

# Sustainability in our Projects

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# Sustainability Principles

Definitions – sustainability,  
emissions scopes, offsetting

Carbon Neutral vs Net Zero

## Arcadis

Net Zero Targets

Supply Chain Carbon

## Site Work

Sustainable Design  
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## Conclusion and Next Steps

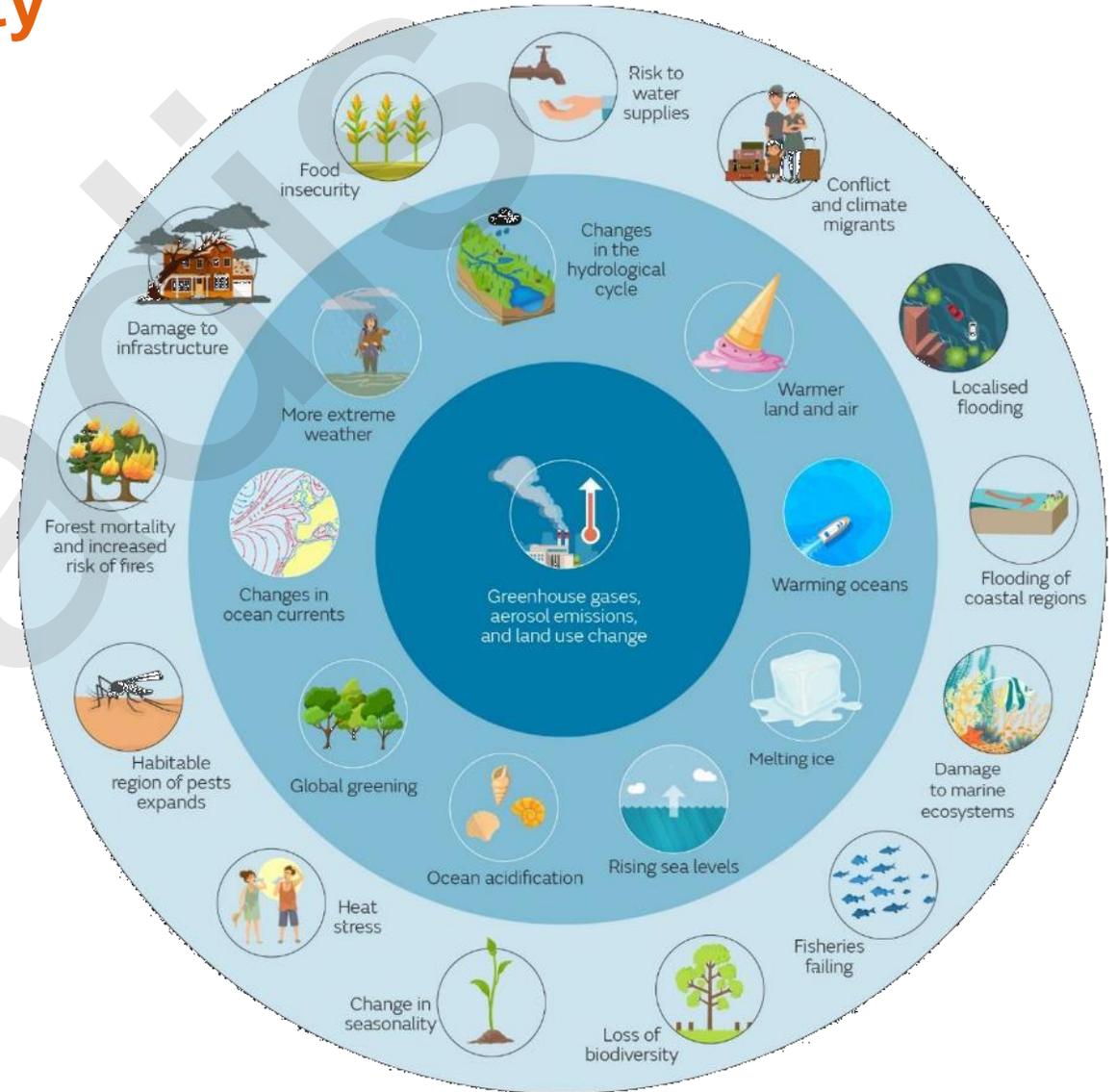
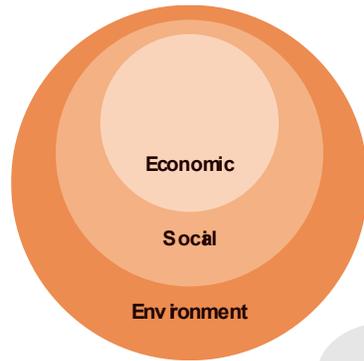
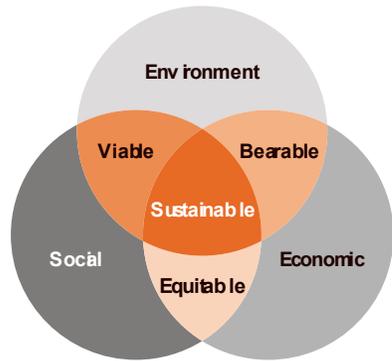
# Sustainability Principles



