

Carbon Reduction Plan

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What does our plan cover?

This Carbon Reduction Plan applies to Rockfords Commercial Contractors Ltd, including management, office services, site operations, procurement, company vehicles, plant, subcontractors and our wider supply chain. It supports our Environmental Management System and sets out the practical measures we will take to reduce carbon emissions and improve our environmental performance.

Paul Phillips, Director, has overall responsibility for ensuring that sufficient resources are made available to achieve our carbon reduction objectives. Jeff Guichard, Director, has day-to-day responsibility for ensuring that the requirements of this plan are followed and for monitoring its effectiveness. All employees and subcontractors have a responsibility within their area to support the aims and objectives of the plan.

Our commitment

Rockfords Commercial Contractors Ltd recognises the importance of reducing carbon emissions and minimising the environmental impact associated with our construction activities. We will implement practical and achievable measures appropriate to the size and nature of our business, while continually improving our environmental performance.

Rockfords is committed to:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with our business activities
- improving energy efficiency within our offices, sites and operations
- reducing unnecessary vehicle mileage and fuel consumption
- minimising construction waste and increasing recycling and reuse
- considering carbon emissions when purchasing materials, plant and services
- working with suppliers and subcontractors who demonstrate responsible environmental practices
- reducing unnecessary use of paper and other resources
- raising environmental awareness among employees and subcontractors
- monitoring our environmental performance and identifying opportunities for improvement
- complying with applicable environmental legislation and contractual requirements

Areas of carbon impact

We have identified the following principal areas where our activities may generate carbon emissions.

Company vehicles and business travel

Fuel used by company vehicles, site travel, commuting and business journeys contributes to our carbon footprint. We will seek to reduce unnecessary mileage and encourage efficient travel arrangements by:

- combining journeys where practical
- planning deliveries and site visits efficiently
- encouraging car sharing where appropriate
- using remote meetings where a physical meeting is not necessary
- monitoring fuel consumption where practical
- maintaining vehicles properly to maximise fuel efficiency
- considering lower-emission or electric vehicles when replacing company vehicles

Construction plant and equipment

Construction plant and equipment can generate significant emissions, particularly through diesel and petrol consumption. We will avoid unnecessary idling, switch off equipment when not in use, select appropriately sized plant, maintain equipment efficiently, and consider electric or lower-emission alternatives where suitable and commercially viable.

Materials and procurement

The manufacture and transportation of construction materials can represent a significant source of embodied carbon. Rockfords will seek to reduce the environmental impact of procurement by improving material take-offs and ordering accuracy, avoiding unnecessary over-ordering, considering recycled and responsibly sourced materials, considering product life cycle and durability, purchasing locally where practical, consolidating deliveries and working with suppliers to identify lower-carbon alternatives.

Where client specifications dictate particular products or materials, Rockfords will comply with project requirements while seeking opportunities for sustainable alternatives where permitted.

Waste

We will apply the waste hierarchy of prevention, reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery. We will improve ordering and storage to prevent damage and waste, segregate waste where practical, reuse materials where appropriate, use licensed waste contractors, maintain appropriate waste transfer documentation and monitor waste streams where project requirements allow.

Office energy and digital resources

We will seek to reduce energy consumption by switching off lights and equipment when not required, using energy-efficient equipment where practical, avoiding unnecessary heating and cooling, and encouraging staff awareness of energy use. We will also reduce unnecessary paper consumption through digital project records, electronic tender submissions where accepted, electronic distribution of documents and digital timesheets and records where practical.

Carbon reduction objectives

Rockfords has established the following initial objectives. These will be monitored through management review and updated as reliable data becomes available.

