

OTB Engineering

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Consultant

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Business profile

OTB Engineering is a civil engineering design consultancy headquartered in Southwark. The business delivers specialist design services for clients in the UK and internationally and operates as a small, highly skilled team.

The challenge

Sustainability had been a priority for OTB Engineering, but with a small team and competing demands, it was difficult to know where to focus efforts or how to bring existing activity together in a clear and credible way.

While the business was already working responsibly — including hybrid working, minimal printing and waste separation, sustainable engineering designs — these activities were documented and communicated but not explicitly presented as part of a broader sustainability approach. There was concern about investing time and money into approaches that would not genuinely add value.

The support

Through Southwark Climate Collective, OTB Engineering received fully funded, bespoke consultancy support, carefully matched to their sector and needs.

The consultants worked closely with the team through regular sessions, helping them to:

- Create a **tailored carbon calculator** suited to how the business actually operates
- Benchmark their approach against **their industry**.
- Identify which **UN Sustainable Development Goals** are most relevant to their work
- Develop a clear **sustainability impact statement** draft outline for external use

The structured approach helped maintain momentum and ensured sustainability work fitted naturally alongside existing business priorities.

The outcome

OTB Engineering now has greater clarity and confidence around its sustainability position. What once felt complex and overwhelming has become practical and manageable, supported by tools the team can update themselves.

The business is better equipped to respond to tender and client requirements, with a clear narrative that reflects what they do in practice — without over-claiming or unnecessary certification. The support also confirmed that OTB Engineering was already performing well, providing reassurance as well as direction.

Looking ahead

With strong foundations in place, OTB Engineering is now focused on embedding sustainability more consistently across operations and project delivery, using it as a source of confidence and long-term resilience.

“The support gave us clarity and confidence. We realised we were already making good progress — we just needed guidance to bring it together and communicate it more clearly.”

Felicity Peavor, OTB Engineering