# Carbon Emissions vs Sustainability

*“Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”*

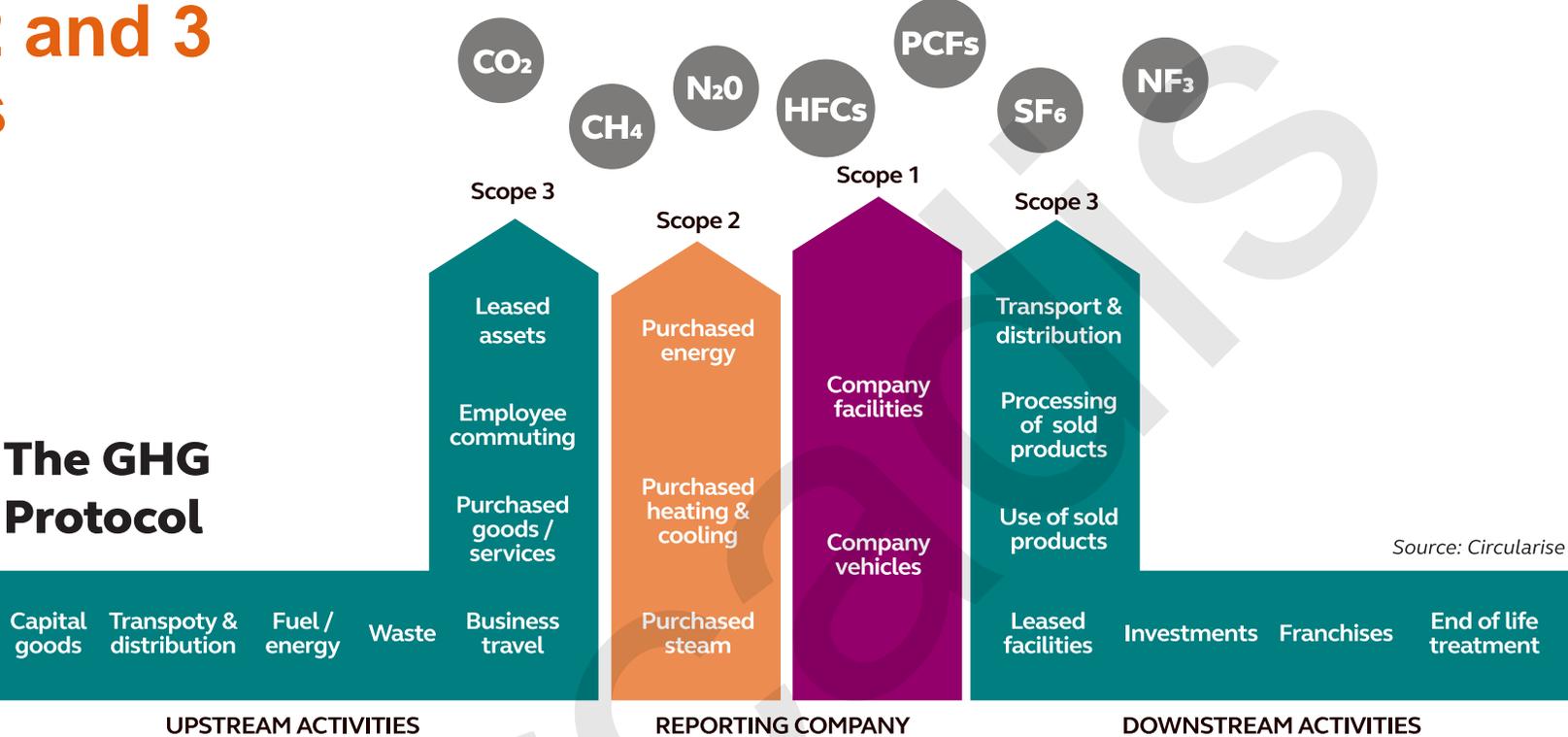
*United Nations Brundtland Commission, 1987*



Source: UK Met Office

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# Scope 1, 2 and 3 Emissions

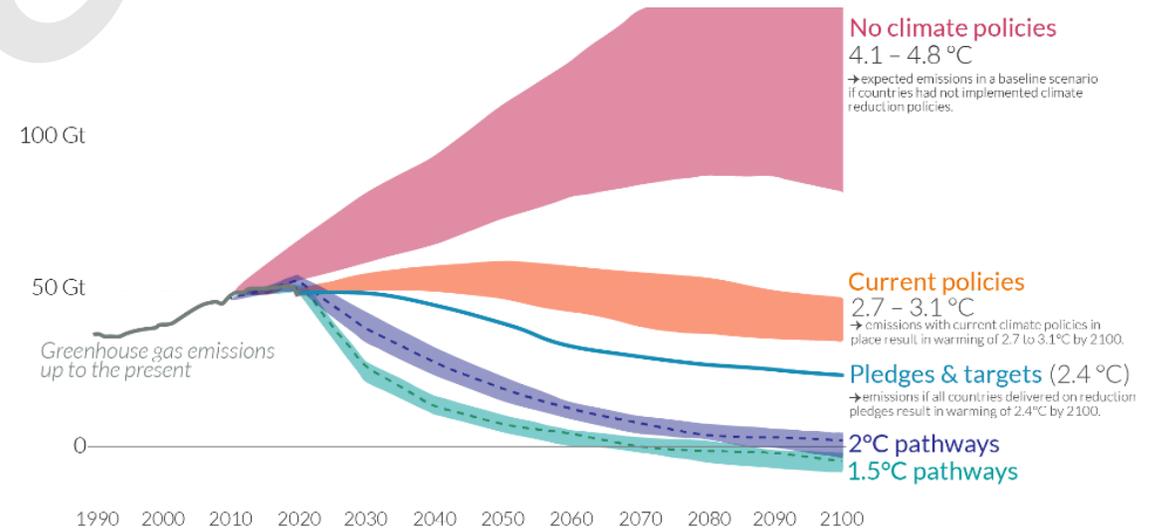
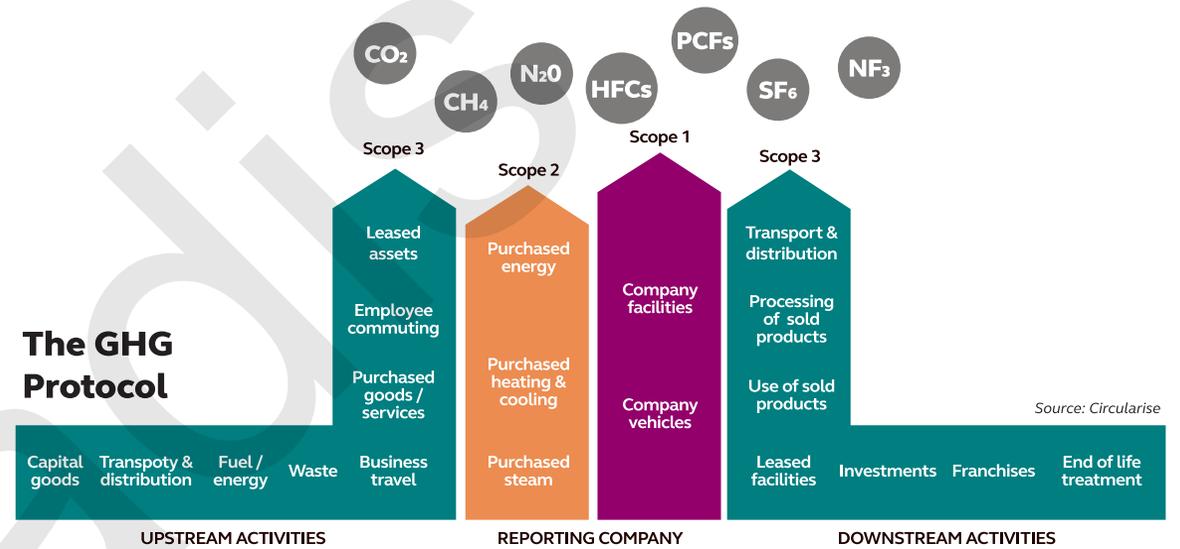
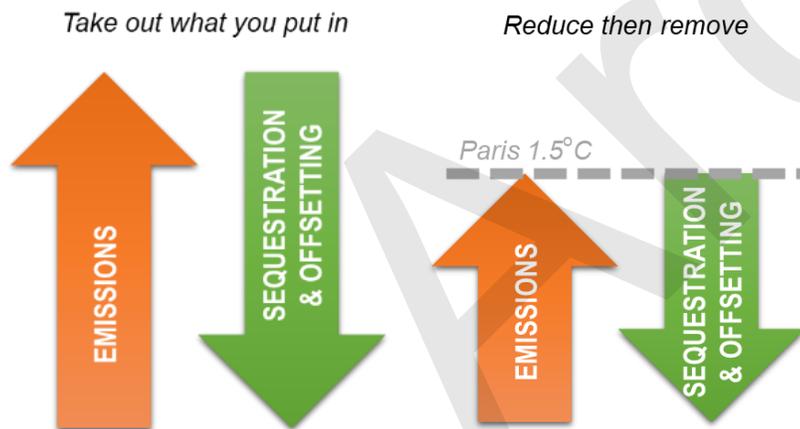