Objective	Target / action	Timescale
Reduce vehicle mileage	Improve journey planning and combine journeys where practical	Ongoing
Reduce vehicle emissions	Consider lower-emission vehicles when vehicles are replaced	Ongoing
Reduce construction waste	Improve material ordering, storage and reuse	Ongoing
Increase recycling	Segregate recyclable waste where facilities are available	Ongoing
Reduce paper consumption	Increase use of electronic documentation	Ongoing
Improve energy efficiency	Reduce unnecessary office energy use	Ongoing
Sustainable procurement	Consider environmental impact when selecting materials and suppliers	Ongoing
Employee awareness	Communicate environmental responsibilities to employees and subcontractors	Annual / ongoing
Carbon monitoring	Develop improved measurement of business emissions	Annual

Measuring our carbon footprint

Effective carbon reduction requires appropriate measurement. As the business develops, we will improve our collection of relevant environmental data, including where practical:

- electricity consumption
- fuel consumption
- business mileage
- company vehicle fuel use
- construction waste volumes and recycling rates
- material consumption where relevant
- significant plant and equipment fuel consumption

This information will be reviewed periodically to identify trends and opportunities for improvement. Where sufficient reliable data is available, Rockfords will use recognised UK Government or other appropriate emissions factors to estimate associated carbon emissions.

Scope of emissions

Our carbon reduction approach considers the three principal categories of greenhouse gas emissions:

Scope 1 – direct emissions

Emissions from sources directly controlled by Rockfords, such as company-owned vehicles, fuel used in company-controlled plant and equipment, and gas or other fuels used at company-controlled premises.

Scope 2 – energy indirect emissions

Purchased electricity used within our offices and other facilities under our control.

Scope 3 – other indirect emissions

Where practical and proportionate, Rockfords will consider relevant indirect emissions including business travel, employee commuting, purchased goods and materials, waste disposal, transportation and delivery of materials, and subcontractor and supplier activities. Scope 3 emissions will be developed progressively as reliable information becomes available.

Sustainable construction and supply chain

On individual projects, Rockfords will consider opportunities to reduce environmental impact through efficient programming and sequencing, minimising unnecessary site movements, effective material storage, reducing rework and material wastage, reusing materials, selecting durable materials with suitable environmental credentials, efficient use of plant and effective waste segregation.

We will consider suppliers' environmental credentials during procurement, encourage suppliers to provide relevant environmental information, consider recycled or lower-carbon products, avoid unnecessary deliveries, use local suppliers where commercially and operationally appropriate, and communicate relevant project environmental requirements to subcontractors.

Employee and subcontractor awareness

Environmental responsibilities will be communicated through appropriate means, including employee and project inductions, toolbox talks, environmental briefings, site notices and project-specific environmental requirements. Employees and subcontractors are encouraged to identify opportunities to reduce waste, energy consumption, fuel use and unnecessary travel.

Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for implementation of this Carbon Reduction Plan sits with the Company's senior management.

Senior management will provide leadership and resources, review environmental performance and approve objectives and improvement measures.

Office and administration will monitor relevant energy, fuel and travel information where available, maintain environmental records and support digital working.

Project managers and site management will implement project-specific environmental requirements, monitor waste and material use, encourage efficient use of plant and resources, and communicate requirements to subcontractors.

Employees and subcontractors will follow environmental procedures, avoid unnecessary waste and energy consumption, and report environmental issues and opportunities for improvement.

Monitoring, review and continuous improvement

Progress against this plan will be monitored through annual management review, regular internal audits where appropriate, environmental KPIs and targets, and monthly management meetings.

This Carbon Reduction Plan will be reviewed at least annually and updated where appropriate to reflect changes in legislation, business activities, technology, client requirements, carbon data and progress against our objectives. Where targets are achieved, new objectives will be considered to maintain continual improvement.

Future commitments

As Rockfords continues to grow, we will consider improved measurement and reporting of Scope 1, Scope 2 and relevant Scope 3 emissions; increased use of low-emission and electric vehicles; greater use of renewable electricity; increased use of recycled and lower-carbon construction materials; improved waste and recycling data; supplier environmental assessments; project-specific carbon reduction targets; and further employee environmental training and awareness.

Our strategy will remain proportionate to the size and activities of the business while supporting our commitment to responsible construction and continual environmental improvement.

Approval and document control

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