

Sustainability Impact Analysis

Product/Service: Catering Services & Food

	Positive Impacts / Opportunities	Negative Impacts
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable food sources • Seasonal Food • Energy efficient food preparation and storage equipment • Locally sourced food • Composting food waste • Recycle packaging from food products and re-use containers. Request less packaging • Low CO2 delivery vehicles • Building relationships with Soil association – draw upon the expertise of knowledge in the industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company/Office resource use • Energy consumption in production • Packaging waste – food products often delivered in excess packaging • Water use • Fuel & emissions from transport/food miles • Loss of habitat/impact on landscape/soil erosion • Food waste • Welfare/treatment of livestock • Intensive farming • Use of fertilisers/chemicals on land
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job creation/local employment • Apprenticeship opportunities • Opportunity to promote healthy alternatives • Consolidated deliveries to reduce congestion and noise • Opportunity to promote Fairtrade products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay & conditions of staff • Health & safety risks • International supply chain risk of child labour & modern slavery • Congestion associated with deliveries • Noise pollution from production • Reputational risk associated with food provenance (horse meat) • Health impacts of convenience foods.
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local employment • Energy efficient preparation and storage equipment reduce energy use • Local supply base – supports the local economy • Reduce waste through effective inventory management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of product • High cost of product storage and energy usage • High transport costs – due to shelf life frequent deliveries required • Sustainable food products may be more expensive • High wastage of food products due to short shelf-life

Identifying Opportunities/Solutions

Impact	Opportunity/Solution
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable food sources e.g. Fairtrade, Red Tractor, MSC • Recycling packaging from food products • Using recycled packaging • Composting food waste • Rationalise suppliers & deliveries to reduce vehicle and fuel emissions • Reduce waste through effective inventory management • Low CO² delivery vehicles
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship opportunities • Educate suppliers on modern slavery issues & workforce management
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally sourced food • Energy efficient food preparation & storage equipment e.g. Energy Star