

Waverley Business Awards 2023

Environmental Sustainability Award Guidelines

The Sustainability Award recognises Waverley businesses that adopt and promote environmentally sustainable practices, thereby contributing, and helping our community, to meet Waverley's environmental targets, namely:

- **Net Zero emissions by 2030 and reducing energy use**
- **No increase in water consumption and enhanced water quality**
- **Supporting low emissions transport choices and reduced car travel**
- **29% canopy and shrub cover by 2030 and improving local biodiversity**
- **80% recovery rate from all waste streams by 2030**
- **Reduced litter and illegal dumping**

The Sustainability Award is for local businesses that go beyond what is expected or regulated for their industry and business size.

Applications are judged against the following criteria:

- **Integration of environmental sustainability and circular economy* practices**
- **Contribution to local environmental goals**
- **Innovative and creative sustainability practices**
- **Communication with community about sustainability practices**

Examples of business sustainability practices could include:

Sustainable Waste: Demonstrating circular economy* principles, business process improvements that reduce waste and packaging, reducing single-use plastics, improved recycling, sourcing and supporting recycled or upcycled materials or packaging, composting or food redistribution to divert from waste, creative re-use or upcycling of waste, and working with sustainable suppliers, e.g., purchasing of ethical, locally sourced and/or environmentally responsible products.

Energy and Climate: Renewable energy installation or purchasing e.g., GreenPower, efficient lighting, equipment and operations, business process improvements that reduce energy use, measuring energy use or smart meters, setting or achieving emission reduction or Net Zero targets, offsetting greenhouse emissions or enhancing climate resilience e.g., through installation of green roofs, vegetation or habitat features.

Sustainable Water: Water efficient appliances e.g., fittings/dual flush toilets, grey water systems and rainwater tanks, measurable minimisation of water use, leak detection and rectification, undertaking water management training or accreditation, and effective management of fats oils and grease.

Sustainable Transport: Encouraging staff and customers to use public transport, bicycles and carpooling, providing bicycle racks and end of trip facilities, supporting low emissions mobility, such as electric vehicles charging, supporting e-bikes, supply chain improvements and reduction of food miles by purchasing from local suppliers.

**A circular economy reduces material use, redesigns materials to be less resource intensive, and recaptures "waste" as a resource to manufacture new materials and products*