



Actica Carbon Reduction Plan

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1 Carbon Reduction Plan

- 1.1 Supplier name : Actica Consulting Ltd.
- 1.2 Publication date : 27 November 2024

2 Commitment to achieving Net Zero

- 2.1 Actica Consulting Ltd is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions no later than 2030.

3 Baseline Emissions Footprint

- 3.1 Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.
- 3.2 Our Baseline includes all seven greenhouse gases named by the Kyoto Protocol:
- a. Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)
 - b. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
 - c. Methane (CH₄)
 - d. Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)
 - e. Nitrogen Trifluoride (NF₃)
 - f. Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
 - g. Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF₆)
- 3.3 Our emissions are calculated in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) using the appropriate conversion factors published by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)¹ for the relevant years.
- 3.4 Actica's GHG emissions reporting is aligned to our financial year, which is July to June.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

Baseline Year: 2018/2019	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations: Our baseline year is set to 2018/19. Our emissions inventory covers all measurable Scope 1 and 2 emissions together with the Scope 3 categories 4,5,6,7 and 9. Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	0.75 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	11.54 tCO₂e Note that this was changed in the 2022/2023 version to include electricity transmission and distribution. Versions pre 2022/2023 have not been amended.
Scope 3 [Categories 4,5,6,7 and 9]	Upstream transportation and distribution: 1.05 tCO₂e. Waste generated in operations: 0.17 tCO₂e. Business travel: 109.84 tCO₂e. Employee commuting: 29.20 tCO₂e. Downstream transportation and distribution: 0.00 tCO₂e. TOTAL Scope 3: 140.26 tCO₂e Note that the business travel baseline was changed in the 2022/2023 version due to an error in the initial reporting. Versions pre 2022/2023 have not been amended.
Total Emissions	152.55 tCO ₂ e (Average number of employees, 86, gives 1.77 tCO ₂ e/employee).

4 Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2023/2024 (July 2023 to June 2024)	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	0.69 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	8.06 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 [Categories 4,5,6,7 and 9]	Upstream transportation and distribution: 0.102 tCO ₂ e. Waste generated in operations: 0.0595 tCO ₂ e. Business travel (expenses): 198 tCO ₂ e. Employee commuting: 6.19 tCO ₂ e. Downstream transportation and distribution: 0 tCO ₂ e. TOTAL Scope 3: 205 tCO ₂ e
Total Emissions	213 tCO ₂ e (Average number of employees, 222, gives 0.960 tCO ₂ e/employee).

5 Emissions Reduction Targets

- 5.1 In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero by 2030, we previously set a target for reducing our carbon footprint per employee by 40% from 2018/19 to 2023/24. We therefore aimed to reduce our carbon emissions per employee over the five years in 2023/24 to 1.04tCO₂e.
- 5.2 Progress against this target can be seen in the graph below. Years relate to company FYs which are 6 months out of phase with calendar years. Note that the Covid-19 pandemic caused a decrease in emissions for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 as WFH was enforced by both Actica and clients.
- 5.3 From the graph below we can see that our initial emission reduction target has been met. Our updated target is to continue reducing our carbon emissions per employee to a final 50% reduction by 2030 by minimising the emissions within our operational control.

