

Wilsons Auctions Ltd Carbon Reduction Plan



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Wilsons Auctions – Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier Name: Wilsons Auctions Ltd.

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1. Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Wilsons Auctions is committed to achieving Net Zero GHG emissions by 2050.

2. Meeting the reporting requirements

This Carbon Reduction Plan complies with PPN 06/21 as published by the Cabinet Office in June 2021. This document will be reviewed and updated annually in line with the Wilsons Auctions Annual Report and Accounts.

3. Baseline Carbon Emissions April 2022 – April 2023

Wilsons Auctions has 10 sites across the UK and Ireland, we are reporting on 10 sites based in (Belfast, Portadown, Dalry, Newcastle, Queensferry, Telford, Newport, Dublin, Oxford, Maidstone)

Year	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3	Total (tCO ₂ e)
April 2022 – March 2023	1266.06	236.8	4691.04	6193.9

Current reporting year: April 2023 – April 2024

Year	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3	Total (tCO ₂ e)
April 2023 – March 2024	1053.51	267.1	5590.04	6910.65

4. Emission Reduction Targets

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

Next 6 years to 2030: We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next six years to 4955.18 tCO₂e by 2030. This is a reduction of 20%

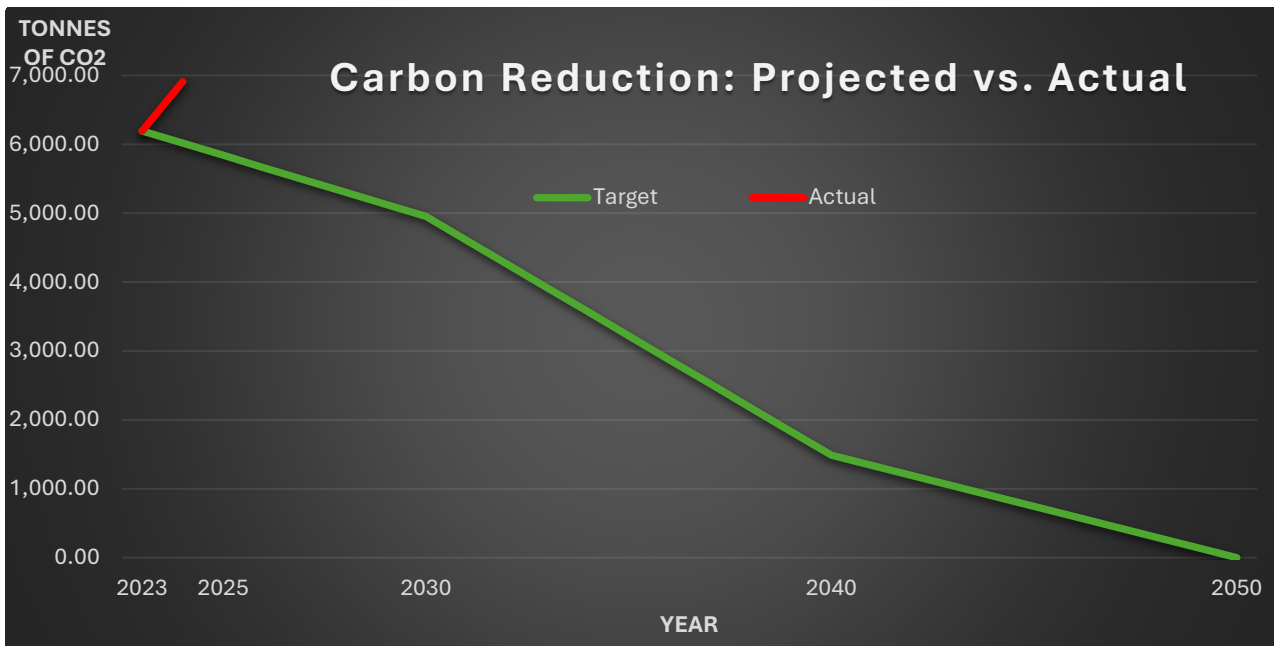
Period to 2040: Target of 70% Carbon reduction to 1486.68 tCO₂

Period to 2050: Target of 100% Carbon reduction to Net Zero

Since the base year, our company has experienced a notable increase in carbon emissions. This rise can be attributed to several factors, primarily the expansion of business transactions and transport activities. However, it is essential to consider the potential inaccuracies in our carbon reporting to understand the full picture.

