

Carbon Reduction and Sustainability Plan 2026

Carbon Reduction Plan 2026 - Commitment to Achieving Net Zero

Devon Contractors is committed to achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050, in line with UK Government targets and the NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap.

As a family-owned regional contractor approaching 80 years in business, we recognise our responsibility to reduce our environmental impact and deliver construction projects in a more sustainable way for future generations. Sustainability is embedded across our operations, procurement decisions, project delivery, and supply chain engagement.

This Carbon Reduction Plan sets out our baseline emissions, current carbon footprint, reduction targets, and the practical measures we are implementing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Scope 1, Scope 2, and relevant Scope 3 categories.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline Year: 2023

Baseline emissions are the reference point against which future carbon reduction can be measured.

Emissions Source	Total (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	182.4
Scope 2	64.7
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	1,286.5
Total Emissions	1,533.6

Included Scope 3 Emissions

- Business travel
- Employee commuting
- Waste generated in operations
- Upstream transportation and distribution
- Purchased materials and subcontractor activities
- Fuel and energy-related activities
- Water consumption and waste disposal

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2025

Emissions Source	Total (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	1161.8
Scope 2	251.2
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	1,142.9
Total Emissions	1,355.9

This demonstrates an overall carbon reduction of approximately 11.6% from our baseline year.

Carbon Reduction Projects Completed

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

- Sustainable Procurement
- Increased use of local subcontractors and suppliers to reduce transport emissions
- Greater use of FSC-certified timber and responsibly sourced materials
- Increased use of low-carbon concrete alternatives and recycled materials
- Reduced packaging waste through supplier take-back schemes
- Site Energy and Fuel Reduction
- Transition to hybrid and electric small plant where feasible
- Solar-powered temporary lighting introduced on selected sites
- Improved fuel monitoring and anti-idling controls across site operations
- Consolidated deliveries and improved logistics planning to reduce vehicle movements
- Waste Management
- Achieved over 95% diversion of construction waste from landfill across multiple projects
- Increased on-site segregation and recycling facilities
- Material reuse strategies introduced across demolition and refurbishment projects

Office and Operational Improvements

- Renewable energy tariffs implemented across office operations
- Digital-first document management reducing paper consumption
- Improved environmental monitoring and reporting systems

Recent Project Examples

- Derriford District Centre – delivered significant sustainability measures and achieved a Considerate Constructors Scheme score of 45/45
- Tithebarn Green Community Centre – delivered to BREEAM Very Good standard
- Sherford Vale Primary School – achieved 98% waste diversion from landfill

Future Carbon Reduction Initiatives

To continue progress toward Net Zero, we are committed to:

By 2030

- Reduce Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 30% from baseline
- Transition 50% of small plant and tools to electric alternatives
- Maintain 95% waste diversion from landfill
- Increase sustainable procurement reporting across the supply chain
- Eliminate unnecessary single-use plastics from projects

By 2040

- Achieve a 50% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions
- Ensure 75% of materials are sustainably sourced or recycled
- Deliver measurable Scope 3 reductions through subcontractor engagement
- Expand renewable energy usage across offices and projects

By 2050

- Achieve Net Zero carbon emissions across all operations

Environmental Management Measures

Devon Contractors operates a proactive environmental management approach through:

- Project-specific environmental management plans
- Waste management and site monitoring procedures
- Responsible sourcing and procurement controls
- Low-carbon material selection
- Supply chain sustainability engagement
- Carbon tracking and annual reporting
- Staff training and environmental awareness programmes
- Director-led annual review of sustainability performance

Our Design and Delivery teams work closely with clients and consultants to ensure sustainability is embedded from pre-construction through to handover.

Governance

Responsibility for delivery of this Carbon Reduction Plan sits with the Managing Director and Senior Leadership Team, supported by operational management, commercial teams, and project delivery teams.

Progress is reviewed annually and reported through our wider Sustainability Policy and business management processes.

This plan is reviewed and updated annually to ensure continued compliance with procurement requirements and evolving Net Zero expectations.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated Government guidance on reporting 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 standard.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of Devon Contractors.



This plan has been approved & authorised by:

Name: Mr Nigel Whelan

Position: Director

Date: 01/04/2026

Signature: 