



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fortress strives to give utmost consideration to the impact its industry has on the environment.

Robert Pass, our Business Development Director, is Campaigns Coordinator at Birmingham Friends of the Earth; Andrew Pass, our Chairman, is a Chartered Environmentalist; David Pass, our Managing Director, has a degree in Environmental Science. This gives an indication of the commitment to sustainability the company brings to its every day and long term operations.

The main environmental concerns are:

1. **Operating a fleet of vehicles:** To offset this, the Fortress carbon footprint has been independently assessed and targets have been set to reduce emissions year on year. To mitigate the greenhouse gas the vehicles emit, Fortress help fund renewable energy projects around the world, which all meet the Voluntary Carbon Standard.
2. **Biodegradable waste (i.e. food waste):** When this type of waste is sent to landfill it will break down releasing methane (a potent greenhouse gas) into the atmosphere. Fortress provides segregated food waste collections so the biodegradable element is taken out of landfill and is either turned into compost or sent to an anaerobic digestion plant where the gas is captured to produce electricity.
3. **Landfill Sites:** Fortress has ambitious landfill reduction targets and is working hard to maximise recycling, which will help preserve the earth's natural finite resources. Recycling saves on energy used to make products from raw materials and the company is currently on a mission to convert as many customers from landfill to recycling and food waste collections as possible.
4. **Incineration:** Fortress refuses to send any waste to be incinerated. We believe this method of disposal is driven by financial motives and suppresses recycling, polluting the atmosphere rather than being a sustainable waste solution.

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