

### **Net Zero 2030 Policy**

Our mission is to provide first class asbestos consultancy using practices that care for the earth; by using renewable energies wherever possible, ensuring energy is not wasted, and contributing to local community projects that promote a healthy environment for us to live in.

Owing to a commitment to meet Net Zero 2030 targets, the directors commissioned a full review of the company's current Carbon Emission levels, which were calculated using information garnered for the most current completed financial year. This review found that Casa Environmental Services produced circa 155 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020-31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

Over 77% of this being produced directly by our fleet of vehicles. As a company, we recognise this is not acceptable for the sustainability of our planet. Since the end of that financial year, we have grown as a company and anticipate further growth while we diversify the services that we offer. This means more vehicles on the road, and even if we continue to stay at around 77% of our CO<sub>2</sub> usage being on the fleet, this will be an exponentially larger amount of actual CO<sub>2</sub> produced year on year. The majority of company vehicles utilise stop/start technology, and without this, the figure would have been much higher.

*By 2030, we are committed to replacing the company fleet for full electric vehicles where possible, and hybrid vehicles in all other circumstances. Although this will in turn mean a higher demand for electricity to charge these vehicles, it is far preferable to the large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> produced directly as a result of their running.*

A further 9% of CO<sub>2</sub> was produced due to energy usage across the company. It is recognised that due to that way the range of buildings which we inhabit are insulated, a proportion of this energy will likely be wasted. Because of this, we have undertaken a review of the way each building is insulated with the view to waste as little energy as possible. This will be achieved by having the correct amount of loft insulation in any ceiling void, getting external cavity walls filled & replacing failed double glazed units. We have communicated with landlords & are financing the works where needed. By doing this, not only will our buildings be more comfortable to inhabit, but the energy used to keep them so will not be wasted.

*Furthermore, we will replace current energy contracts that we are responsible for with ones that make use of Renewable Energy. This will further lessen the impact on the environment caused by our energy consumption.*

Although we endeavour to use local suppliers wherever possible, this accounts for 12% of the CO<sub>2</sub> we produce. This has led us to appreciate that there is much more that goes into selecting a supplier than simply its locality to our branches, we *must* do more to ensure these companies are putting similar focus on meeting Net Zero targets. This could lead to companies further afield providing us with a more environmentally friendly service, due to their use of renewable energy, electric vehicles & sustainable materials. Despite this going against our wish to utilise local suppliers, our desire to do whatever we can to make our planet better for future generations will always supersede this.

*Our Approved Suppliers questionnaire template will be amended to make questions relating to energy usage & sustainability far more prominent & be weighted towards this element more.*

The final 2% was made up from our use of hotels & public transport for business purposes, which was a small amount owing to the fact most work was local to each office & did not necessitate the use for a hotel, and public transport is not ideal when carrying specialist equipment.

*The selection process for booking any hotels required will be amended to ensure hotels which actively promote their own commitments to reducing carbon levels are favoured. Travel between branches on public transport will also be encouraged, alongside lift sharing & cycling to and from work wherever possible.*

When carried out together, each of these actions will make a significant difference to our commitment. The amount of Carbon Emissions will always tally up to 100%, but we want to make that the total amount is far less than it is currently. We will continue to monitor this when annual accounts are released & ensure we are always mindful of the way in which we work. We will support local green initiatives, ensuring that our focus is always on reducing our own carbon footprint, while supporting others in their own attempts.

Initiative	Target		
	2025	2028	2030
<b>Company Fleet</b>	All regional vehicles replaced with electric or hybrid vehicles	All Head Office vehicles replaced with electric or hybrid vehicles	All vehicles in company to be electric or hybrid
<b>Energy</b>	All offices to be correctly insulated & U/R Values optimised	All offices to be supplied with Renewable Energy	All offices to be running energy efficiently & using Renewable Energy
<b>Supply Chain</b>	Ensure all approved and new suppliers pledge to become Net 0 by 2030. Devise a strategy to assist them.	25% of suppliers to be Net 0 by 2028. Review pledges and ensure targets remain achievable. Adjust strategy if necessary.	100% of suppliers achieve Net 0 by 2030.
<b>Business Travel</b>	Only use hotels that have achieved Net 0. Develop an inventory of hotel chains that have provided evidence that they are Net 0. Only utilise public transport that has achieved Net 0.	N/A	N/A

The approval and declaration of this policy has been signed on behalf of Casa Environmental Services by:

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Position: Director

Signature:

