# Sustainability questionnaire for suppliers

Below is a list of sustainability considerations to ask your potential suppliers:

**Sustainability**

* Does your organisation have a sustainability plan, policy or framework? Or are you working towards one?
* If yes, is it publicly available?
* Do you have sustainability targets?
* Do you measure progress against your targets, and can you demonstrate a reduction in any areas?
* Do you have a social procurement framework and/or report on modern slavery?
* Do you have accreditations such as ISO14001?
* Do you have any other sustainability credentials you’d like to share such as B-corp certification?

**Energy**

* Do you measure your energy usage?
* Have you taken steps to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions?
* Have you set publicly available energy or greenhouse gas reduction targets? If yes, what are those targets?
* Does your company use and/or generate renewable energy?
* Does your company reduce energy consumption and maximise efficiency?
* Are you tracking, reporting and managing your energy usage?

**Water and Chemicals**

* Do you take active steps to minimise water use?
* Do you recycle any materials from within your operations, at manufacturing, supply and delivery, such as water, chemicals, waste materials?
* Are you tracking, reporting and managing your use of water and chemicals?
* Do you have targets for reducing your use of water and chemicals?
* How do you manage your water-based waste?
* Do you use any hazardous chemicals or materials in your production? How do you manage them to ensure they don’t enter waste streams or water?

**Waste Minimisation**

* How do you package your final products? Do you use any recycled or recyclable materials?
* Do you reduce the levels of waste material generated?
* Do you re-use all possible waste material generated?
* Do you recycle all possible waste material generated?
* How do you manage your waste?
* Are you actively trying to reduce materials within your supply chain?
* Are you looking at more effective waste management activities within your organisation?

**Material Efficiency**

* What raw materials do you use? Are they organic? Are they made from recycled fibres?
* Where are they made or procured from?
* Do you produce and buy energy efficient products that meet the standards of Eco-Label criteria where available?
* Is your company’s approach to product design and purchasing considers the environmental life-cycle impacts?

**Social Considerations**

* Are your products and services sourced from the developing world?
* Do you consider the social and economic impacts of key suppliers in the supply chain when sourcing goods and services?
* Does your company monitor for modern slavery in your supply chain?
* Are your products Fairtrade or have any other ethical procurement certification such as Rainforest alliance, FSC certified or B-corp?
* Does your company conduct audits of its supply chain to ensure that sustainable practices are followed?
* Do you support SME’s, BME’s, local Suppliers and Third Sector suppliers for contracts?

**Other considerations**

* What local environmental regulations are you required to comply with? Have you recently been in breach of these regulations?
* How might your supply chain partners or customers work with you to see innovation or a change in practices in your organisation?