



Built environment consultancy services

Bioregional

About Bioregional

Championing a sustainable future for all

Bioregional is a purpose-led, not-for-profit sustainability consultancy. We work with developers, asset owners, and local authorities to create net-zero homes, as well as workplaces and communities that enable sustainable living.

- We have developed cutting-edge solutions for clients since 1994, leveraging our expertise to create exemplar projects that demonstrate how people and nature can thrive within the limits of our planet's resources.
- We are a social enterprise, with the goal of developing more sustainable ways of living. We have over 20 years' experience at the forefront of sustainable placemaking, initiating the BedZED eco-village in south London at the turn of the millennium, and advising on projects such as NW Bicester (right), the UK's first eco-town.
- Last year we created sustainability strategies for new developments that could deliver 25,000 truly sustainable homes, of which approximately 7,500 would be built as affordable homes.



One Planet Living®



Bioregional's framework for a sustainable future

If everyone lived like the average citizen of the UK, we would need almost three planets to support us.



We work with partners to create better, more sustainable places to live where people can live happily and healthily within the natural limits of the planet, leaving space for nature.

We call this One Planet Living.

Using our learning from initiating the BedZED eco-village, we created the One Planet Living sustainability framework – comprising 10 simple principles and detailed goals and guidance – and developed it together with WWF.

We use the framework with clients to enable them to create places that can help us to achieve a one planet future.

Because One Planet Living covers every aspect of sustainability, you can be sure that your project will take a truly holistic approach to sustainability, with no opportunities missed.

Projects can be put forward for a leadership review, with the most outstanding examples recognised as either a One Planet Living Leader or Global Leader – the gold standard in placemaking. There are hundreds of One Planet Living projects around the world, but only the very best achieve leadership recognition.



Working with us

A unique consultancy offer



Our experience

Our expert team covers the breadth and depth of sustainability consultancy services. We work with housebuilders, asset managers, and local authorities to support their transition to net-zero carbon, and to create homes and places that make it easy for people to live sustainable lives.

Part of your team

Acting as your critical friend, we'll hold your project team to account and ensure that your outcomes meet our high standards. We are not interested in greenwash. We enjoy forming long term partnerships, pushing your project as far as possible, and we want to help you deliver your ambitious plans.

We develop practical actions

We have practical experience in bringing ideas to life through our work on with a broad range of organisations of all kinds. Our insights enable us to develop practical roadmaps to future-proof your organisation, generate social value for your stakeholders, and respond to the climate and ecological emergency.

We thrive on a challenge

As data fiends and creative thinkers who are passionate about creating a better world, we help you to push the boundaries of what's possible to solve the issues facing your organisation.

Our approach

We use our One Planet Living® framework or bespoke alternatives where requested. As signatories to the #EndGasNow campaign, we have pledged not to work on new projects that include fossil fuel heating systems.

We are skilled communicators

Alongside our technical expertise, we are skilled at communicating complex information to a non-technical audience, making it both insightful and practical, helping you to engage your key stakeholders.

What sets us apart

- **More than 20 years' experience at the forefront of sustainable placemaking**
- **Our highly respected, expert team delivers the highest professional and environmental standards**
- **Unlike other consultants, we are a charity and social enterprise. We support practical projects that inspire organisations and policymakers to raise their ambition**
- **We don't just report and run – we prefer to form long term relationships where we can help you to achieve the ambitious targets we have helped you set**

Services: consultancy for new developments

From pre-planning through to whole-life carbon assessments

We offer a full package of sustainability consultancy services for new build projects and have over 20 years' experience in creating exemplar sustainable developments.

Our services include:

- Support for pre-planning, site promotion and site allocation
- Needs analyses, evidence bases and early-stage visioning
- Due diligence on proposed sites
- Sustainability strategies and statements
- Energy strategy and statements
- Whole-life carbon assessments
- Corporate estate footprinting
- BREEAM and HQM assessments
- Energy performance assessments
- One Planet Living support, assessment & leadership reviews

Recent clients include:



“ I like how the One Planet Living framework communicates the credentials of a project, demonstrating how sustainability, social value, health and wellbeing are interlinked. We're working with Bioregional on three projects – Devonshire Gardens in Cambridge, Soapworks in Bristol, and MK Gateway in Milton Keynes. Bioregional really know how to challenge us to ensure we enhance environmental performance as much as possible.

Doug Higgins

Project Director,
Socius Development



Services: consultancy for local authorities

From zero-carbon local plan evidence bases to scrutinising planning applications

We offer a range of sustainability consultancy services for local government authorities.

Our services include:

- Strategic support
- Area-wide zero-carbon roadmaps
- Sustainability and zero-carbon design guides
- Support on planning policy and plan-making
- Zero-carbon evidence bases for local plans
- Spatial carbon modelling
- Carbon and energy policies
- Development management

Recent clients include:



“ We’ve really valued Bioregional’s technical input, which has allowed us to increase the ambition and quality of the policies within our emerging net-zero carbon development plan document. Bioregional has provided the council with much-needed support and insight, helping us build our knowledge base and increase our awareness of industry best practice.

Dave Barber

Planning Policy Manager,
Warwick District Council



Services: existing estate and retrofit consultancy

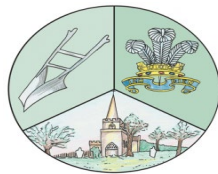
From whole-estate carbon footprinting to area-wide energy strategies

We offer a full package of sustainability consultancy services for asset managers, housing associations and local authorities.

Our services include:

- Whole-estate carbon footprinting and setting reduction trajectories
- Assessing the feasibility of individual building retrofit, and advising on technical design
- Developing area-wide renewable energy and heat-decarbonisation strategies for existing communities
- Supporting grant funding and making the business case for reaching net zero
- Developing retrofit design guides for local authorities

Recent clients and partners:



Whittington &
Fisherwick Parish
Council



“ I was impressed with Bioregional’s expertise, ambition, and professionalism in delivering a ground-breaking deep retrofit model that met every objective we set – a financially viable solution that would drive down energy use in hard-to-treat properties, extend the life of our assets, and ease the impact of high energy prices on our customers.

Derek Watters

Head of Environmental Sustainability,
Places for People



Services: corporate sustainability support

Overarching support for your whole organisation

Our Sustainable Business team has more than 15 years' experience in corporate sustainability, and can help with all aspects of the business-side of your sustainability journey. [Discover more here.](#)

Our services include:

- Full carbon footprinting, including scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions
- Developing ambitious ESG and sustainability strategies for your whole organisation
- Employee engagement and training
- Creating net-zero roadmaps
- Setting science-based targets and achieving verification through the SBTi
- Sustainability reporting

Recent clients include:



“ The team at Bioregional has helped us build on previous sustainability successes with a knowledge based and focussed approach to deriving our Sustainability Plan 2025.

Bioregional aligned our strategy with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and areas where we can make real difference.

Peter Anderson

Chief Executive Officer, TB+A



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