

**Environmental Policy**  
**Strategic Data Consultancy Ltd**

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### **1. Purpose**

This policy sets out Strategic Data Consultancy Ltd's (SDC) commitment to managing and reducing the environmental impact of its operations.

SDC recognises that its activities, including building services surveys, asset verification, and lifecycle planning, have an environmental impact. The business is committed to continual improvement in environmental performance and to supporting clients through data-led, sustainable decision making.

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### **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all activities undertaken by SDC, including office-based work, site surveys, and interactions with clients, suppliers, and partners.

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### **3. Responsibility**

Given the size and structure of the business, overall responsibility for environmental management sits with:

John Sutherns – Director

All individuals working with or on behalf of SDC are expected to support the aims of this policy and contribute to reducing environmental impact in their activities.

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### **4. Environmental Management Approach**

SDC will:

- Operate a primarily digital workflow to reduce paper usage
- Minimise waste generation and recycle where facilities exist
- Reduce printing wherever possible, including large-format drawings
- Avoid unnecessary packaging when procuring equipment or supplies
- Select suppliers and products with strong environmental credentials where possible
- Prioritise durable and reusable equipment over disposable items
- Reduce consumption of paper, ink, and consumables through digital-first processes
- Minimise energy use in office and home-working environments
- Ensure equipment is switched off when not in use
- Use energy-efficient devices where practicable
- Promote environmental awareness across all personnel
- Encourage sustainable behaviours, particularly around travel and resource use
- Minimise water usage in office and accommodation settings
- Promote awareness of water conservation practices
- Minimise the use of hazardous substances in operations

- Ensure safe handling, storage, and disposal where required
  - Substitute harmful materials with lower-impact alternatives where possible
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## **5. External Impact and Supply Chain**

SDC recognises that its environmental impact extends beyond its direct operations.

SDC will:

- Reduce travel where possible through remote surveys, video calls, and digital collaboration
  - Plan site visits efficiently to minimise repeat journeys
  - Use public transport where practical
  - Monitor and report travel-related emissions as part of carbon reporting
  - Support clients in improving environmental performance through data-driven asset strategies
  - Engage suppliers and contractors who demonstrate environmental responsibility
  - Encourage sustainable practices across its delivery chain
  - Consider environmental performance as part of supplier selection
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## **6. Legal Compliance and Monitoring**

SDC will:

- Maintain compliance with all relevant environmental legislation
  - Keep up to date with changes in environmental regulations
  - Ensure that its operations and advice to clients reflect current best practice
  - Monitor environmental performance, including travel, energy use, and resource consumption
  - Review environmental performance annually
  - Align with Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP) principles and UK reporting guidance
  - Identify opportunities to reduce emissions in project delivery
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## **7. Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually or in response to:

- Changes in legislation
  - Changes in business operations
  - Identified environmental risks or opportunities
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## **8. Commitment**

Strategic Data Consultancy Ltd is committed to reducing its environmental impact and supporting the transition to more sustainable built environments through both its internal operations and the services it provides to clients.

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**Signed:**

John Sutherns  
Director

