

BRITCON CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

No.	Focus Area	Objectives	Actions	Success Measures	Target Date
1	Diesel	Improve average economic driving score in fleet vehicles by 10%	Annual economic driving refresher briefing to be given to all fleet drivers	100% of fleet drivers to receive a briefing	30/09/2025
			Incentivise drivers using internal competition	Publish quarterly league tables to encourage competition amongst drivers to improve their driving scores on RAMTracker. Also introduce a new quarterly reward for the top performer.	Ongoing
			Encourage switching to electric or hybrid vehicles for company car drivers	Charging points installed at office (complete). Staff due to select new company cars choosing electric or hybrid options.	Ongoing
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			Undertake an energy audit at the new Wakefield office to identify areas to target for improvements	Audit completed and action plan with office-specific targets to be put in place.	30/09/2025
3	Electricity	Reduce carbon impact of office electricity by 25%	Explore switching to a green / renewable electricity tariff for the office and workshop once current contract expires (final decision will be made by Hunt Group property administrator)	Switch to a full green / renewable electricity tariff for office and workshop (complete).	COMPLETE
			Install solar array system (photovoltaic panels) to Scunthorpe office	Solar array system installed with capacity to cover at approx. 10% of annual electricity usage for Scunthorpe	COMPLETE
4	Paper	Reduce paper consumption by 5%	Annual refresher briefing to be given to all office staff regarding 'green' office behaviours	100% of office staff to be briefed	COMPLETE
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Qualifying Explanatory Statement for Britcon UK Ltd

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Date: 06/12/2024

Planet Mark Qualifying Explanatory Statement



Introduction

This document forms the Qualifying Explanatory statement (QES) for Britcon UK Ltd which demonstrates the commitment and achievement of carbon neutrality for its operations in accordance with PAS2060:2014.

Britcon UK Ltd has committed to and achieved carbon neutrality under the guidelines of PAS2060:2014. The information contained within this QES is believed to be correct at the time of issue.

The data and information have been subject to a limited confirmation through the achievement of Planet Mark Business Certification. The Planet Mark Business Certification report is provided in separate documentation to the QES and reports an organisation's measured Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. Planet Mark Members are required to achieve an annual 5% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions and expand their measurement remit to have a total carbon footprint by 2030. Planet Mark is an internationally recognised carbon reduction and net zero specialist.

Should any data or evidence present itself that would alter the Business Certification report Britcon UK Ltd's QES will be updated and reissued accordingly.

PAS 2060 Requirements	Information Relating to the Carbon Neutral Declaration
Entity making declaration	Britcon UK Ltd
Description of the entity	A leading Civil Engineering, Building and Steelwork solutions company operating throughout Yorkshire, Humber and Lincolnshire
Boundary of declaration	3 Sites (Scunthorpe, Wakefield – Jane's hill and Wakefield – Marina court)
Rational for boundary selection	The boundary represents the majority of emissions associated with the operations of the company that they have direct control over
Emissions scope	Electricity, Natural Gas, Transmission and Distribution Losses, Business Travel, Fleet Travel, Paper, Waste, Water
Methodology and standards used	Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol, DESNZ Emission Factors 2024
Why has this methodology been chosen	The methodology employed shall minimise uncertainty and yield accurate, consistent and reproducible results.
Certified by	Planet Mark
Baseline date for PAS2060	01 October 2021 to 30 September 2022
Achievement period	01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

Declaration of Achievement

Britcon UK Ltd has achieved carbon neutrality for its operations in line with the guidelines of PAS2060:2014 for the period 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

Carbon neutrality of Britcon UK Ltd achieved by Britcon UK Ltd in accordance with PAS 2060 on November 21st 2024 with a commitment to maintaining to 01 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 for the period commencing 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, Planet Mark certified.

PAS 2060 Requirement	Information Relating to the Carbon Neutral Declaration
Achievement period	01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024
Measured carbon footprint (location-based)	217.1 tCO2e
Measured carbon footprint (market-based)	208.0 tCO2e
Baseline year	01 October 2022 to 30 September 2023
PAS2060 method	Independent third-party certification
Absolute or intensity reduction	First Year measurement
Carbon neutrality option	I3P-3 Independent third-party certification – unified
Location of GHG emissions report	Section A
Location of details describing internal reductions	Section B
Location and details about the carbon offsets	Section C

Signed by a senior company representative.

Name: Ross Reed, Head of Quality & Sustainability

Date: 09/12/2024



Declaration of Commitment

Britcon UK Ltd has committed to maintain carbon neutrality in accordance with PAS 2060:2014.

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Achievement period	01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024
Commitment period	01 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Signed by a senior company representative.

Name: Nick Shepherd, Managing Director

Date: 09/12/2024

Section A. Measured Carbon Footprint

The information contained within Section A. relates to the measured carbon footprint of the entity and any information related to the methodology, assumptions and data quality.

The measured carbon footprint has been prepared in line with the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard. Emissions have been calculated in line with this standard and the relevant emissions factors applied listed in the DESNZ emissions factors 2023. The measured carbon footprint is calculated and undergoes a limited verification process in line with the Planet Mark Certification Scheme Rules, Procedures and Management as part of Planet Mark Business Certification.

