

Carbon Reduction Plan

The HLF Group LTD

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

The HLF Group LTD is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

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.

Baseline Year: 2021	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	4,057
Scope 2	202
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	78,800
Total Emissions	83,059

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: Nov 2022	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	4,057
Scope 2	202
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	78,800
Total Emissions	83,059

Emissions reduction targets

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

Our commitment to net zero has been extended from 2042 to now 2050. This is because some of the planned improvements have had to be pushed back to 2024 as explained below.

Our planning application for a new warehouse is still ongoing. This will house the solar panels and EV charging points.

<https://public.gateshead.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

Our new boiler system is on order to be fitted w/c 4th December 23. It was advised by our heating engineer this was the best time to do this.

We continue to be committed to:

- Extend our 're-love' programme in which we give away unwanted sofas from our refurbishments to those in need extending their lifetime.
- 'roads less travelled' programme – initiatives for our customers to wait longer for items if we can include them on other runs meaning our vans are on the road less
- Working with sustainable partners – our products are made here in Newcastle, Northeast of England but we have component parts which are imported. In 2024 we will investigate if each component part is as sustainably sourced as possible
- Continuing with our recycling programme of all packaging -see our policy

We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 76,414 tCO₂e by 2024. This is a reduction of 8%.

Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2021 baseline.

- Extend our 're-love' programme in which we give away unwanted sofas from our refurbishments to those in need extending their lifetime.
- 'roads less travelled' programme – initiatives for our customers to wait longer for items if we can include them on other runs meaning our vans are on the road less
- Continuing with our recycling programme of all packaging -see our policy

The initiatives were reviewed on 22.11.22 and because our main projects have had to be pushed back for a year due to the planning permission ongoing unfortunately our carbon emission has not reduced.

The 'road less travelled' programme was not as successful as we had hoped as our customers were not prepared to wait for goods. It should be kept in mind that this is to be considered alongside there being the biggest shipping container price crisis we have known. Because imported goods were so delayed we didn't feel like we could push this initiative. Therefore, we aim to start to push this again and have worked along side our largest customers to forecast and plan their large orders.

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- Already increased working alongside British Heart Foundation in which we drop off unwanted sofas at their central distribution hub and they then distribute them to those in need
- Working with sustainable partners – our products are made here in Newcastle, Northeast of England but we have component parts which are imported. In 2024 we will investigate if each component part is as sustainably sourced as possible
- New solar panels for the roof of our new warehouse (planning permission pending)
- New boiler system in show room – this is on order to be installed Dec 23
- New electric vehicles on order – these need to be stored in the compound at new warehouse so pending planning permission
- New EV charging points in compound of new warehouse – pending planning permission
- Please see the below link to our planning portal you will see we have agreed to a significant onsite post enhancement habitat plan and as such we have agreed to a mitigation payment of £4,800.

Link to planning application:

<https://public.gateshead.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

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 standard¹ and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting².

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) Standard³.

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

Signed on behalf of the Commercial Director:

Rachel Conroy

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Date:17/10/23.....

¹ <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

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