



Carbon Reduction Plan



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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Claritas Solutions (Claritas) 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 before the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured. Claritas is using its FY21/22 (1 May 21 – 30 April 22) as its baseline year for Scope 1 & 2 and FY23/24 for Scope 3 for this carbon reduction plan. Next emission reporting date is October 2025.

Baseline Year:
Scope 1 and Scope 2 only: FY 1 st May 2021 to 30 th April 2022
Scope 3: FY 1 st May 2023 to 30 th April 2024
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.
Claritas have not been obligated to report their carbon emissions before, however monitoring of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions has been in place since 2021. The baseline for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions has therefore been set at FY22, whilst the baseline for Scope 3 is FY24 (latest year). This is the first iteration of a Scope 3 carbon footprint for the business.
During the development of the footprint, it was determined that Category 9 emissions are not relevant to this footprint as end users / clients do not travel to access or use Claritas services. It was agreed therefore that Category 9 emissions will be recorded as zero for FY24.

Our emissions are estimated using carbon conversion factors published by the UK Government and we have set an operational control boundary for our carbon footprint activities. All activities take place in the UK. Our Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions are reported largely from primary data sources. The data used in the estimations for Scope 3 is as accurate as current data sources allow, and follows the GHG Protocol Standard for approved calculation methodologies. We will undertake a continual process of improving the quality of the data, which may result in a recalculation of the baseline in the future.

Baseline Year Emissions:

EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1 (FY22)	18.48
Scope 2 (FY22)	11.45
Scope 3 (FY24) (Included Sources) Category 4 – Upstream transport and distribution Category 5 – Waste generated from operations Category 6 – Business Travel Category 7 – Employee Commuting	87.69
Total Emissions	117.62

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024	
Additional Details relating to the Current Emissions calculations. Category 9 emissions are not relevant to this footprint as end users / clients do not travel to access or use Claritas services.	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	10.71
Scope 2	13.74
Scope 3 (Included Sources) Category 4 - Upstream transport and distribution Category 5 – Waste generated from operations Category 6 - Business Travel Category 7 - Employee Commuting	87.69 (baseline)
Total Emissions	112.14

Claritas's progress towards achieving Net Zero started in earnest adopting the following carbon reduction initiatives.

- **2023** - Publishing our inaugural 2022/23 ESG report providing transparency on our ESG efforts and achieving a four-star rating against our SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).
- **2024** - Achieving Social Value Quality Mark (SVQM) Bronze and further improving on our SDGs by obtaining 4.5 Stars rating.

*For further information about Claritas Solutions's science-based targets information please visit the following link: Click [Here](#)

Doing More to Becoming Sustainable

Claritas Solutions wanted to go one step further than its communicated targets by seeing what else could be done in business terms to make a difference to our sustainability.

CLARITAS SAW A 14% REDUCTION IN OVERALL EMISSIONS BETWEEN FY22 TO FY23. THIS DEMONSTRATES CLARITAS'S REDUCTION IN EMISSIONS AGAINST ITS CONTINUED REVENUE AND EMPLOYEE GROWTH.

Target	Progress	Status	Year
Introduce an EV scheme for staff	Launched successfully January 2024	completed	2024
Claritas services to be certified 'carbon neutral' (PAS 2060)	Minimise carbon emissions + offset	on track	2024
Support 'Yorkshire' carbon offsetting	We are in the process of planting trees	ongoing	2025
Initiatives within Yorkshire Zero to landfill (operational waste)	We are in the process of collecting data for this target	ongoing	2025
Suppliers to be using 100% renewable energy across their operations	We are in the process of collecting data for this target	ongoing	2030

Emissions Reduction Targets

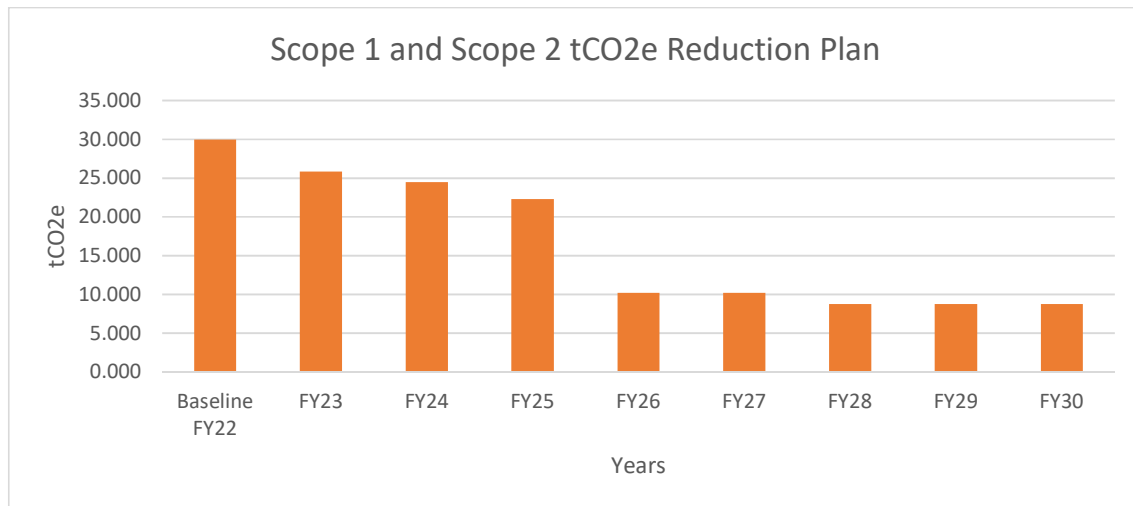
Claritas has been actively reducing its carbon emissions since 2018, with the move to the current building and installation of solar panels for electricity generation. However, emissions were not monitored and measured until the end of FY22, and it is therefore difficult to fully quantify reductions prior to this date. We have therefore set FY22 as our baseline year for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, in order to target and measure emissions reduction going forward to 2030; but set FY24 as the baseline year for our Scope 3 emissions.