Scope 3 - Upstream	Scope 2	Scope 1	Scope 3 - Downstream
Indirect	Direct	Direct	Indirect
From <b>goods / services purchased</b> by company	From <b>energy purchased</b> by company	Emissions <b>owned / controlled</b> by company	From <b>goods / services sold</b> by company
<i>Capital goods Consumables Waste disposal</i>	<i>Electricity, heating, cooling</i>	<i>Fuel in company vehicles Spills and contamination events (fugitive emissions)</i>	<i>Transport of products Use of products</i>
Challenging to calculate	Easy to calculate	Easy to calculate	Very difficult to calculate
Need to collect data from supply chain Requires <b>collaboration and data sharing</b> across multiple entities	Typically has a standard grid value calculated annually per country/territory	Chemicals have a standard GHG emissions profile for combustion or degradation	May require assumptions and data from customers or market research to estimate emissions from use and disposal

# Net Zero Targets

	Carbon Neutrality	Net Zero
<b>Boundary</b>	Minimum requirement of Scope 1 & 2 Scope 3 encouraged but not mandatory	Must cover Scope 1, 2 & <b>Upstream Scope 3</b>
<b>Ambition</b>	No requirement for a company to reduce emissions	Must be reducing emissions along a <b>1.5°C trajectory</b> across Scope 1, 2 & 3
<b>Guidance</b>	PAS 2060	No specific guidance (yet) Needs a combination of standards, frameworks, and best practices Incl. PAS 2060, <b>PAS 2080</b> , SBTi

## Diagram



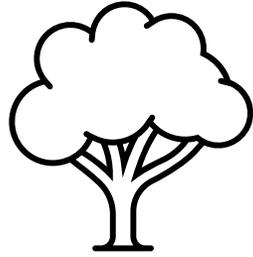
# Carbon Literacy



<1 g



2 kg



~12 - 60 kg/yr



1 T  
One Ton of CO<sub>2</sub>



~1.4 - 1.8 T/yr



~13 T/yr

~1 kg

- 1 full day streaming 4k Netflix
- carton of eggs
- ½ camembert

~10 kg

- A return Eurostar trip (per passenger)
- ½ hour drive
- 1 steak or cheeseburger
- 1 household waste bin to landfill

~100 kg

- one-way flight within Europe (per passenger)
- Set of new car tires
- Half a bitcoin transaction

~1 T

- A return flight from London to NY (per passenger)
- A long-haul flight to Asia
- Arcadis UK annual energy use per FTE

~10 T

- Average UK / EU carbon footprint per person per year
- Driving a car once around the world
- Powering a superyacht for 1 day

~100 T

- A commercial space flight (per billionaire)
- Wildfires across 2-8 acres of land
- Building a typical 3-bed house (traditional construction)

An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway with a central median. The road is flanked by green grassy embankments with visible erosion control structures. Several vehicles, including a white truck and a white car, are visible on the road. The text "Arcadis Sustainability Goals and Baseline" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

# Arcadis Sustainability Goals and Baseline

# Sustainability

A Planet Positive Future



## In our roots

Founded in 1888 for Wasteland Redevelopment.

## In our logo

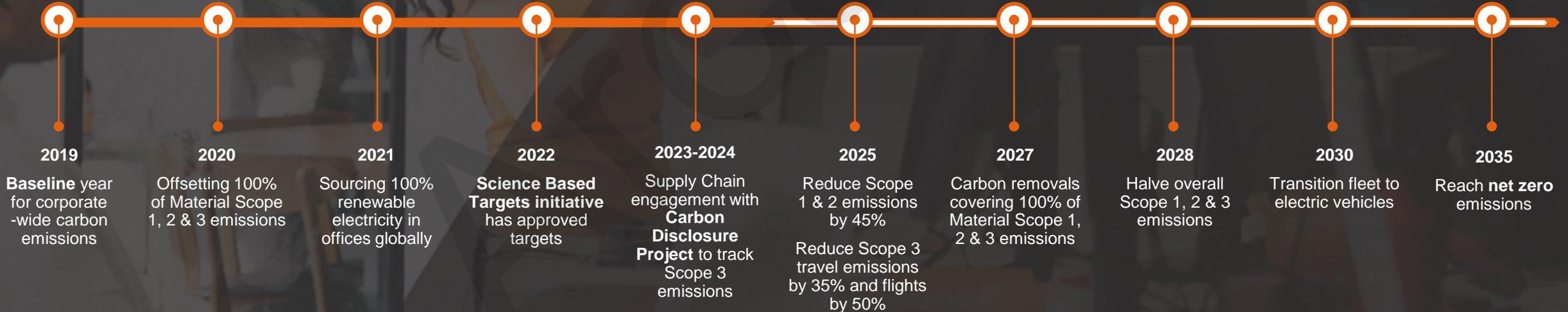
The fire salamander requires a balance between clean water, healthy air, and clean soil to survive.

