

Ribble Consultants

Environmental Policy Statement

This statement applies to the working practices of Ribble Consultants. Ribble Consultants is a small consultancy practice and therefore its environmental footprint relates as much to the activities of individuals as to the work of the firm as a whole. We actively encourage all employees to pay heed to the environmental consequences of their actions and seek to support them in this endeavour.

In our work we choose to avoid assignments which have a clearly negative environmental impact. For assignments where a negative environmental impact is revealed during our work, we would seek to immediately inform the client and discuss with them measures to reduce or eliminate such an impact. Given the diverse nature of our activities, it is not possible to be prescriptive about how this would take place.

In our operations we seek to reduce environmental impact where possible and specifically in the following areas:

- Minimising use of paper and other office consumables, and using electronic forms of communications where possible
- Avoiding excessive travel and where practical using alternatives such as telephone and e-mail.
- Using public transport wherever this is feasible, in preference to private car usage
- Discouraging waste and encouraging the recycling of materials, and the use of recycled materials
- Using the services of, and obtaining supplies from, local firms and businesses to reduce the fuel consumption involved in their delivery and to support the sustainability of the local economy

As a small consultancy we strive to improve the quality of our work, and this includes environmental aspects of it. We do not have a complicated quality assurance system (since this would not be appropriate) but we operate on the following basis:

- We seek client feedback at the end of each project or stage. We normally do this informally by a structured interview. We would seek to have clear feedback from the client on the results of individual stages of a project before proceeding further.

- We follow the Code of Professional Conduct for Consultancy developed by the Institution of Economic Development.