

# Environmental Policy

## 2021v4

Thomas Ridley Foodservice recognise that our activities could have an impact on the environment in terms of the emissions to air and any waste produced, we seek to minimise this as far as is reasonably practicable. We have full commitment to comply with all current and future legislation and codes of practice relevant to the industry sector in which we operate within; to minimise the impact of our business activities on the environment. Thomas Ridley Foodservice is committed to continual improvement in its environmental performance.

### Environmental Accreditation

Thomas Ridley Foodservice is currently working towards environmental accreditation.

A range of environmentally sourced Country Range fish is available.

We have MSC certification and Soil Association Certification.

Free Range – we stock a comprehensive selection of Free-Range Eggs.

We stock a full range of locally/regionally sourced butchery and fruit & vegetable.

Disposables – we stock a comprehensive selection of Vegeware disposables and packing all of which is compostable.

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TRF have contracted DHL Envirosolutions to help manage our obligations on waste recovery and recycling.

We recycle waste plastic and cardboard on site, in 2015 we invested in new compacting baler solutions. We offer a free plastic and cardboard collection service to customers, the waste is returned to the depot, bundled for recycling.

This year (2021) we are on target to recycle 18 tons of plastic and 110 tons of cardboard as a combined total we have recycled an additional 12 tons over the previous year.

We offer customers a waste cooking oil collection service. See Ridley's Extras online.

Our plant and equipment are being replaced and added to with ECA approved equipment. The new freezer store is double the size of the original but uses no more energy.

All high mileage company car drivers have Hybrid cars 91 CO<sub>2</sub> g/km.

All new HGV vehicles are Euro VI vehicles. Many benefits are detailed below.

- Ad Blue – limits the release of the harmful particles into the environment.
- Paragon Software – fitted to all vehicles for routing, reducing road miles.
- Auto Transmission – air suspension brakes, reducing noise and road pollution in built up areas. Reduced wear and tear to tyres and damage to goods.
- Refrigeration – separate electric vehicle refrigeration, cuts in when required and reduces noise pollution.
- Vehicles are maintained and serviced on site thus reducing mileage.
- Larger trucking vehicles to reduce multiple stock re-location journeys.
- New lorry wash – uses recycled water.

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### Water and Energy Commitment

Thomas Ridley has invested heavily in solar energy; our main warehouse building has 400 solar panels fitted to reduce the amount of power required to run our operation.

We are committed to sourcing the most energy efficient, environmentally friendly equipment.

Our new freezer uses the most up to date technology on the market and low energy lights.

The chiller has been refurbished with the most up to date chillers and low energy lights.

Power correction equipment has been fitted to the incoming mains, so the freezer and chiller stores only draw the electricity required thus reducing waste of consumption and cost.

All new Euro V and Euro VI vehicles are fitted with Paragon Routing software for route planning, also to monitor mileage and fuel consumption.

Toilets are short flush; the wash basins have fixed temperature water with auto turn off taps.

### Waste Management

We divert all our waste from landfill. St Edmundsbury Council uses the energy generating plant at Gt Blakenham for waste disposal.

We also divert any waste foods to Re-Foods for anaerobic digestion for green energy production.

Cardboard and plastic are baled (and collected from participating customers) and recycled.

We are continuously working towards a paperless operation and any paper that cannot be re-used with our business is recycled.

We work with a third party to offer a waste cooking oil collection service to our customers.

Waste streams have been implemented for, electrical equipment, scrap metal, light bulbs, milk, and damaged products.

Tight stock control is in place to manage short date stock to avoid waste food going to landfill. Systems are in place to sell stock on for consumption to customers, select customers agreeing to buy short, dated products at reduced price and to distributors.

### Carbon Footprint

We have full commitment to comply with all current and future legislation and codes of practice relevant to our industry sector in which we operate in; to limit the impact of our business activities on the environment. We are committed to continual improvement in our environmental performance.

- Packing & Waste Recycling
- Plastic & Cardboard collection from customers
- Waste Cooking Oil Collection
- New Euro VI vehicles
- Frigoblock Chillers
- Satellite vehicle tracking
- Paragon logistics software
- Keeping food miles to a minimum\*
- Paperless warehouse system with voice picking.
- Bio-degradable containers and packaging\*\*

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\*Food miles are further reduced as we receive delivery of whole trunkers of commodities direct from Felixstowe Port. These goods come direct from the packers into additional bulk storage we have invested in on the same industrial site as the main depot. The majority of Foodservice Wholesalers have deliveries in from the supplier (having come via Felixstowe Port) into a Hub and then these goods are packaged in house and delivered out to Regional depots for delivery to our customers.

\*\*We have a range of environmentally friendly cleaning products. The Country Range Group seek to limit waste and packaging, we have previously launched products in recyclable packaging which has been rejected by customers. It is likely that this initiative was just before its time and will be launched again in due course.

## Supply Chain Commitment to Sustainability

TRF will only trade with suppliers who have the BRC or SALSA accreditation.