

Greening our supply chain

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As well as reviewing the impact of our own operations, we work with our largest suppliers to inform and share best practice. Our sustainable procurement programme covers our top 50 suppliers (by spend) and has three main areas of focus:

- The environment
- Social mobility
- Diversity & Inclusion

We work with suppliers in a range of ways to identify further opportunities to take positive climate action and manage our use of natural resources. Through the process of asking suppliers to report their CO2 data we're seeing a decrease in suppliers' total emissions.

// As KPMG require us to quantify and report our carbon data, we've taken the decision to produce our first annual environmental report which will be available to our clients.

Supplier Testimonial

Facilities

Our facilities team have introduced a number of initiatives to reduce our environmental impact, including:

- Introducing chemical-free cleaning in our largest offices, using ionised water to replace chemicals
- Reviewing our different waste streams to ensure we are processing our office waste accurately
- Introducing a recycling system for our old carpet tiles, with the fibre separated and turned into new carpets
- Using push bikes for shorter courier journeys where possible, which reduces the carbon emissions of our deliveries.

Engineering

Our engineering team are constantly identifying new energy saving projects to invest in across our estate, such as:

- Relamping our Birmingham and Edinburgh offices
- Reviewing run times of plants and equipment to avoid unnecessary energy consumption
- Introducing LED lighting in the basement area of our head office, helping to save 131 MWh per year in electricity consumption (enough to power 35 average-sized UK homes!)

Catering

We have been working closely with our catering suppliers, taking action across the board, including:

- Switching two of our London coffee bars to have plastic-free offerings
- Working to phase out the use of drinks cartons where possible
- Opening a vegetarian only restaurant in our London office
- Reducing food waste by introducing technology to measure and analyse how much food waste we produce
- Looking to reduce food waste in our corporate dining rooms
- Reducing the carbon intensity of products we offer on our menus
- Rationalising deliveries to bulk up food and reduce journeys

It's through these close relationships with our suppliers that we've been able to implement a number of new sustainable business projects.

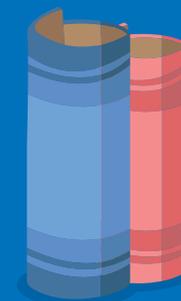


56% suppliers we asked for data reported a decrease in emissions last year, compared to 46% in 2017 and 42% in 2016.

Removing paper towels is saving 225 trees and 1,000 bags of general waste per month. We estimate it's also saving over £32,000 annually*



Since introducing chemical free cleaning, we've saved around 7,200 plastic bottles.



We've recycled 2,100 square metres of carpet so far.