## In our name

Arcadis derived from Arcadia the finest place on earth to live

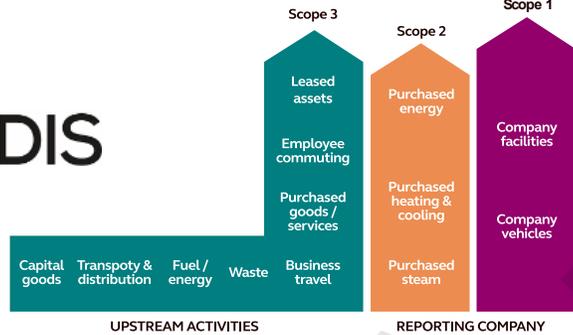
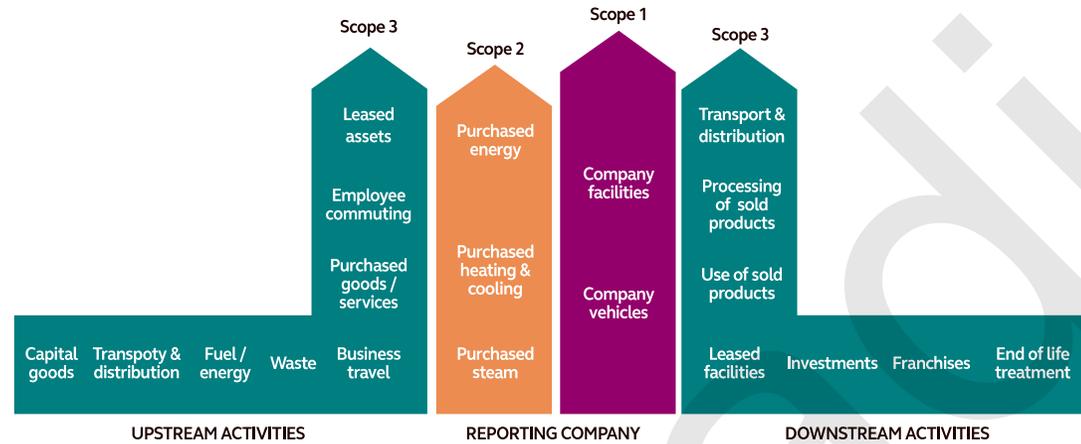
## Our purpose

## Our strategy

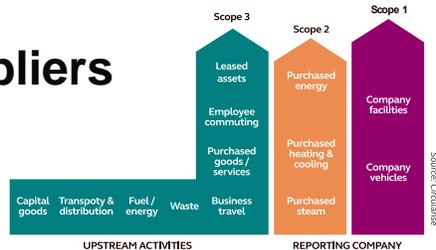


# Supply Chain Carbon – Scope 3 emissions per spend

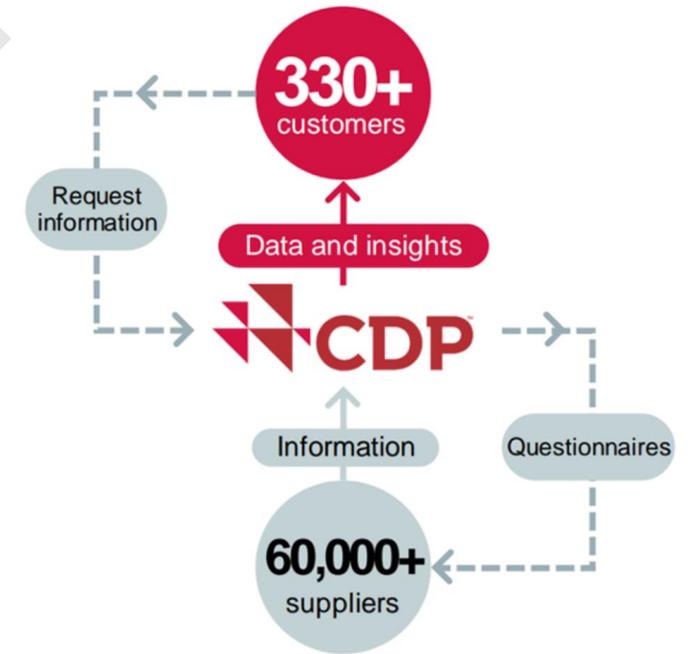
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Suppliers



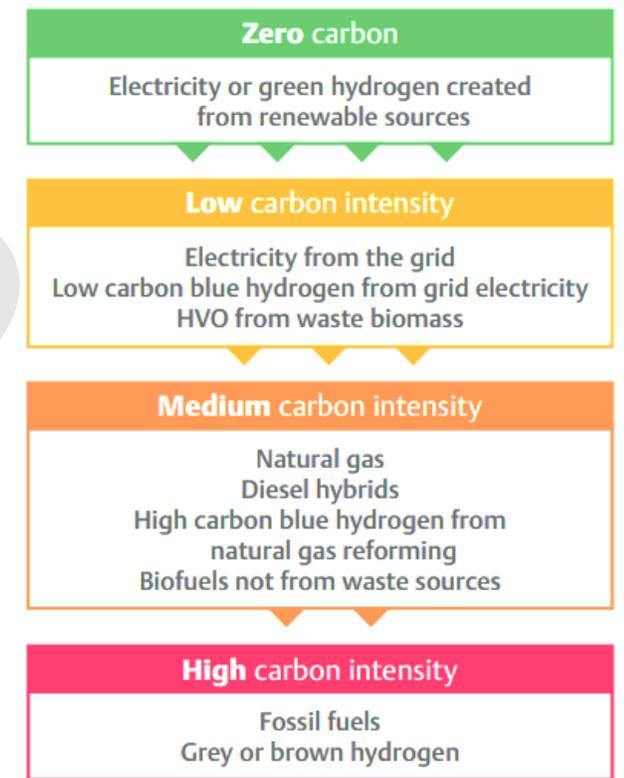
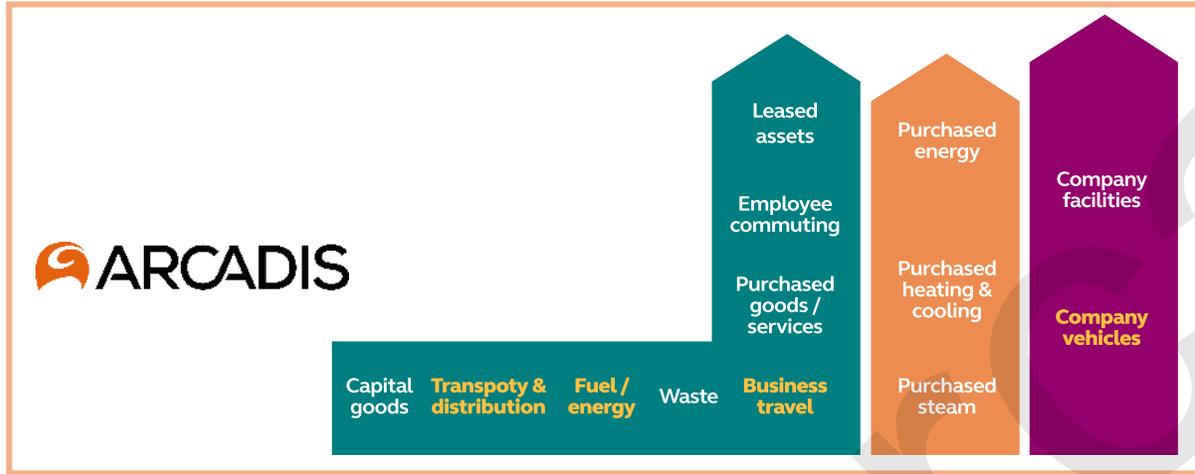
## Carbon Disclosure Project



