



CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

2021-2050



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Introduction

Our work directly impacts and shapes the future of the built and natural environment. It is therefore our ethical responsibility to assist our clients in providing sustainable schemes that improve the quality of our lives and preserve natural resources for future generations.

Our organisational goal is to generate sustainable funds for the foundation, and our parent company, RAG-Stiftung. RAG-Stiftung has a long-term public duty to deal with the environmental and social commitments resulting from the closing of Germany's hard-coal mining industry, meaning our work directly promotes the protection of the environment.

However, we are determined to achieve bigger and farther-reaching objectives. We will play our part in assisting the UK government to reach the 2050 greenhouse reduction targets. Our contribution will be targeted through our holistic operational approach and our influence on client projects. Our Carbon Reduction Plan, which aligns with PPN 06/21, forms a critical part of our overall strategy for a sustainable world aimed at leaving and safeguarding a better future for all.



Our Sustainability Strategy

To deliver our objectives and successfully contribute to the global sustainability agenda, we have considered 3 areas of our business which provide opportunities to influence and inform our approach.

Each area has an associated business commitment that underpins our action plans:

- **Our People:** Define the way we operate and what we deliver.
- **Our Projects:** Provide the opportunity to advocate and ingrain sustainability into the future built and natural environment
- **Our Places:** Include our operational activities and our impact on the communities within which we work.



OUR PEOPLE

“Engage, train and inspire staff to work and live sustainably”



OUR PROJECTS

“Advocate and ingrain sustainability in our projects for clients.”



OUR PLACES

“Commit to net carbon neutrality in our operations by 2050.”

Outline

We are an in-scope organisation with regards PPN 06/21.

Our Carbon Reduction Plan:

- Details our organisational carbon footprint.
- Confirms our commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050.
- Meets the reporting requirements set out in PPN 06/21.
- Will be updated annually.
- Is published and clearly signposted on our website.
- Is approved by our Managing Director.
- Demonstrates a clear commitment to emissions reduction.
- Is aligned to our existing Sustainability Strategy.

Supplier Name: McBains Ltd

Publication Date: January 2024

Commitment: McBains is committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050

Scope No.	Scale of Scope for McBains
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural gas use in corporate offices we occupy
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity use in corporate offices we occupy
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Travel• Electricity Transmission & Distribution Losses• Staff Commuting• Waste generated in corporate offices we occupy• Upstream and Downstream Transportation & Distribution

Baseline (2019)

Our Baseline Emissions Footprint is a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past. They act as our reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured going forward.

tCO₂e for Scope 1, 2 & 3 Emissions (using DEFRA GHG factors)		
Baseline Year: 2019		
Scope 1	Natural Gas	14
Scope 2	Electricity	44
Scope 3	Business Travel	46
	Electricity Transmission & Distribution Losses	3.7
	Staff Commuting	58
	Waste	43
	Upstream and Downstream Transportation & Distribution	0
	Total tonnes of CO₂e	208
	Number of Employees	143
	tCO₂e/employee	1.45

Current (2023)

Compared to our base year, we have delivered a 30% reduction in total tonnes of CO₂e (from 208 to 146).

This has been due to:

- Introduction of retrofitted low carbon solutions (LED lighting, smart lighting, power down/off IT equipment).
- Purchase of energy efficient equipment and products to replace older, less efficient products.
- A reduction in office use, business travel and staff commuting due to a continuation of flexible working arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

tCO ₂ e for Scope 1, 2 & 3 Emissions (using DEFRA GHG factors)		
Baseline Year: 2019		
Scope 1	Natural Gas	0
Scope 2	Electricity	24.4
Scope 3	Business Travel	75.7
	Electricity Transmission & Distribution Losses	8.0
	Staff Commuting	33.5
	Waste	4.5
	Upstream and Downstream Transportation & Distribution	0
	Total tonnes of CO₂e	146
	Number of Employees	225
	tCO₂e/employee	0.65

Projections (Baseline, Current, Future)

In order to continue our progress toward achieving Net Zero, we have adopted several carbon reduction targets.

We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 148 tCO₂e by 2026. This is a reduction of 29% against our 2019 base year.

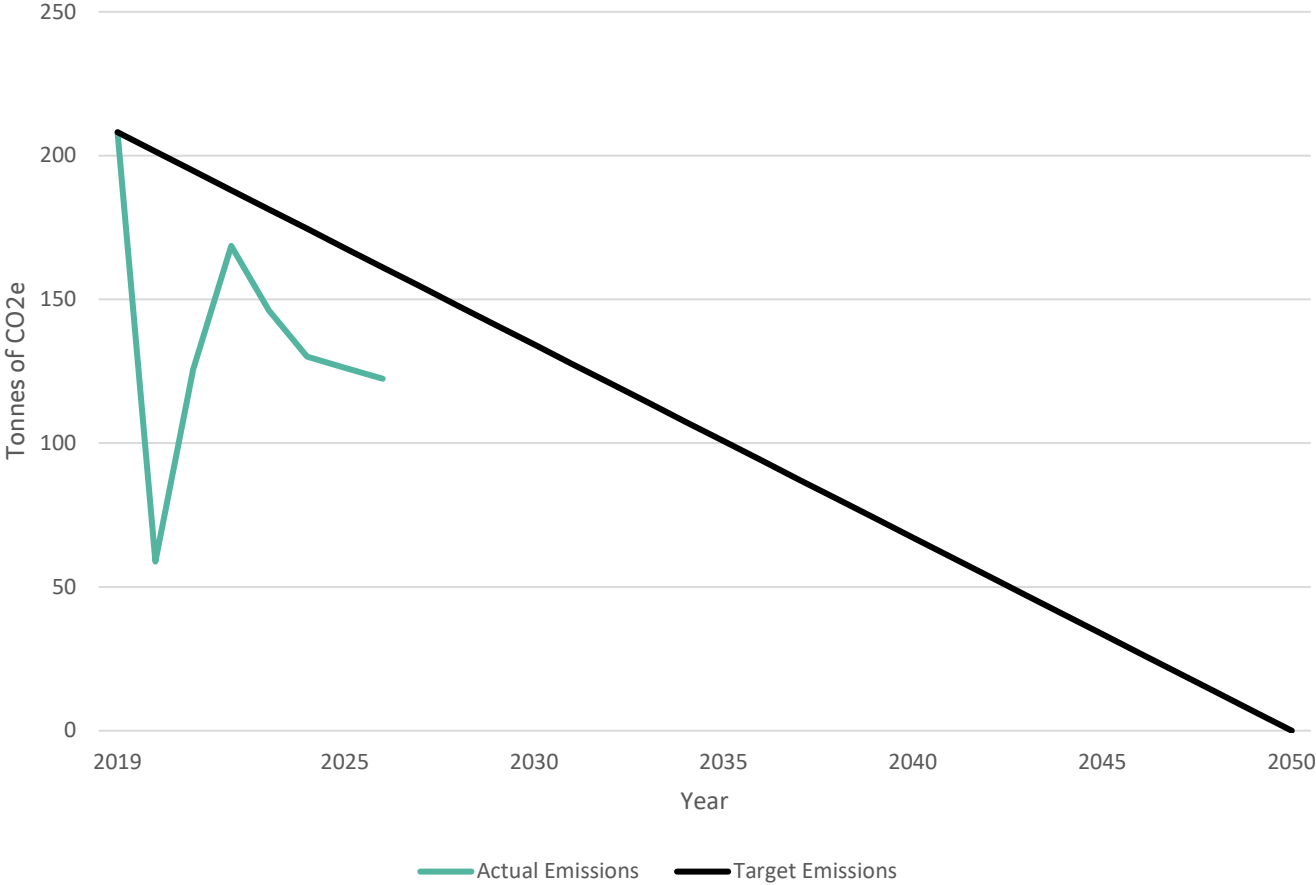
See the table on page 10 detailing the carbon reduction projects and results implemented and planned between 2019 and 2026.

Besides those reduction projects implemented and planned, there are additional reduction plans in place that are currently not measured but will contribute to our Net Zero target. For example, we will actively stimulate our staff to travel by more sustainable modes of transportation.

Anything we recycle whether it's paper, old computer equipment, or bulbs is covered by a transfer note which is audited under the ISO 14001 accreditation.

We have recently completed an external audit of the ISO 14001 standard and we have renewed it for the next 3 years with no observations for improvements or comments on items that we need to rectify.