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

- **Reduce direct emissions by 50% by 2030, against our FY22 baseline**
- **Powered by 100% renewable energy by 2050**
- **Long term - Net zero by 2050**

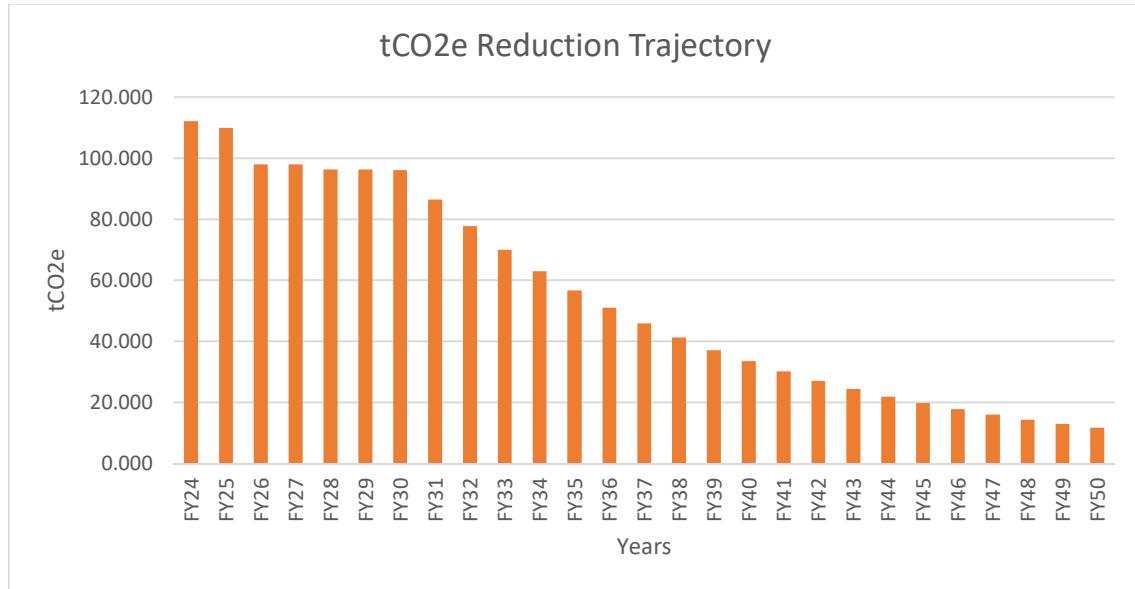
We project that Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 8.78 tCO₂e by 2029. This is a reduction of 70% against our FY22 baseline using market-based reporting for Scope 2 emissions.

Progress against this target can be seen in the graph below:



We project that our overall emissions will decrease over the next five years to 96.20 tCO₂e by 2029. This is a reduction of 14.2% against our FY24 carbon footprint.

Anticipated progress against our net zero target can be seen in the graph below:



78% of our FY24 carbon emissions are an indirect result of our activities. At this stage in our carbon reduction journey therefore, we anticipate that we will need to offset a level of residual emissions from Scope 3 in 2050 to achieve net zero. This will be reviewed on an annual basis as technologies and facilities may emerge over time that enable a 2050 reduction trajectory of closer to zero emissions.

In the short term we need to improve our data collation processes to move away from a spend-based Scope 3 footprint methodology. Achieving this will enable us to align our reduction percentage targets with science-based target-setting processes; as well as expand our Scope 3 footprint to cover additional relevant categories of emissions.

Carbon Reduction Projects

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since 2018. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes cannot be quantified.

1. **Solar PV and battery storage installed in 2022**
2. **Lights converted to LED throughout offices**
3. **Energy efficient boiler fitted**
4. **Insulation and air conditioning units fitted in 2018**
5. **EV charge point installed**
6. **Introduced a voluntary car share scheme**
7. **'Virtual' meetings and hybrid working**
8. **Replaced individual bins with centralised recycling bins**
9. **Introduced 'cycle to work' scheme**
10. **Salary sacrifice scheme for leasing electric vehicles implemented**

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

1. **Implement an ISO14001 Environmental Management System to drive continual improvement.**
2. **Realise the energy and carbon reduction opportunities identified in the 2024 Energy Audit.**

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 Supplier:



Date: 31st October 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>