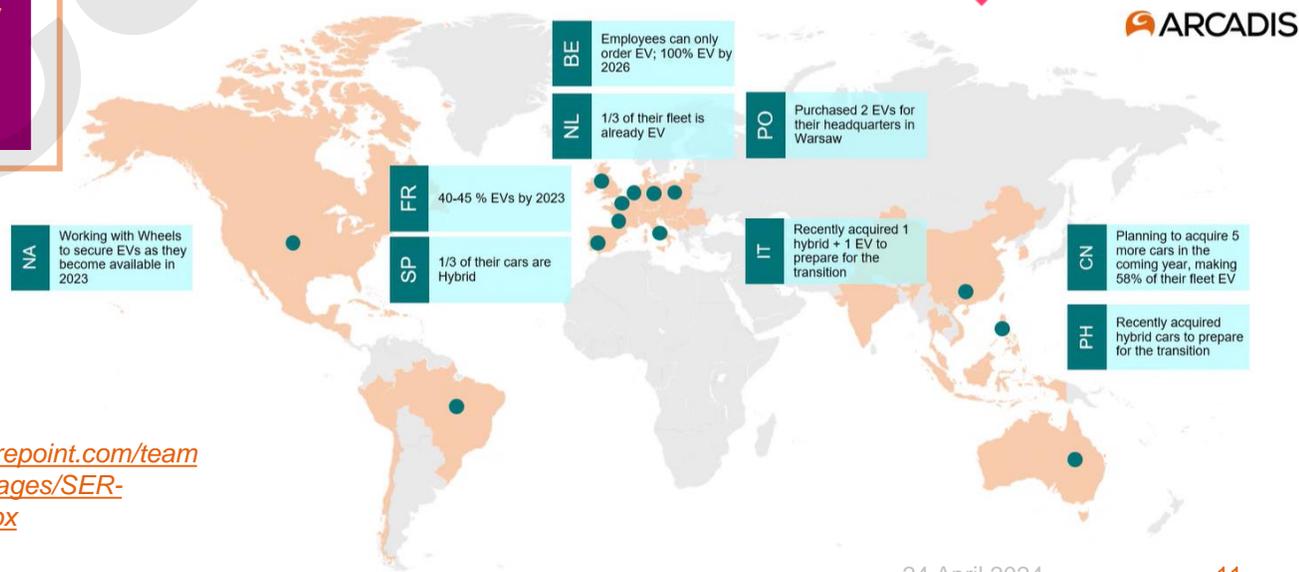
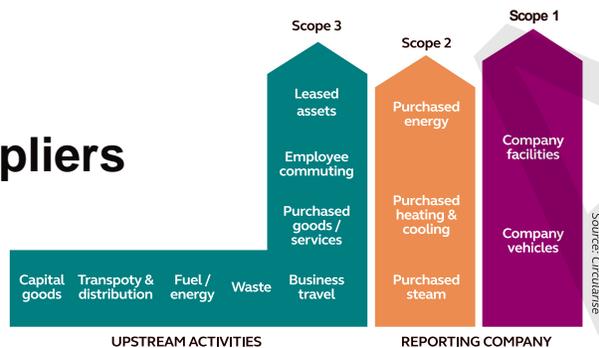
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# Supply Chain Carbon – Vehicles

- Company Vehicles
- Fuel / Energy to run vehicles and plant
- Data – Fuel Cards
- Widely available conversions (1 litre of diesel ~> 2.7 kgCO<sub>2</sub> 1 litre of petrol ~> 2.3 kgCO<sub>2</sub>)