To address the rising carbon emissions, it is imperative to implement a robust carbon reduction strategy. This includes accurate carbon reporting, comprehensive data collection, and a commitment to sustainability. By taking these steps, we can work towards reducing our carbon footprint and achieving our environmental goals.

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:



5. Carbon Reduction Projects

In order to achieve Net Zero, Wilsons Auctions will be required to reduce its Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

Scope 1 & 2 Actions

Reduce emissions from company vehicles; Existing technology means that using pure electric vehicles is not a possibility for all company car users. Technology changes such as more efficient batteries and longer range on vehicles, plus the charging infrastructure maturing to cope with demand will lead to greater uptake on pure electric vehicles, our target is to reach net zero carbon emissions by the year 2050.

Staff training: Wilsons Auctions staff will receive an annual training package on how their actions can help the company reach their net zero goals. Training will include the benefit of switching off lights, placing computers into standby mode and managing the temperature of the office appropriately. This will form part of Wilsons Auctions annual staff training plan.

Auction centre renovations: A reduction in carbon emissions will be seen after renovations, starting with Mallusk in 2024/2025. The new specification will include removal of oil fires radiators and replacement with more efficient aircon system, thermal regulated glazed windows, LED lighting powered by renewable energy, automatic sliding doors which better retain heat by causing an air curtain, fire retardant insulation boards to be fitted to walls. This project alone will reduce carbon emissions from energy usage on site from 22.85 tonnes per year, to 2.32 tonnes which is an 89.85% reduction.

Carbon Offset: Offset any residual emissions through a government approved supplier.

Scope 3 Actions

Business Travel: Further promote and leverage video call technology to reduce the need for business travel. Introduce carbon footprint recording for all business travel to increase staff awareness and help align their thinking with the company's net zero goals. All business travel is signed off at Director level.

Staff commuting: Record the carbon footprint of staff commuting to allow better decision making around these emissions, introduce a cycle to work scheme which will provide staff with cheaper access to a zero-carbon emission mode of transport.

Subcontractors carbon emissions awareness: Update our central database of sub-contractors, contact all sub-contractors to ask if they have a carbon reduction plan; if they answer "yes" request a

copy. If they answer 'no' provide an information booklet detailing why this is required, and a copy of Wilsons Auctions carbon reduction plan. Request a finalised carbon reduction plan be supplied within 6 months.

Supply chain backhaul opportunities: Engage with suppliers to determine whether any backhaul opportunities exist which would reduce overall carbon footprint.

Carbon Offset: Offset any residual emissions through a government approved supplier.

By investing in these areas, we not only reduce your carbon emissions but also benefit from long-term cost reductions. These improvements can also enhance your company's sustainability profile and may qualify for green tax credits or incentives.

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2022/23 baseline:

New Transporters – Significant investment in 2024 has seen the company replace older, less efficient vehicle transporters with new trucks that meet the stringent Euro 6 emission standards. The carbon emission reduction from this investment will be subject to ongoing review.

6. Leadership

The Board of Directors at Wilsons Auctions has given, and will continue to give, its full support to this Carbon Reduction Programme and will support the project team in all that is required to achieve net zero. The Board of Directors will lead by example and support the project team by being fully immersed in project decisions, implementing changes and funding. The Board will receive regular updates from the project team in quarterly and other senior management meetings.

7. 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 Group Operations Director.



Signed on behalf of Wilsons Auctions Ltd.

Date: 29th August 2024

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>

