



Sustainability and Environment Strategy

At Severn Transport Services, we take our responsibilities seriously in protecting the environment, environmental protection is crucial for the long-term sustainability of our business and we feel it is important to communicate our efforts to our customers and stakeholders to showcase our commitment to environmental protection and encourage others to follow suit.

1. Energy Efficiency:

- We conducted an energy audit to identify areas where energy consumption can be reduced
- Implemented energy-efficient lighting, appliances and equipment, all lighting has been upgraded within the offices, warehouse and outside flood lights to low energy LED lighting in 2022, any appliances on site have an 'A' efficiency rating.
- We encourage employees to turn off lights, computers, and other equipment when not in use.

2. Transport / Vehicles:

- All new vehicles on our fleet are all Euro 6 Compliant, Tractor units are being changed to new, more efficient Volvo tractor units, having converted our fleet to Euro 6 trucks it has been a viable investment and offers several benefits:
- **Clean Air Zones:** Low Emission Zones (LEZ) and Ultra Low Emission Zones ULEZ compliant
- **Greater fuel efficiency** – Euro 6 trucks use less fuel reducing monthly operating costs
- **More powerful trucks** – Euro 6 trucks are more powerful than their Euro 5 counterparts, which will help boost our efficiency

3. Waste Reduction:

- We have a recycling programme for paper, plastics, glass, printer cartridges and other materials.
- We try to minimise single-use items by using reusable or biodegradable alternatives.

4. Green Procurement:

- We source environmentally friendly and sustainable products and materials wherever possible
- We choose suppliers and partners that have strong environmental practices.

5. Eco Friendly Packaging:

- We try and use minimal and eco-friendly packaging materials which are biodegradable or recyclable.



6. Sustainable Practices:

- We have reduced business travel by introducing video conferencing via Microsoft teams (whenever possible)
- Using more digital documents and cloud storage to reduce paper usage

7. Regulatory Compliance:

- We stay informed about relevant environmental regulations to ensure our business is fully compliant.

8. Continuous Improvements:

- We regularly assess our environmental practices and seek ways to further reduce our business's environmental impact.

Severn Transport Services are shareholder members of the Pall-Ex & Fortec palletised freight distribution networks, and the operation of a pallet network is one of the most efficient forms of road freight transportation available in the UK.

Customers are all in close proximity of collecting depots and the hub and spoke model ensures that all vehicles are used as efficiently as possible.

Freight is consolidated at the main distribution hub which ensures vehicle capacity is fully maximised.

The average fill for network trunk vehicles is 90% compared to just 51% for conventional haulage vehicles*.

Each network member collects and delivers freight in tight postcode areas resulting in greatly reduced mileage travelled and the net impact of the pallet network operating model is estimated to take over 837 heavy goods vehicles off the road every day.

*Government domestic road freight statistics show that in the 12 month period from July 2021 to June 2022, over **3,656 million miles** travelled by HGVs **were empty miles**