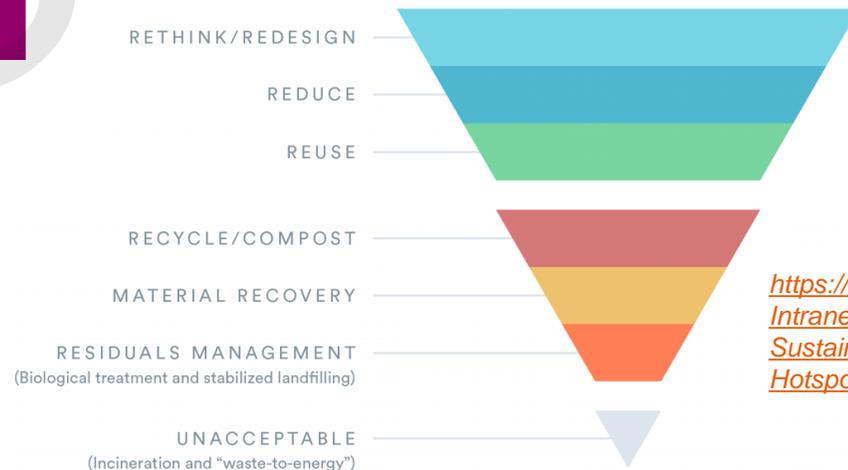
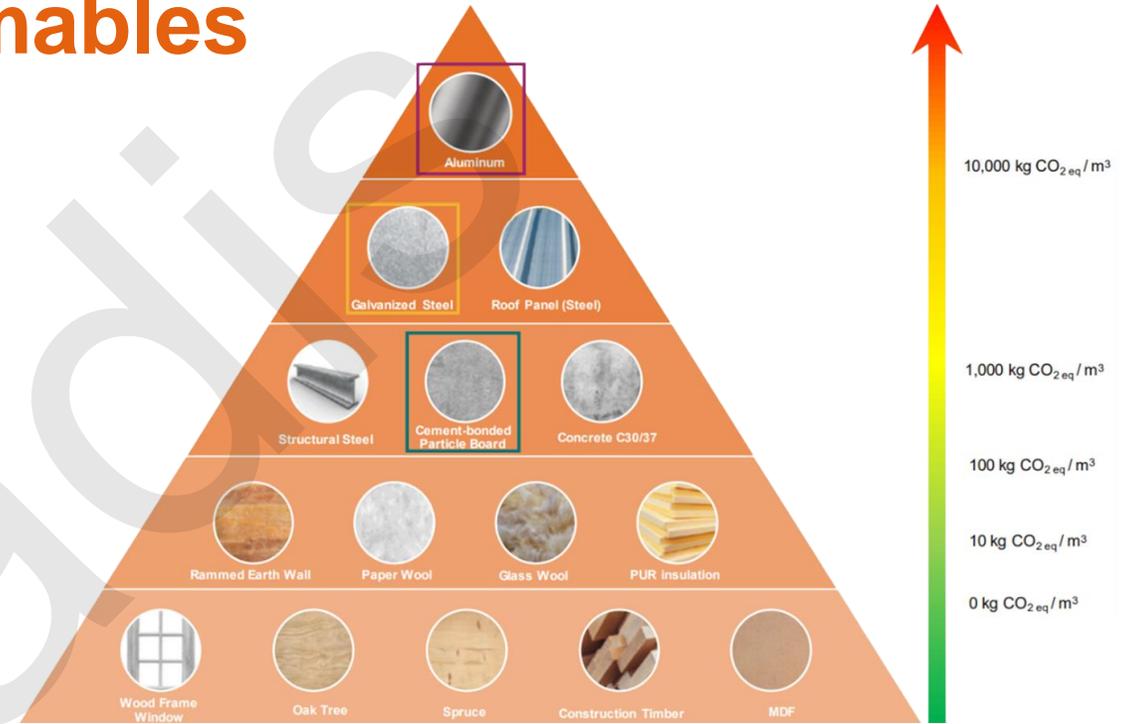
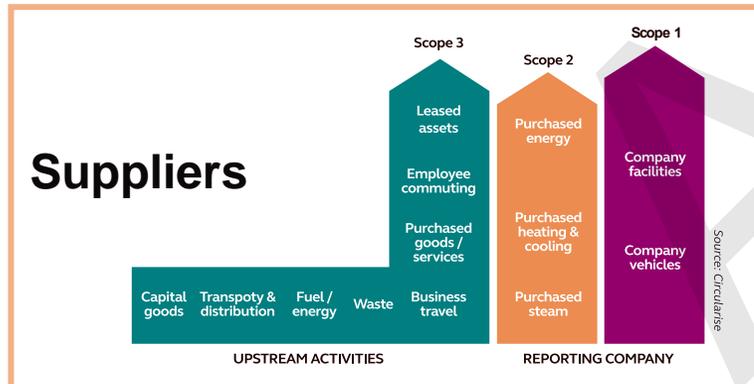
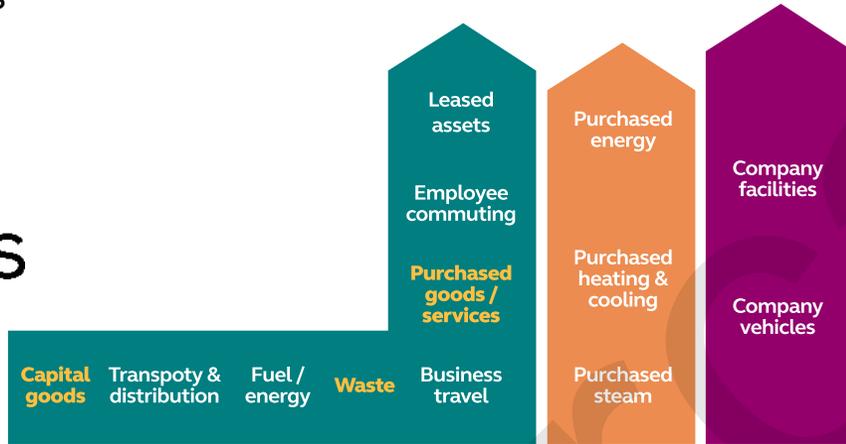
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# Supply Chain Carbon – Consumables

- Consumables and monitoring techniques
- Materials selection and materials lifecycle
- Need to collect data from supply chain
- Requires collaboration and data sharing across entities



