**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)
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| **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
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| **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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