utilise bike or public transport and by using locally based team members where possible for meetings and workshops.
- **The direct impact of paper use for reports.** We propose to minimise this by utilising electronic communication as much as possible and printing all reports, where necessary, double-sided on recycled paper.

