

Grey Fleet Review

Do your employees use their own vehicles for business purposes? This is known as 'grey fleet' and these vehicles are typically older and can be associated with significant financial, environmental, air quality and safety costs. An Energy Saving Trust Grey Fleet Review can help you mitigate these costs and risks.

It is estimated that UK employees travel more than 12bn miles in grey fleet vehicles. While the cost of grey fleet use in the public sector is significant (£786m per year), usage of grey fleet in the private sector, particularly driven by preference towards cash allowances, is estimated to cost over £4bn per year.

Our consultancy analyses travel policy and journey data to model the cost and emissions associated with grey fleet use. Fleets are benchmarked against alternatives such as leasing, car clubs and daily rental. Recommendations are made on changes to travel policies and incentives which can assist in the implementation of alternative options. Where appropriate, recommendations will include the use of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs).

The 2016 EST report “Getting to grips with grey fleet” produced in conjunction with the BVRLA, found that Britain’s grey fleet has an average age of 8.2 years and are some of the oldest cars on UK roads. They are responsible for:

- ✔ 3.6 million tonnes of CO₂ per year
- ✔ 8,156 tonnes of NO₂, one of the main contributors to the UK’s air quality issues and equivalent to twice the emissions from all the Transport for London bus fleet
- ✔ A significant portion of the £2.7bn costs associated with work-related road accidents
- ✔ £5.5bn worth of potentially unmanaged costs from mileage claims and car allowances.



Are we eligible?

Grey Fleet Reviews are funded by the Department for Transport and are provided free of charge to organisations in England.

An Energy Saving Trust Grey Fleet Review will typically provide:

- ✔ A profile of the vehicles being used as grey fleet
- ✔ A travel hierarchy – what this is and how it can be used
- ✔ Identifying potential alternatives to grey fleet such as public transport, walking, cycling or car clubs
- ✔ Health & Safety and duty of care implications
- ✔ Advice on the correct use of pool cars or daily hire and car clubs to minimise grey fleet
- ✔ Recommendations for any remaining grey fleet
- ✔ Possible financial and emission savings.

To apply for an Grey Fleet Review call 0800 294 0413 or email enquiries-transport@est.org.uk