

# Chariot Office Supplies Ltd

We supply stationary for the University.

Chariot have been a contracted supplier to the University since 2010 and have been very keen to work with the University to assist them become a more sustainable supplier to the University.



They became aware at the outset of the contract how important Sustainable Procurement was to the University and during their time with the University have actively sought to reduce their impact on the environment.

They have constantly sought to lower emissions by using tracking devices on the vehicles to improve vehicle routes to lower emissions and were happy to move to 3 day delivery for the University.



Due to seeing how efficient and effective the University were being by their use of electric vehicles around the campus, they decided to also invest in electric vehicles to service local deliveries, including to the University.

**In their own words, Chariot Office Supplies Ltd explains how they are demonstrating the positive impact they are making:**

## Move to a single site

We built a new facility within our distribution hub just 3 miles from the University of Manchester.

We completed our move to a single site in March 2017. The move presented a number of advantages from reduced carbon emissions to additional employment opportunities. We also found the move has made significant improvements in our economic impacts.

The new facility has brought the team closer together and allows the team to stay on site for lunch in the new staff room, hence reducing carbon emissions by not driving off site.

## Provide short-term work placements

Our two year business plan includes the employment of apprentices as we grow our business. We work with the Manchester College who have provided us with apprentices in the past.

