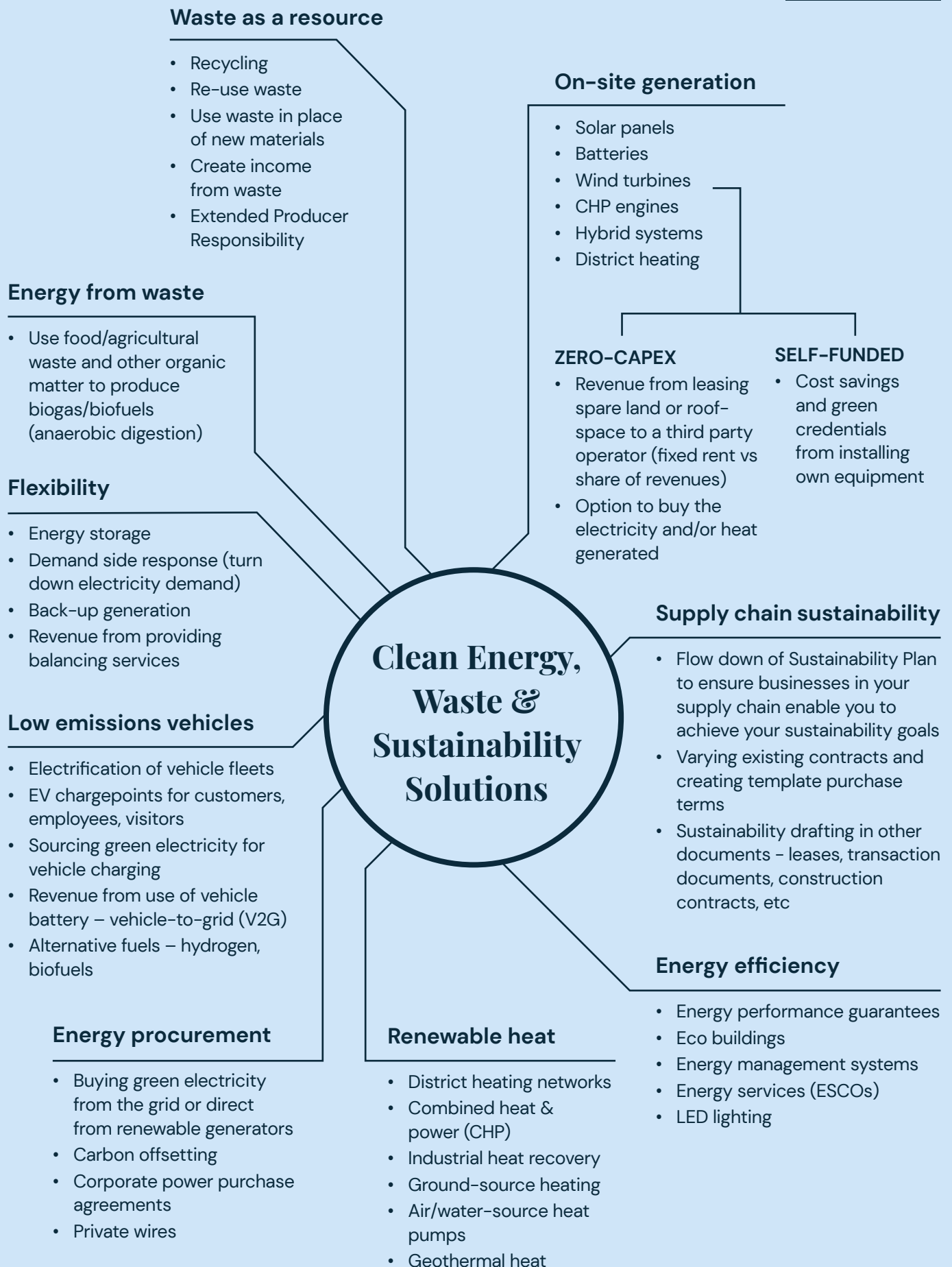


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# Sustainability Solutions for Businesses

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# Freeths' Capabilities

Freeths is one of the few law firms in the UK with a dedicated Clean Energy, Waste & Sustainability practice – a multidisciplinary team of over 90 lawyers with a real passion for all things 'green'. As well as acting for a wide variety of clients in the clean energy and waste sectors, we advise businesses seeking to decarbonise, implement sustainability strategies, protect against rising energy costs and enhance their green credentials without falling foul of greenwashing.

## We help clients:

- Identify new sources of revenue, including from:
    - On-site energy generation
    - Wastes produced by their business
    - Moderating / managing their energy demand
  - Re-use waste generated by their business
  - Reduce their energy costs
  - Decarbonise their transportation
  - Improve their energy efficiency
  - Reduce their carbon emissions
  - Avoid breaches of environmental regulations
  - Improve the security and stability of their energy supply
- In addition to the commercial and regulatory expertise of our dedicated Clean Energy, Waste and Sustainability team, the firm has experienced lawyers across a broad range of practice areas who regularly advise on:
- All aspects of ESG – Environmental, Social & Governance
  - Greenwashing
  - Planning consents and environmental permitting
  - Pre-planning issues including Biodiversity Net Gain
  - Options for lease, leases, easements and wayleaves
  - Construction contracts, equipment supply and installation contracts
  - Operation and maintenance arrangements
  - Project acquisitions, refinancings, disposals, joint ventures and transaction structuring
  - Investments and funding arrangements – both equity and debt
  - Development/deployment of new technologies, including intellectual property and licencing arrangements
  - End of waste and product liability

# Meet the team

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Clare has been working in the clean energy sector since 2006. She specialises in clean energy projects and sustainability, focussing on commercial, regulatory and transactional work. She acts for clients at all stages of the project lifecycle, including developers, equity and debt investors, large energy consumers, utilities and other energy suppliers, landlords and occupiers, aggregators and optimisation service providers.

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Deborah is an energy lawyer with over 14 years of experience in clean energy projects. She advises on commercial and regulatory matters across a range of technologies. She has extensive experience of complex route to market arrangements (including corporate PPAs), asset optimisation, industry regulation and licensing. Deborah has a particular interest in energy innovation, which spans both the development of new technologies and business models used in the deployment of energy projects, as well as the interplay between energy and mobility, and the role of data in energy.

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Michael is a clean energy, waste and sustainability specialist. Michael has over 14 years' experience and leads our real estate energy practice and chairs our complimentary national transport practice, bringing synergies where these sectors interface, particularly on EVs, infrastructure, and vehicle propulsion technologies. Michael acts developer, investor, funder, landowner, infrastructure owner and local government side in energy and transport projects. He is currently advising on EV forecourt and EV superhub schemes (with ancillary solar and battery storage schemes), and EVCI rollout across various car park, hotel and pub chain portfolios.

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Nick is a very seasoned commercial / projects lawyer with a real estate focus, having operated in the Scottish market for over 25 years. Nick has acted for a wide range of funders, developers and investors, from major European investment funds to smaller local developers and landowners. He has dealt with onshore and offshore wind, solar, biogas, hydro-electric and BESS projects. Nick's particular interest and expertise is in project planning and feasibility and in working with development teams to secure land and rights to facilitate new projects.

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Suriya is a member of the Construction & Engineering team at Freeths. A specialist in non-contentious construction matters, Suriya's experience covers renewable energy (particularly solar and battery storage), infrastructure, energy from waste projects, and mainstream commercial development work. Suriya acts for developers, funders, and contractors. She has also acted for utility companies and waste operators.

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Kirstin is an experienced commercial lawyer who has worked with businesses in the waste and renewables sectors for almost 20 years, including two six-month secondments with FCC Environment (one of the UK's biggest waste companies). She is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) and Chair of its Midlands region.

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Coralie works closely with the wider Clean Energy, Waste & Sustainability team on the real estate aspects of the development and finance of clean energy projects as well as EV and infrastructure projects. She also advises on telecoms infrastructure projects.

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## Testimonial

*“First rate partner led service. Freeths has expertise in all areas relating to energy projects and provide their services seamlessly from their network of offices.”*

Developer and funder of wind and solar PV projects

*“What really sets Freeths apart from their competitors is their communication, which in my experience is the best in the industry. I have yet to work with another law firm whose partners make themselves so readily available and so easily contactable.”*

The Legal 500, 2024

## Awards and accreditations