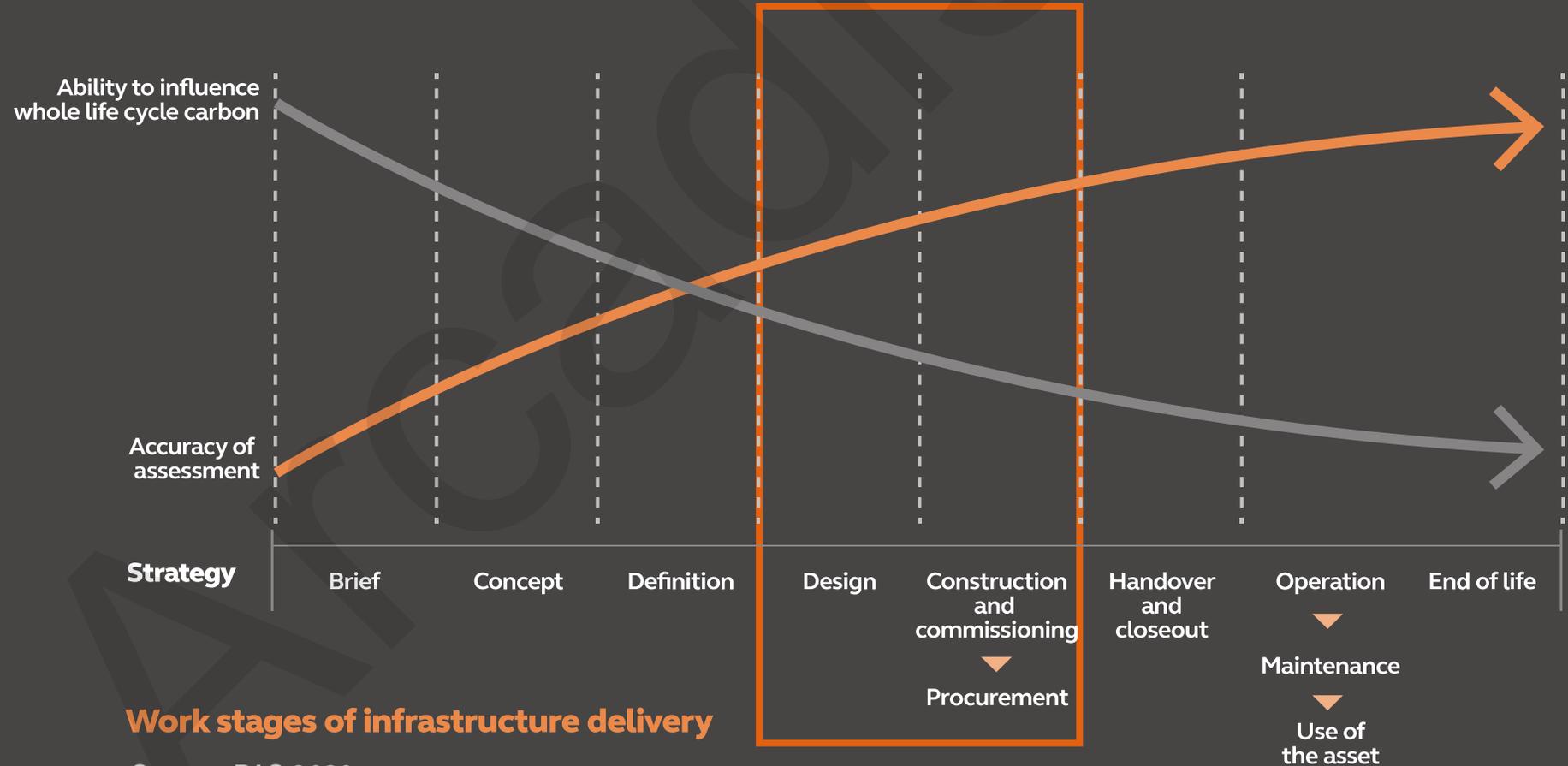
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# Sustainable Sitework



# Sustainable Design and Procurement for Site Work

- Limited scope for sustainable changes
- Path is set based on previous design stages and end-goal requirements for project goals
- Still many improvements to be made to reduce carbon emissions



Source: PAS 2080

# Design – Driving

## Reduce Driving

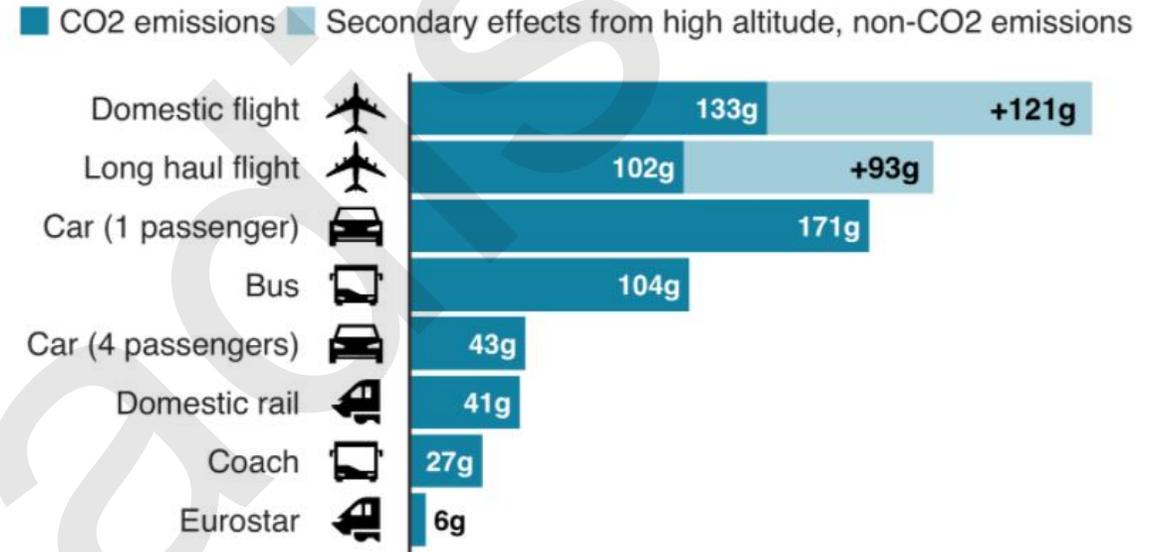
- Efficient **Resourcing**
- Consider site worker home location as well as office location
- Overnight stays rather than repeated commutes

**Saves ~ 20 to 40 kgCO<sub>2</sub> per 60 mile trip (1.5 hour drive)**

- Vehicle pooling
- Using public transport for equipment-light site visits (Walkovers, surveys, logging etc)
- Consider on-site facilities for overnight storage of samples/charging of equipment to enable **public transport commuting** or fewer courier collections

