

Environmental, Social and Governance Services

Environmental, Social, and Governance ('ESG') are factors relating to the operation of a company, asset, or entity and are increasingly becoming the benchmark by which environmentally and socially conscious investors screen potential investments for suitability for acquisition.

At Jones Hargreaves, we are well placed to offer a range of tailored, property orientated ESG consultancy services to assist investor clients in scrutinising potential acquisitions. This ensures that assets under contemplation comply with requisite standards throughout the property lifecycle. We can provide strategic advice to minimise risk and plan improvements should an asset not meet these requirements.

Alongside our extensive knowledge in technical building consultancy, Jones Hargreaves can simultaneously support our investor clients in making informed decisions on relevant sustainability and ESG criteria, often working ahead of impending legislative changes to provide bespoke advice. Such advice is useful to clients seeking to acquire an asset, or indeed those clients wishing to fully assess their existing portfolios, in terms of meeting both self-imposed and impending statutory ESG standards.

We strive to support our clients with respect to managing risks to the environment, achieving sustainable development and maximising opportunities to make meaningful and measurable contributions toward net zero carbon, no net loss of biodiversity and social value. Investment criteria demands which are likely to attract further inward investment in the new age of socially responsible funds striving to deliver ESG compliant, net zero carbon portfolios.

ESG Due Diligence

We can provide a technical, ESG-focussed due-diligence assessment that captures pertinent Environmental, Sustainability and Social factors relating to a proposed acquisition.

Our reporting will assist clients in demonstrating that the particular investment risk is being proactively assessed and managed and provides strategic advice in identifying risks and opportunities in relation to ESG factors.

Prospective investors or funders can be reassured that with Jones Hargreaves, investment decisions are being appropriately directed with respect to ESG.

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ESG Refurbishment & Fit-out

Our ESG refurbishment and fit-out professional services take into consideration all opportunities available to improve the environmental performance of a given asset whilst aiming to maximise social contribution through innovative and pragmatic design solutions.

We work with the entire client team and supply chain to set a vision for how each project can deliver proactively towards positive and achievable ESG criteria. We place particular focus on minimising adverse environmental impacts, increasing resilience and achieving net-positive outcomes.

Such processes can reassure funders and investors that Asset Management procedures are being properly managed in respect to robust and meaningful ESG criteria.

Energy & Carbon Performance Assessment

Fully aligned to the UK government strategy for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy by 2050, Jones Hargreaves are well placed to provide a comprehensive technical assessment of both design and in-use performance of built assets.

Such analysis enables Fund and Asset Managers to account for required interventions over the short, medium and long term investment scenarios and crucially, opening the door to proactively working with tenants towards a shared goal of increasing energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions, which provides mutually beneficial strategic outcomes.

We anticipate that these outcomes will soon be enforced on an increasingly onerous statutory basis, alongside greater public and investor awareness relating to such issues.

ESG Project Services

Our project services cover a wide range of applications from project-based support for concept and design stage feasibility, through to project support services which includes supply chain sustainability and tendering advice.

We have a wealth of on-site experience managing implementation of environmental improvement works during demolition and construction phases, including guiding projects through building accreditations such as BREEAM/WELL/LEED amongst others, all of which work towards presenting a sustainable and responsible construction ethos.

Working independently or within a wider team, we always strive to provide pragmatic and reasoned consultancy services to meet the ESG demands of any project or asset.