Carbon Reduction: Projected vs. Actual



CO2 Reduction Activities

Carbon Reduction Projects and Results

Year: 2019- 2026

Year	tCO2e	Comment
2019	208	Base year emissions
2020	59	Lower emissions due to the Covid 19 Pandemic
2021	126	Lower emissions due to the ongoing Covid 19 Pandemic
2022	169	Over the last 2 years we have undertaken various upgrades within our offices, these included upgrades of the lighting to LED, replacement of all monitors to low energy LED monitors, and upgrade of our servers to low energy servers. We have documented all of these initiatives under our ISO 14001 accreditation. Moreover, we have replaced all printers with a single heavy-duty scanner printer device that controls the printing of every staff member. The printer does not automatically print unless the person goes to the printer to confirm and collect the prints. If the prints are not confirmed, they get deleted from the system. These upgrades have contributed to an overall energy reduction in the office that we, unfortunately, have not been able to properly measure yet as Covid 19 interfered. We estimate that these savings in energy consumption contribute a 15% reduction in emissions associated with electricity consumption when compared to the 2019 base year
		We have rolled out laptops to all staff so that they can work remotely and have provided training on “MS teams” which has now become the standard tool for communication. We have also adopted a hybrid working arrangement - which will be formalized going forward - of people working 3 days at home and 2 days in the office. This will mean that besides personal travel it will also reduce the energy consumption at the office. We expect a further emission reduction of 10% when compared to the 2019 base year due to our staff only working from the office 2 days a week. Additionally, due to the increase in homeworking, we estimate that the emissions associated with commuting and waste disposed off at the offices will decrease by 60%.
2023	146	Expected emission reduction of about 5% compared to the year 2020 due to continuous improvements.
2024	158	All staff will be relocating to a new building in 2024 which we are currently scoping for its fit-out. The aim of a design team is to prepare a specification for this new building that will be energy efficient and as close as possible to net zero carbon. We are also aspiring to achieve BREEAM excellence for this building. Each of the sister companies will occupy a separate floor with some communal facilities for showers et cetera. Our new office area will be similar to our current London office space. We are also hoping to accredit the new office building under the wellness standard. A BREEAM Excellent building is expected to have 32% fewer emissions associated with premises operations according to BREEAM.
2025	153	Expected emission reduction of about 5% compared to the year 2024 due to continuous improvements.
2026	148	Expected emission reduction of about 5% compared to the year 2025 due to continuous improvements.

