



Supporting the plastic revolution

We're demonstrating our ambition to reduce unnecessary plastic right across the business

Whilst plastic has many valuable uses, we recognise that single-use and disposable plastic is having severe consequences for the environment. Plastic waste gets broken down into tiny microplastics which find their way into our marine life. For the first time, there is now evidence showing the presence of plastic in our food chain.



This is why we've launched a new [KPMG Plastic Commitment](#) following our successful Waste in our Time plastic reduction programme. We've already removed over 8 million items of single-use plastic annually, from coffee cups to plastic cutlery and vending cups.

We're focused on trying to reduce, reuse and recycle what we can, where we can. Our new Plastics Commitment clearly sets out the further actions we're taking to reduce unnecessary plastic in our business. We are working closely with our suppliers to reduce plastic packaging in deliveries where possible; for example, removing bubble wrap from IT kit and white goods. We are also engaging employees in our journey, encouraging them to do what they can to avoid single-use plastics, from trialling a reusable cup scheme in Manchester, to crisp packet recycling in a number of our regional offices.

In 2019 we ran a series of inspiring events around the UK for KPMG employees with Blue Planet II producer Mark Brownlow. As well as hearing about what we're doing as a firm to make sure we use sustainable resources and minimise our impact, more than 700 colleagues got to watch behind the scenes footage from the award-winning BBC series.

Attendees were also asked to make their own [#plasticpledge](#) to commit to reducing their plastic consumption at work and home - so far we've captured more than 1,000 pledges, from contacting their local MP, to reducing car journeys.

// It's fantastic that KPMG have taken this issue so seriously and are inspiring employees to make changes to how they use and consume avoidable plastic. Collectively these small changes make a difference.

Mark Brownlow
Blue Planet II Producer

Using annual UK consumption data we've estimated the environmental impact of all the pledges made. Our employees have so far prevented the use of:

- 39,441 plastic bags
- 22,333 plastic straws
- 17,844 plastic water bottles
- 5,023 single-use coffee cups
- 32,513 items of plastic cutlery

