

Sir John Kingman,
Legal and General,
1 Coleman St,
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Dear Sir,

I am writing from the **Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE)** which represents the interests of professional consultancies and engineering companies operating in the social and economic infrastructure sectors.

We were, unfortunately, unaware of your original letter until we were prompted by a media query on the issue. However, we are more than happy to respond now and welcome the public discussion around an issue which is of vital importance to all of our futures.

We agree with the central premise of your letter – sustainability has to be embedded in everything that our members do. Furthermore, our members can, and many already do, play a unique role by designing for a future world impacted by climate change.

As the leading business association in the sector, we have recognised the challenge posed in a number of ways:

1. All of ACE's members are required to sign up to our **Sustainability Charter** before becoming members.
2. ACE's **Sustainability Group** looks at the key issues relating to sustainability and how to embed this thinking across all of our members' activities. The group consists of more than 30 engineering and consulting members who all work to promote sustainable business practices in their companies and across the sector.
3. Given the ever-changing nature of the subject, and to ensure our members continue to meet best-practice, the sustainability group is currently **reviewing the charter** to ensure it remains fit-for-future purpose.
4. The group is working on **two reports on sustainability**. One which will provide a series of recommendations for Government, and the other will seek to be a code of best practice for ACE members. These reports are due to be published in Q3 and Q4 2018.
5. ACE's sister organisation, the **Environmental Industries Commission (EIC)**, is the voice of the environmental business sector. We represent a number of companies who provide the innovation needed to provide tangible solutions to reducing carbon use and delivering a more sustainable world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your campaign to date. We will only be able to tackle and mitigate climate change if all are involved. Our sector has a unique role to play and we will endeavour to continue to champion sustainability to all of our stakeholders.

Yours faithfully,


Dr Nelson Ogunshakin
Chief Executive and President,
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