

Package B

Environmental Responsibilities Review

Introduction

Promoting your environmentally friendly methods can set your business apart from your competitors and attract new customers who want to buy services from an environmentally friendly organisation. Reducing the environmental impact of your business can improve the sustainability of your business.

Running an environmentally friendly organisation helps to reduce your impact on the environment and preserves natural resources. Operating your business in an environmentally friendly manner not only benefits the environment but can also save you money. In addition there are statutory environmental requirements detailed in current legislation that every business must comply with.

GroundsConsulting will examine the delivery and implementation of your environmental responsibilities. We will measure compliance against the following legislation:



- **[Environmental Protection Act 1990](#)**: requires employers who import, produce, carry, keep, treats or disposes of controlled waste to take appropriate precautions to prevent contamination, nuisance and harm such as waste transfer notes.
- **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**: requires employers to protect native species, control the release of non-native species. Includes protection of SSSIs.
- **Weeds Act 1959**: requires employers to control injurious weed species on private land such as Broad Leaved Dock, Common Ragwort, Creeping Thistle, Curled Dock and the Spear Thistle.
- **Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH)**: require employers to assess the risks from hazardous substances and take appropriate precautions.



Methodology

GroundsConsulting will carry out an inspection of your work place, liaise with key staff and carry out an environmental audit.

This will examine the following:

- Environmental Policies
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- Environmental training
- Waste transport
- Waste segregation and storage
- Waste removal
- Recycling
- Composting
- Adherence to COSHH
- Spillage procedures
- Management of hazardous waste
- Control of injurious weeds
- Management of SSSIs
- Protection of native species
- Environmental Agency permits

Drawing from this audit, we will write a summary report on our findings. This will highlight areas of environmental non-compliance and give recommendations for corrective actions. In addition, recommendations will also be given for areas of environmental operation that requires improvement.

Additional items

The team have many years operational experience in the delivery of environmental services and can offer additional bespoke services to compliment this package. These include:

- Review your Environmental Management System
- Develop your environmental policy
- Develop emergency planning procedures
- Preparation for ISO:14001 Quality accreditation
- Creation of Spillage action plans
- Environmental awareness training
- Environmental advice
- Toolbox talk training



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