

# SUSTAINABILITY AUDIT

When doing a sustainability audit there are 5 main elements to consider:



- **Air** - think about pollution from cars, chemicals or smoke.



- **Land** - is the land used in a way that works with wildlife?

- **Waste** - how much waste is produced and what happens to the waste?



- **Water** - using clean water takes a lot of energy, is it used sparingly? Do any chemicals go down the drain?



- **Energy** - are there efforts to reduce the amount of energy used? Is the energy from a renewable source such as solar and wind power?



For questions 4 – 8, traffic light how much work is being done to make that element sustainable. Use **green** for trying hard, **orange** for needs more work, and **red** for no effort made. Use this to reflect on what change you want to make.

- 1) Where are you assessing? (e.g., school, home, local park, local shops)

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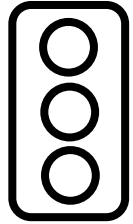
- 2) Who uses the site?

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- 3) Is there someone leading the sustainable development of the location already? If no, could you lead it?

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4) Is the space used in a way that encourages wildlife?



a. Are there lots of plants and green areas?

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b. Are there bird feeders, insect hotels, hedgehog holes or other ways to encourage wild animals?

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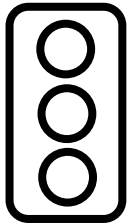
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c. Would you expect to see litter?

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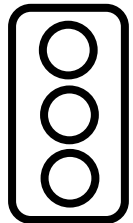
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5) Do most people walk, cycle or get public transport to the site?



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6) Are materials used in a sustainable way?



a. What are the main items that get thrown away?

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b. Are there easy to use recycling bins?

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c. Are there extra recycling options for items such as batteries, clothes, TerraCycle products, plastic bags and a compost bin for food waste?

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d. Are single use products avoided?

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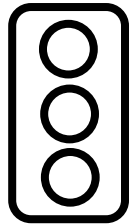
e. Would you expect to see upcycled or second-hand items?

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7) Is water used in an efficient and environmentally friendly way?

a. Is rainwater collected and used?

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b. Are eco-friendly cleaning products used?

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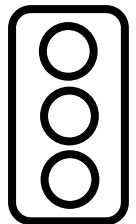
c. Are there efforts to reduce the amount of water used?

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8) Is minimal energy use encouraged?

a. Are lights and electrical devices switched off when not in use?

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b. Are windows and doors left open when the heating is on?

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c. Is the energy from a renewable source such as solar or wind power?

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