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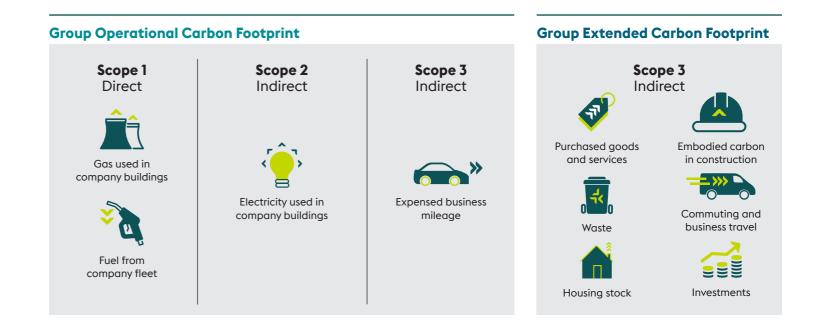
Decarbonisation and Net Zero Strategy

Our decarbonisation **journey so far**



In 2021, we committed to halving our Operational Carbon Footprint by 2050 – this mainly relates to our Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions (see below).

We also signed up for the UN-backed Race to Zero, pledging to achieve net zero across our Extended Carbon Footprint (remaining Scope 3 emissions, outlined below) as part of that.



Our Operational Carbon Footprint comprises the emissions that we have the most control over and for which we are directly responsible. Informally referred to as our operational emissions, we have been required by law to declare them in our Annual Report every year since 2019/2020.

Our Extended Carbon Footprint is made up of almost all our other material Scope 3 emissions sources, over which we have less control. Notably, it includes our 'downstream leased assets', the emissions from our homes being used by customers, which make up around 50% of our Extended Carbon Footprint.

Our progress so far

In order to meet our targets, every business area at Sanctuary is involved in working to reduce our carbon emissions, with colleagues committed to innovating and improving across all they do. Given our scale and our ambition to keep growing and providing affordable homes and sustainable communities where people want to live, decarbonisation efforts must be woven into everything we do.

We saw our **Extended Carbon Footprint** rise again to 494,617 tonnes of CO2e, an 18% increase on our baseline year of 2020/2021. This year was one of growth for Sanctuary, with 13 additional operational Cornwall Care homes and 13,000 Swan properties forming part of the 14,186 new homes under ownership in 2022/2023 that have increased our overall emissions.

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Our baseline Operational Carbon Footprint stood at 57,578 tonnes of CO2e.	We calculated our baseline Extended Carbon Footprint from 2020/2021 data. This stood at 417,763 tonnes of CO2e. As that year was affected by the pandemic, we expected these emissions to be slightly lower than they would have been in a 'business-as-usual' year.	Our Operational Carbon Footprint fell from the baseline year by 27%, resulting in a saving of 15,443 tonnes of CO2e. It stood at 42,135 tonnes of CO2e. This resulted from procuring a renewable, carbon-neutral electricity contract halfway through the financial year.	During the first full year of our green electricity contract being in place across Sanctuary, we recorded a 41% reduction in our Operational Carbon Footprint , as it fell to 34,011 tonnes of CO2e from our baseline year of 2019/2020. This was bolstered by positive reductions in gas consumption.

Since we introduced our Environment Strategy, using financial year 2019/2020 as our baseline, we've reduced our operational carbon emissions by 38% and we can meaningfully track performance against all Scope 3 areas too.

Even with accounting for our increase in size this year, our Extended Carbon Footprint has reduced by 4% in absolute terms since 2022/2023, and has reduced on an intensity ratio basis too. Since our baseline year, our extended emissions per home in management have positively reduced from 3.97 tonnes of CO2e to 3.76 in 2023/2024. This shows our decarbonisation efforts are paying off, despite our growing size and scale.

	Emission category	2019/2020 (Baseline year)	2022/ 2023	2023/ 2024
Operational carbon emissions	Scope 1	37,071	33,356	34,542
	Scope 2	19,497	0	323
	Scope 3	1,010	655	842
	Total	57,578	34,011	35,707

	Emission	2020/2021	2022/	2023/
	category	(Baseline year)	2023	2024
Extended carbon emissions	Scope 3 (remainder)	417,763	494,763	469,322