

Environment and Sustainability

The earth has finite resources and limited capability to support the lifestyle to which the developed world has become accustomed. **elnet consulting** can advise on strategy and actions to ensure your business is at the forefront of thinking and delivery for an environmentally sustainable business.

Buildings ("or the built environment") consume enormous quantities of finite natural resources during construction and operation. From the use of cement in building materials to fossil fuels in generating electricity, environmental factors should be a key consideration when making initial and on-going investments in your asset management programme. By assessing the impact of environmental factors from the offset you can add value to your investment decision-making processes.

Your environmental agenda should focus on:

Materials	Energy	Water
Biodiversity	Transport	Compliance
Products & services	Emissions to air	Effluent
Waste		

When business activity is done well, it adds value and leaves a positive legacy. Done badly, it can leave a legacy of harm and destruction which ultimately can reduce or remove your "License to Operate". Schemes such as the **Considerate Constructors Scheme** can demonstrate your commitment to the environment.

Sustainability may be considered as:

- Socially acceptable (People)
- Environmentally sound (Planet)
- Economically viable (Profit)

Integrated as part of your Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), your commitment to a sustainable future can create value, preserve resources and demonstrate a willingness to engage with and meet the diverse interests of different stakeholders.

Issues include:

- Water conservation
- Air quality
- Greenhouse gas
- Climate change
- Biodiversity
- Contaminated land
- Water resources
- Energy efficiency
- Compliance and environmental management system

elnet consulting has extensive experience in ensuring environmental and sustainable issues add value and are delivered as part of 'business as normal'.