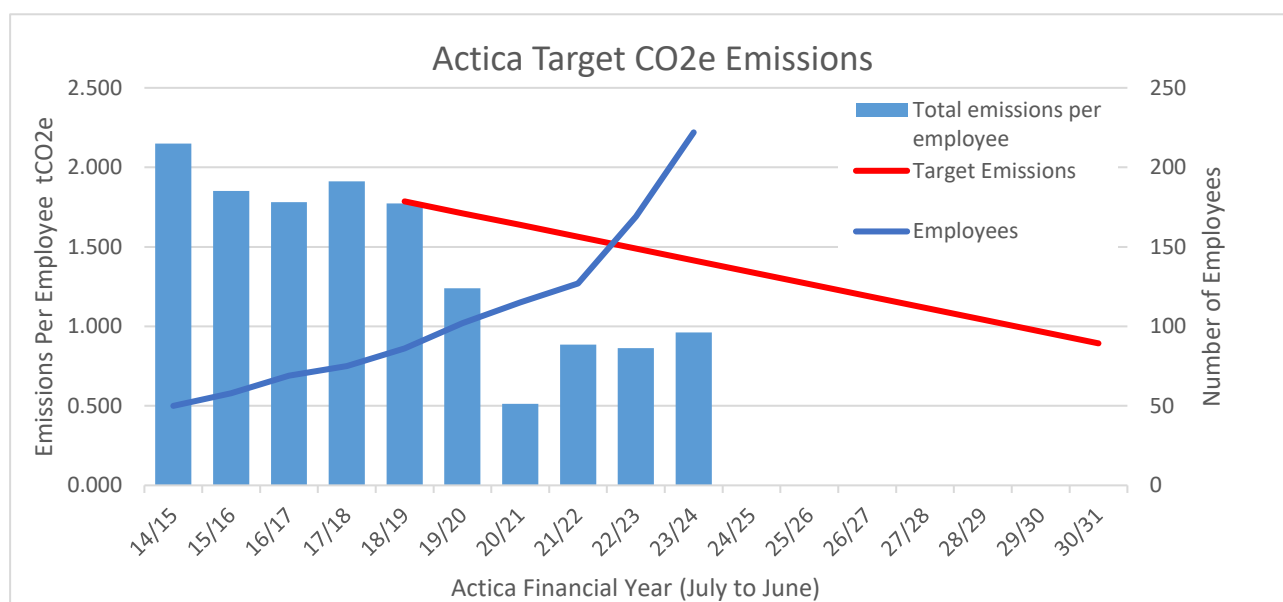


Figure 1 – Estimated emissions.

6 Carbon Reduction Projects

- 6.1 The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2018/19 baseline.
- a. Our environmental management system is UKAS certified to ISO 14001 and is audited annually. It focuses on objectives and actions in the areas that are under the company's control and will have the most significant environmental impact in the short and long term.
 - b. Provided improved remote working IT facilities to reduce the need for commuting and business travel.
 - c. Introduced processes and procedures to allow effective collaborative remote working, including a 'remote where feasible' preference for internal meetings, external training and conferences.
 - d. Offset the carbon emissions for some projects.
 - e. Promoted the use of transport means that have low environmental impact (e.g., provided a cycle-to-work scheme that enables staff to purchase bikes for commuting use).
 - f. Introduced a salary-sacrifice electric car leasing scheme.
- 6.2 The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 0.92tCO₂e per employee, a 52% reduction against the 2018/19 baseline. It should be noted that the company has grown since 2018/19, from an average of 86 in 2018/19 to 222 in 2023/24.
- 6.3 As well as these initiatives the decrease in the baseline position has also been due to reduced travel and low office occupancy during the COVID-19 pandemic. We remain confident, however, that our current and future environmental impact reduction initiatives will enable us to achieve net zero well in advance of 2050.
- 6.4 In the future we will implement further measures which will continue to drive down emissions. These measures include:
- a. Continue to build awareness within the company and our clients of the impact of their decisions on our path to net zero.
 - b. Continue use of 100% renewable energy for our offices.
 - c. Reducing business travel by air, road and rail by encouraging remote working for company activities where feasible.
 - d. Exploring ways to support employees to switch to electric vehicles, including requesting Surrey Research Park to implement additional electric vehicle charging points, and encourage employees to take up the salary-sacrifice electric car leasing and Cycle to Work Scheme.
 - e. Offsetting emissions from a larger percentage of our projects.
 - f. Working with our suppliers to encourage them to set their own carbon reduction targets.

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- g. Investigate installing a plumbed-in water filter to reduce the use of single-use plastics in the Actica office.
 - h. Adopt a 're-use and repair where feasible' preference for office equipment.
 - i. Extend scope of emission calculations to include Homeworking to allow a more comprehensive view of our full emissions and identify further areas for improvement. (This will be applied retrospectively to previous years to update our 2019 baseline).

7 Declaration and Sign Off

- 7.1 This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.
- 7.2 Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard² and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting³.
- 7.3 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) Standard⁴.
- 7.4 This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors.

Signed on behalf of Actica Consulting:



Managing Director, Actica Consulting Limited

Date: 11/12/2024

² <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

⁴ <https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>