- Britcon UK Ltd has currently measured the following Scope 1, 2 and 3 categories as part of Planet Mark Business Certification:
 - Scope 1 emissions are Britcon UK Ltd direct GHG emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by Britcon UK Ltd. These emissions include:
 - Fleet & Natural gas
 - Scope 2 emissions are Britcon UK Ltd indirect GHG emissions that occur when they have purchased and uses electricity, steam, heat, or colling.
 - Electricity
 - Britcon UK Ltd has included the following Scope 3 categories as part of its carbon neutrality assessment: Purchased Goods & Services (partial measurement), Fuel & energy related activities (partial measurement), Waste & Business travel. As part of Business Certification, the measurement of all material Scope 3 emissions (categories 1-15) is recommended within three years of first Certification but is not a requirement for certification until 2030.

Over 95% of the carbon emissions within this report have been accounted for within the defined scopes and boundary. Efforts were made to avoid uncertainties. Actual data was used where possible. Britcon UK Ltd's scope 2 electricity emissions are reported in two ways: location-based and market-based methods. Location-based electricity emissions have been calculated using carbon emission factors for average national or sub-national grid electricity. Market-based electricity emissions have been calculated using carbon emission factors for Britcon UK Ltd's specific electricity supply fuel mix as published on Britcon UK Ltd's invoices in the period October 2023 to September 2024. Britcon UK Ltd has a zero carbon electricity supplier, therefore electricity didn't contribute to the total carbon emissions for this reporting period. Water data was submitted as estimates, this is less accurate and it would be advised to submit actual meter reads for the next reporting period to obtain a more precise carbon emissions figure. Waste data was submitted with an unknown amount of waste going to landfill, more specificity of waste removal locations would improve the accuracy of next years report.

Measured Carbon Footprint Breakdown:

Current									
01 October 2022 to 30 September 2023					01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024				
Source	Scope	Unit	Amount	tCO ₂ e	Amount	tCO ₂ e	% Change in tCO ₂ e from previous year	% total carbon footprint	% Change in amounts from previous year
Buildings									
Electricity (market based)	2	kWh	43,264.8	5.6	44,326.9	0	-100%	0.0%	2%
Electricity (location based)	2	kWh	43,264.8	9.0	44,326.9	9.2	2%	-	2%
Natural Gas	1	kWh	93,074.0	17.0	83,059.5	15.2	-11%	7%	-11%
Transmission and Distribution Losses	3	kWh	43,264.8	0.8	44,326.9	0.8	5%	0.4%	2%
Procurement									
Paper Primary Content	3	tonnes	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	-42%	0.1%	-60%
Travel									
Fleet Diesel Fuel	1	litres	27,440.7	68.9	31,650.0	79.5	15%	38%	15%
Fleet Petrol Fuel	1	litres	508.2	1.1	4,206.2	8.8	723%	4%	728%
Average Car	3	km	755,274.8	125.9	544,468.4	90.9	-28%	44%	-28%
Waste									
Energy from Waste	3	tonnes	10.8	0.2	14.4	0.1	-60%	0.04%	33%
Landfill	3	tonnes	17.3	9.0	23.6	12.3	36%	6%	36%
Recycled	3	tonnes	1.6	0.03	2.1	0.01	-60%	0.006%	32%
Water									
Water Supply	3	cubic metres	706.0	0.1	663.9	0.1	-19%	0.1%	-6%
Water Treatment	3	cubic metres	567.9	0.1	663.9	0.1	8%	0.1%	17%
Market Based									
Total		tCO₂e		229.0		208.0	-9%		
No. employees		Number		89.4		94.1			
Total per employee		tCO₂e		2.6		2.2	-14%		
Turnover £m		£m		38.9		37.3			
Total per £m		tCO₂e		5.9		5.6	-5%		
Total floor space		m ²		2,760.0		2,800.7			
Building emissions per m²		tCO₂e		0.01		0.01	-33%		
Location Based									
Total		tCO₂e		232.4		217.1	-7%		
No. employees		Number		89.4		94.1			
Total per employee		tCO₂e		2.6		2.3	-11%		
Turnover £m		£m		38.9		37.3			
Total per £m		tCO₂e		6.0		5.8	-3%		
Total floor space		m ²		2,760.0		2,800.7			
Building emissions per m²		tCO₂e		0.01		0.01	-7%		

Section B. Carbon Management Plan

This is the third year Britcon UK Ltd has achieved carbon neutrality and a commitment has been made to reduce emissions from the baseline period stated within this report. In line with Planet Mark's Business Certification requirements, Britcon UK Ltd has committed to reducing its Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions by 5% in the period 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, which equates to 5.2 tCO₂e. Planet Mark requires all Members to achieve at least 5% carbon reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions from year three of Business Certification.

Britcon UK Ltd has made an overall 9.2% reduction in absolute emissions year on year when calculated using the market-based method. This is an absolute/reduction of 21 tCO₂e.

Focus	SMART Target	How?	Measure(s)	Responsible	Deadline
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Section C. Carbon Offsetting Strategy

The following information refers to the GHG emissions that have been offset for the reporting period. Britcon UK Ltd has offset 455 tCO₂e through Ecologi which is more than its market-based footprint of 207 tCO₂e, and this has been independently verified by Planet Mark as meeting the criteria for PAS2060.

PAS 2060 Requirement	Information Relating to the Carbon Neutral Declaration
Number of carbon credits used:	455 tCO ₂ e
Project standard (verified by):	Verra
Type of carbon credits used:	https://registry.verra.org/app/projectDetail/VCS/2004
Time period for carbon credits:	https://registry.verra.org/app/projectDetail/VCS/2004
Date carbon credits retired:	21 November 2024
Carbon credit registry:	https://registry.verra.org/myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp?r=206&h=198004

