

Nominet Carbon Reduction Plan

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Nominet is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050. Our carbon reduction plan forms a part of our PAS 2060 accreditation for neutrality and is published on our website.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Our emissions data is gathered in accordance with GHG protocols and is independently verified in accordance with ISO 14064-3. This verification covers scope 1 and 2 and scope 3, category 6: business travel and category 8: upstream leased assets (data centre use) only.

Baseline Year: 1st April 2020- 31st March 2021	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
<p>Our baseline year was during Covid-19 where energy use and business travel were not typical and were lower than normal. Only scope 3, categories 6 and 8 were included in our verified footprint for 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021.</p> <p>Since the footprint was calculated we have baselined the full value chain scope 3 emissions. Our baseline year for scope 3 is also 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021 where some categories are also not typical due to Covid-19.</p>	
Baseline year emissions:	
Scope 1	Natural Gas: 31.80 tCO ₂ e Diesel: 0.00 tCO ₂ e Fugitives: 0.00 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	Market-based Imported electricity: 0.00 tCO ₂ e Location-based Imported electricity: 142.19 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	Category 4 – Upstream & Downstream transportation: 44.08 tCO ₂ e Category 5 – Waste: 0.05 tCO ₂ e Category 6 – Business Travel: 0.00 tCO ₂ e due to Covid-19. Category 7 - Employee Commuting (includes working from home) 146.28 tCO ₂ e Category 8 - Upstream Leased Assets (data centres) 33.40 tCO ₂ e Category 9 – Downstream Transportation: 109.41 tCO ₂ e

Total Emissions	Market-based: 365.02 tCO2e Location-based: 507.21 tCO2e
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Current Emissions Reporting

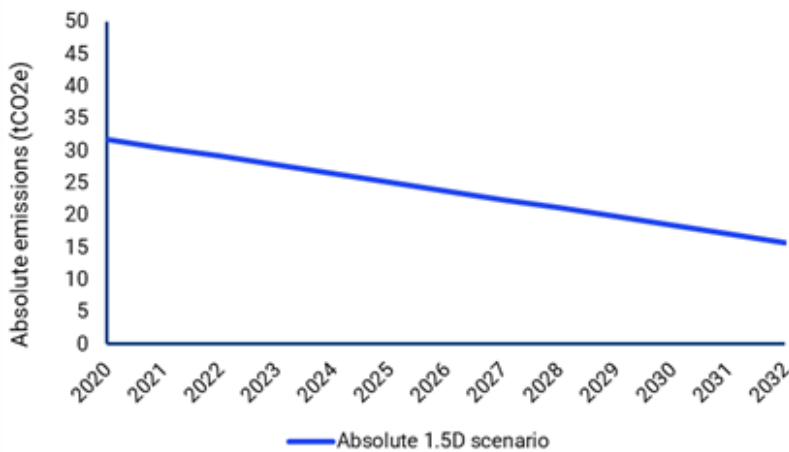
Reporting Year: 1st April 2021-31st March 2022	
Scope 1	Natural Gas: 30.60 tCO2e Diesel: 0.00 tCO2e Fugitives: 9.40 tCO2e
Scope 2	Market-based Imported electricity: 0.00 tCO2e Location-based Imported electricity: 128.10 tCO2e
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	Category 4 – Upstream & Downstream transportation: 22.00 tCO2e Category 5 – Waste: 0.06 tCO2e Category 6 – Business Travel: 125.54 tCO2e. Category 7 - Employee Commuting (includes working from home) 219.00 tCO2e Category 8 - Upstream Leased Assets (data centres) 99.00 tCO2e Category 9 – Downstream Transportation: 127.02 tCO2e
Total Emissions	Market-based: 632.62 tCO2e Location-based: 760.72 tCO2e

Emissions Reductions Targets

To continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets:

- We project that scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 22 tCO2e by 31st March 2028. This is a reduction of 29.4%.
- We have measured our scope 3 emissions and are currently developing reduction targets; we are committed to reducing our scope 3 emissions.

SCOPE 1 & 2 MARKET-BASED NEAR-TERM TARGET



Carbon Reduction Projects

CARBON REDUCTION INITIATIVES

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2020-2021 baseline. The carbon emission reductions achieved by these schemes to date equate to an absolute reduction of 120.05 tCO₂e, and a 31% reduction against the 2020-2021 baseline for our measured and verified emissions. The measures will be in effect when performing the contract.

- We have made a long-term commitment to hybrid working which reduces energy use in the office. This includes providing all the necessary technology solutions, equipment, and support to enable staff to work effectively.
- Office energy will continue to be procured from renewable sources.
- All utilities are measured and monitored for consumption trends.
- Our HVAC plant has a set-point and set running times to reduce energy consumption. This includes the server room, which uses a high proportion of the energy.
- The use of office air conditioning is monitored. It is only used in the summer months where ventilation is not sufficient to manage the temperature.
- We expect business travel to increase from last year as very little occurred due to Covid-19. To prevent it from reaching the pre-pandemic levels we will put in place controls through policy and approvals. Technology is used wherever possible. Where it is essential the class of travel for flights is controlled to reduce the environmental impact.
- Our procured data centre services will continue to use renewable energy sources.
- Our long-term hardware strategy includes the general reduction in hardware, the improvement of its energy efficiency, and the use of cloud technology.
- We use internationally recognised certificates to verify product efficiency at purchase for all standard issue laptops and desktops.
- In terms of decommissioning and replacing equipment before the end of its life, thus capitalising in power efficiency, we are including emission reduction in our capital plant and equipment planning.

Planned initiatives that impact other Scope 3 categories (not currently within certification boundary):

- Reduced employee commuting through hybrid working.
- The provision of a green commuting programme which includes a cycle scheme, changing facilities and showers, information about public transport, car-share, season ticket loans and EV charging points.
- Our secure print facilities and electronic signing methods reduce unnecessary printing.
- We choose offsetting couriers wherever possible.
- The office has separation facilities in place for all waste streams. Our waste contractor has a high recycle and recover rate for our waste, which includes power generation for homes within Oxfordshire.
- Our scope 3 footprint has recently been measured for the baseline year. We have developed science-based targets for scope 1 & 2 and intend to submit these to the SBTi for approval during 2022.
- We have data collation improvements identified for all categories.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard 4 and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting 5.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard 6.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF NOMINET:



Paul Fletcher CEO

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