Project: **Date:** **Your Name:**

1. IMPACT ON CARBON EMISSIONS (MITIGATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE)

	HOW WILL THIS PROJECT/PROPOSAL AFFECT THE FOLLOWING KEY AREAS:	WHAT IS THE IMPACT CONSIDERED TO BE? *See guidance in the purple box, below, to help you assess the degree of the negative and positive impacts e.g. High, Medium or Low*		CLIMATE CHANGE RATING: *Use drop down list*	WILL THE PROJECT MOVE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL CLOSER TO THE OBJECTIVE OF BEING NET ZERO CARBON BY 2030? *Use drop down list*	WILL THE PROJECT MOVE THE CITY CLOSER TO THE OBJECTIVE OF A NET ZERO CARBON CAMBRIDGE BY 2030? *Use drop down list*	PLEASE DETAIL HERE THE ACTION THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID, MITIGATE OR COMPENSATE FOR THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS AND MAXIMISE POSITIVE IMPACTS?		HAS A NET ZERO CARBON OPTION BEEN CONSIDERED? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.
1	ENERGY USE	Positive Impact:	Energy use will be reduced or renewable energy will be used	High Positive	Yes	Yes	**Consider:** ▫ Reducing demand for energy ▫ Specifying energy efficiency measures (e.g. insulation, low energy lighting) ▫ Generating renewable energy (e.g. heat pumps, solar photovoltaic panels)	All specifications require minimising energy use, maximising energy efficiency, and prioritising renewable energy sources in building works.	
		Nil Impact:	No extra energy use is involved						
		Negative Impact:	More energy (gas and/ or electricity) will be consumed (by CCC or others)						
2	WASTE GENERATION	Positive Impact:	Less waste will be generated OR amount of waste that is reused/ recycled will be increased	High Positive	Yes	Yes	**Consider**: ▫ Will resources be reduced or reused? ▫ Will you use recycled goods? ▫ Will recycling facilities be increased?	Contracts to include requirements for waste minimisation, segregation, and recycling; preference for reuse of materials where possible.	
		Nil Impact:	No waste will be generated						
		Negative Impact:	More waste will be generated (by CCC or others)						
3	USE OF TRANSPORT	Positive Impact:	The use of transport and/or of fossil fuel-based transport will be reduced	High Positive	Yes	Yes	**Consider:** ▫ Will you purchase an electric vehicle? ▫ Will you specifiy the use of public transport? ▫ How will you reduce the need to travel or transport goods?	Encourage local suppliers and contractors to reduce travel distances; require low-emission or electric vehicles where feasible.	
		Nil Impact:	No extra transport will be necessary						
		Negative Impact:	CCC or others will need to travel more OR transport goods more often/ further						
4	SUSTAINABLE FOOD	Positive Impact:	Food will be locally grown and/ or meat-free	Low Positive	Yes	Yes	**Consider:** ▫ Use of locally grown/ produced food ▫ Reducing use of imported food ▫ Reducing use of meat	Where catering or food provision is involved, source locally and reduce meat-based options to lower carbon footprint.	
		Nil Impact:	No change in supply of food						
		Negative Impact:	Food will travel long distances and include meat						

