**Product / Service:** Wood (Wood Products)

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|  | **Negative Impacts / Risks** |  | **Positive Opportunities** |
| **Environmental** | * Deforestation – loss of biodiversity / natural habitat (human / animal) / climate change * Vehicle fuel & emissions (carbon impact) – international deliveries * Disposal of products –landfill impact | * Consider wood free alternatives / recycled wood / reclaimed wood (depending on use) * FSC accreditation (promotes responsible management of forests) * Avoid the purchase of exotic (particularly endangered) woods * Consolidated orders * Low CO2 vehicles for delivery * Opportunity to reuse/recycle products (various waste streams) |
| **Social** | * International supply chains (potential for issues such as child labour / poor pay & working conditions / health and safety breaches) * Frequency & timing of deliveries – congestion & noise impacting residents | * Job creation in rural communities in sustainable forestry * Consolidated orders & deliveries |
| **Economic** | * Sustainable materials may be more expensive | * Rural communities benefit from forestry revenues * Many UK manufacturers & distributors – opportunity to support local economy |

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