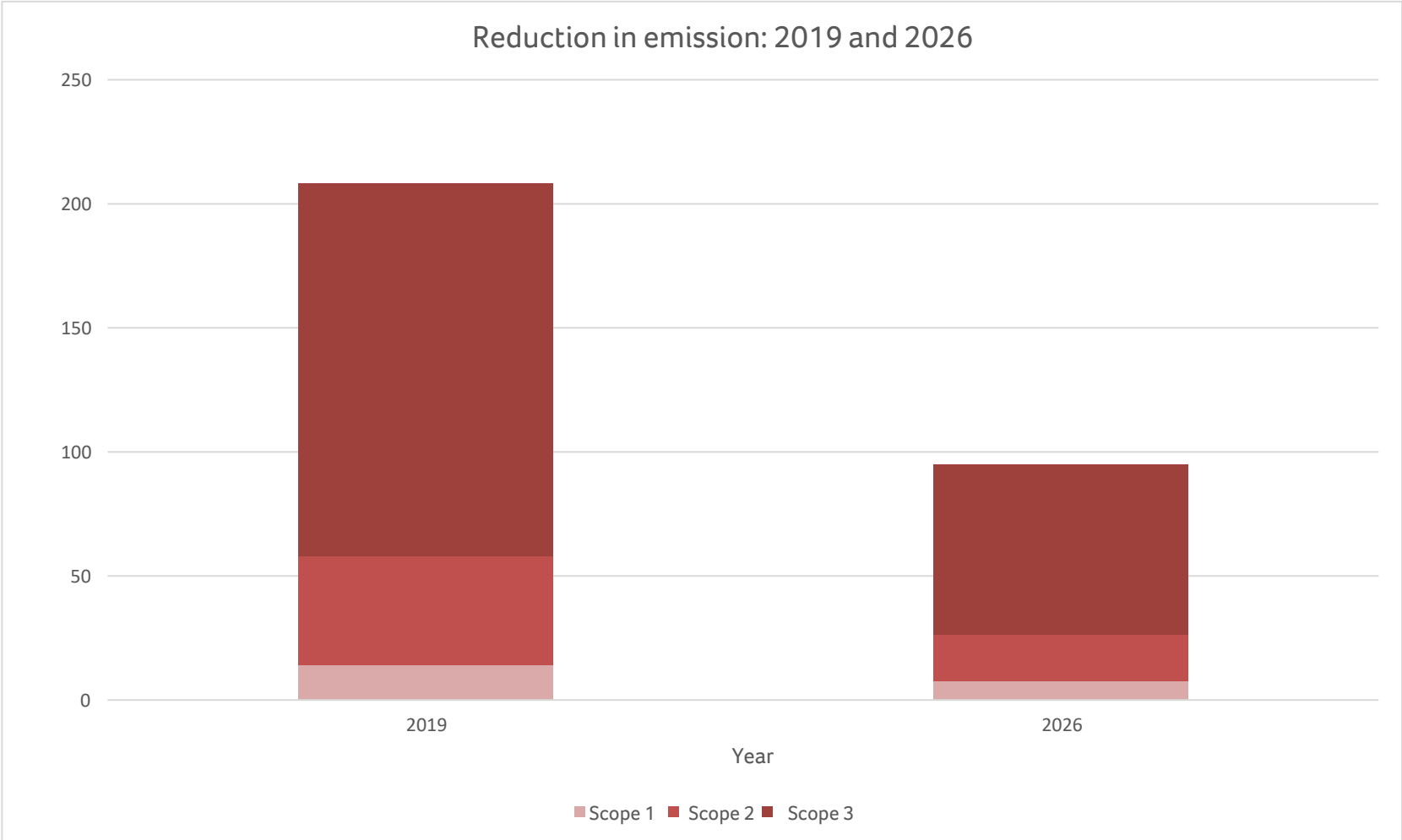
CO2 Reduction Activities

Carbon Reductions Per Scope			Measurable		Attainable	Time-Based (Total Tonnes CO2e per annum)								
Scope	Topic	Description	Target	Measure	Action	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2050
1	Natural Gas	All gas usage comes from current heating landlord systems in place at our offices	Net Zero Emissions	Part of service charge	Moving to a BREEM Excellent office in 2024	14.2	14.2	8.9	10	0	6.5	6.0	5.6	0
2	Electricity	Increase Energy Efficiency	Net Zero Emissions	Electric Meter /Utility Bills	Flexible/agile working, reduced office utilization, low energy light/products	44	31	39	50	24.4	32.3	30.7	29.2	0
					Purchase of carbon neutral electricity									
					Moving to a BREEM Excellent office in 2024									
3	Electricity T&D losses	Increase Energy Efficiency	Net Zero Emissions	Electric Meter /Utility Bills	Moving to a BREEM Excellent office in 2024	4	3	3.1	2.9	8.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	0
	Business Travel by Employee-owned car	McBains has no company owned cars and all business travel by car is made in employee-owned car	Net Zero Emissions	Expenses	Flexible/agile working	46	11	58	86	75.7	83	81.6	80.1	0
					Larger compensation for electric vehicle use									
	Commuting (car, bus, rail, bike, and on foot)	Increase sustainable ways of commuting	Net Zero Emissions	Hybrid working arrangement	Flexible/agile working	58	0	15	19	33.5	19.6	18.8	18.1	0
					Survey									
Waste	Amount of waste and recycled waste disposed of at the offices	Net Zero Emissions	Invoices	Increase recycling	43	0	1.6	0.64	4.5	14.3	13.7	13.2	0	
				Hybrid working arrangement										Flexible/agile working
Total Carbon Emissions (tCO2e)						208	59	126	169	146	158	153	148	0

Measurement & Reporting

As a key part of our overall Sustainability Strategy, we will annually measure and report on our carbon footprint, the progress of our carbon reduction activities, and any newly set targets/activities. In addition to carbon, our Sustainability Report will include broader sustainable objectives, such as those aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been independently assessed by Ecometrica using the Ecometrica Sustainability Platform.



Declaration & 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 GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting.

Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 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.

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

Name: Clive Docwra

Signature: 

Position: Managing Director

Date: 02 August 2024

Thank you

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