2. IMPACT ON RESILIENCE (ADAPTATION) TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

	HOW WILL THIS PROJECT/PROPOSAL AFFECT THE FOLLOWING KEY AREAS :	WHAT IS THE IMPACT CONSIDERED TO BE? *See guidance in the purple box, below, to help you assess the degree of the negative and positive impacts e.g. High, Medium or Low*		CLIMATE CHANGE RATING: *Use drop down list*	WILL THE PROJECT HELP CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO BE MORE RESILIENT TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE? *Use drop down list*	WILL THE PROJECT HELP CAMBRIDGE TO BE MORE RESILIENT TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE? *Use drop down list*	PLEASE DETAIL HERE THE ACTION THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID, MITIGATE OR COMPENSATE FOR THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS AND MAXIMISE POSITIVE IMPACTS?		HAS A NET ZERO CARBON OPTION BEEN CONSIDERED? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.
5	HEATWAVES	Positive Impact:	Increased/ improved shade & natural ventilation	High Positive	Yes	Yes	Consider: Building orientation and installing measures such as Brise Soleil to reduce heat gain and plant hydration methods.	External works to incorporate shade, tree planting, and natural ventilation improvements to reduce heat impacts	
		Nil Impact:	No impact on existing levels of shade & ventilation						
		Negative Impact:	Lack of or reduced shade (e.g. from trees or buildings) & natural ventilation						
6	WATER AVAILABILITY	Positive Impact:	Provision made for an enhancement of water efficiency measures to minimise the impact on water resource availability	High Positive	Yes	Yes	Consider: Managing water use efficiently, installing measures to use less water such as low water use taps, planting drought resistant plants and using rainwater for irrigation.	Specify water-efficient fixtures and encourage rainwater harvesting to reduce demand on mains supply.	
		Nil Impact:	Levels of water use will not be changed						
		Negative Impact:	Water use will increase and/or no provision made for water management = Negative Impact						
7	FLOODING	Positive Impact:	Sustainable drainage measures incorporated, positive steps to reduce & manage flood risk	High Positive	Yes	Yes	Consider: The installation of measures to reduce the speed and increase the absorption of rainwater e.g. green roofs, SuDS, permeable paving etc. and alternative arrangements (business continuity)	Incorporate sustainable drainage systems and permeable surfaces to reduce surface water runoff.	
		Nil Impact:	Levels of surface water run-off & flood risk are not affected						
		Negative Impact:	Levels of surface water run-off will increase, no management of flood risk						
8	HIGH WINDS / STORMS	Positive Impact:	Exposure to higher wind speeds is being actively managed & reduced	High Positive	Yes	Yes	Consider: the need to install stabilisation measures and ensure robust structures resilient to high winds	Strengthen building envelopes and fixings to withstand extreme weather conditions.	
		Nil Impact:	No change to existing level of exposure to higher wind speeds						
		Negative Impact:	Exposure to higher wind speeds is increased or is not managed = Negative Impact						
9	FOOD SECURITY	Positive Impact:	Opportunities & resources for local food production are increased/ enhanced	Low Positive	Yes	Yes	Source food locally, and provide meat-free catering to reduce vulnerability to food shortages and reduce emissions from transport and farming of food	Source food locally where relevant and promote lower-carbon, seasonal produce.	
		Nil Impact:	No change to opportunities & resources for local food production						
		Negative Impact:	Opportunities & resources for local food production are reduced						
10	BIODIVERSITY	Positive Impact:	Biodiversity will be protected/ enhanced	High Positive	Yes	Yes	Provide net gain mitigation if required and seek enhancement in projects of all types and scale	Enhance green spaces with native planting and features to support pollinators and wildlife habitats.	
		Nil Impact:	Level of biodiversity will not change						
		Negative Impact:	Biodiversity will decrease						

Weighing up the negative and positive impacts of your project, what is the overall rating you are assigning to your project?:	High Positive	*This overall rating is what you need to include in your report/ budget proposal, together with your explanation to be included in the red box below*

Guidance on Assessing the Degree of Negative and Positive Impacts:

Note: Not all of the considerations/ criteria listed below will necessarily be relevant to your project

Low Impact (L)	* No publicity
	* Relevant risks to the Council or community are Low or none
	* No impact on service or corporate performance
	* No capital assets; or capital assets with lifetime of less than 3 years
Medium Impact (M)	* Local publicity (good or bad)
	* Relevant risks to the Council or community are Medium
	* Affects delivery of corporate commitments
	* Affects service performance (e.g.: energy use; amount of waste; distance travelled) by more than 10%
	* Capital assets with a lifetime of more than 3 years
High Impact (H)	* National publicity (good or bad)
	* Relevant risks to the Council or community are Significant or High
	* Affects delivery of regulatory commitments
	* Affects corporate performance by more than 10%
	* Capital assets with a lifetime of more than 6 years

In the box below please summarise the projects impacts (the reasons for the ratings given in column E above) to explain how the overall rating for the project/ proposal has been derived (Cell E37). Please also highlight any negative impacts your project may have and how you plan to avoid, mitigate or compensate for these (as you will have detailed in column I above).

Climate Change Rating – Narrative (High Positive)

The procurement pipeline for repairs, maintenance, and compliance works has been designed to deliver significant and sustained positive environmental impacts, fully aligned with the Council's Net Zero Carbon target and wider climate change objectives. All procurement specifications will require contractors to minimise carbon emissions, maximise energy efficiency, and prioritise the use of renewable energy sources. Measures will include installing high-efficiency systems, improving insulation, and integrating low-carbon technologies where possible.

Waste minimisation is embedded in the programme, with contractual obligations for segregation, recycling, and the reuse of materials. This not only reduces landfill but also cuts emissions associated with manufacturing and transport of new materials. Local sourcing will be prioritised, reducing transport miles and supporting low-emission or electric vehicle use within the contractor fleet.

Through these combined measures, the programme is expected to make a high positive contribution to reducing operational carbon emissions, enhancing resource efficiency, and increasing climate resilience across the Council's property portfolio. It demonstrates a proactive approach to embedding environmental sustainability into all stages of