## Emissions from different modes of transport

Emissions per passenger per km travelled



Note: Car refers to average diesel car

Source: BEIS/Defra Greenhouse Gas Conversion Factors 2019

BBC

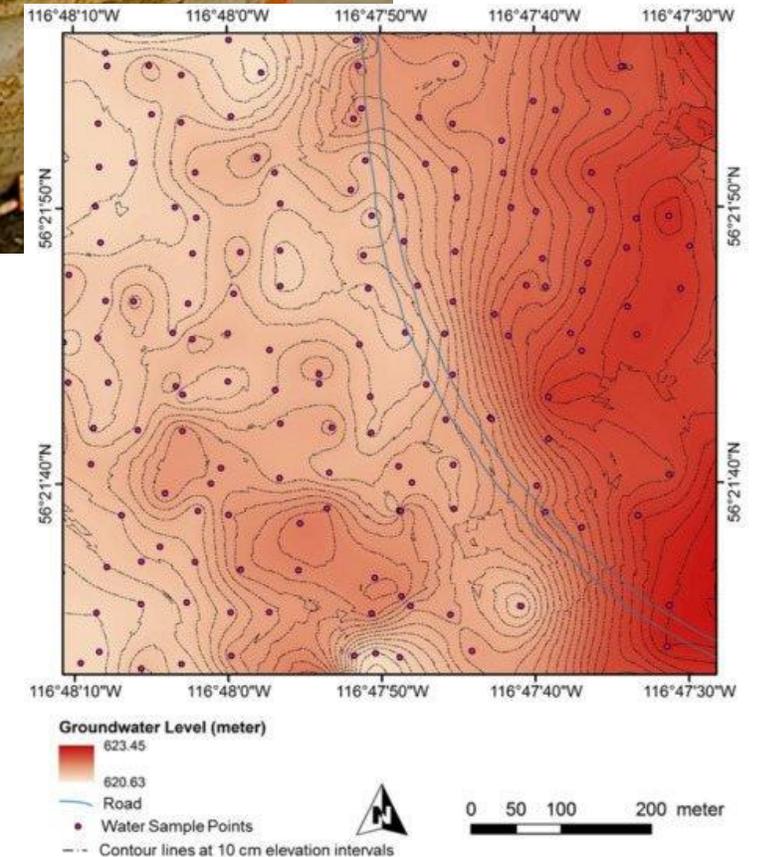


# Design – Scope of Work

## Reduce Intrusive Works:

1 m<sup>3</sup> of soil sent to landfill produces ~35 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> + the fuel to transport

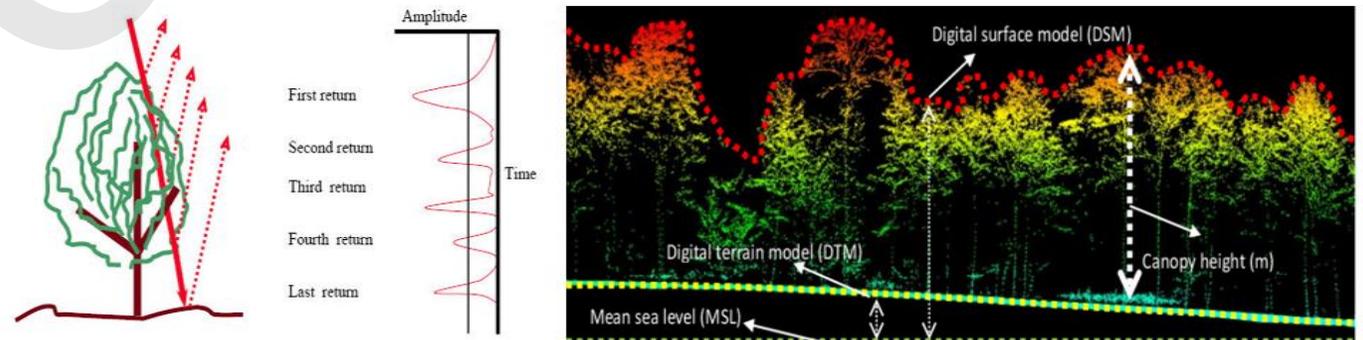
- Maximize the value of **existing and historical boreholes**
  - **FieldNow®** - digital borehole logging & predictive models
  - Digitized historical borehole records (**GeODin** <~ talk to Denny)
- Reducing intrusive works (**don't just drill**)
  - Co-ordinate with other teams – can scopes of works be combined?
  - Remote sensing / remote scanning
  - CPTs
  - Down-hole geophysics
- **Rail Freight** for soil transport



# Design – Scope of Work

## Reduce Veg Clearance:

- Assess ecological value of vegetation
- Minimise disturbance to sensitive habitats
- Remote Sensing
  - Using drones (air or waterborne)
  - Satellite data - next-gen LiDAR – penetrates vegetation
- Telemetry based monitoring and instrumentation
  - water levels, remote slope monitoring



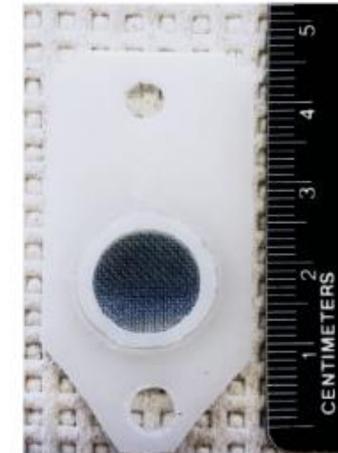
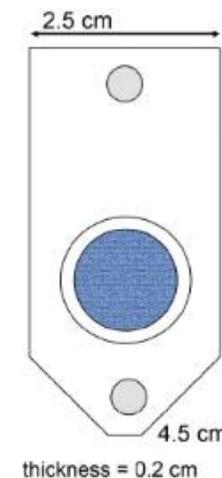
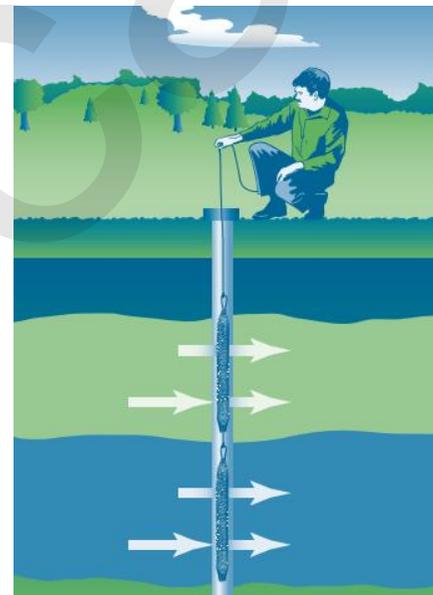
# Design – Monitoring

## Monitoring Techniques

- Continuous Monitoring & Telemetry
  - Divers/Loggers – can store months of groundwater level and baro readings
  - Reduces driving – fewer site visits

**One case study reduced driving by 60% per month**

- No Purge techniques rather than Low Flow
  - E.g. passive diffusion bags or snap samplers left in monitoring wells (only certain CoC – good for PFAS)
    - **Talk to Wouter for more information**
  - Reduces well-purge volumes
  - Reduces plastic waste compared to LF tubing

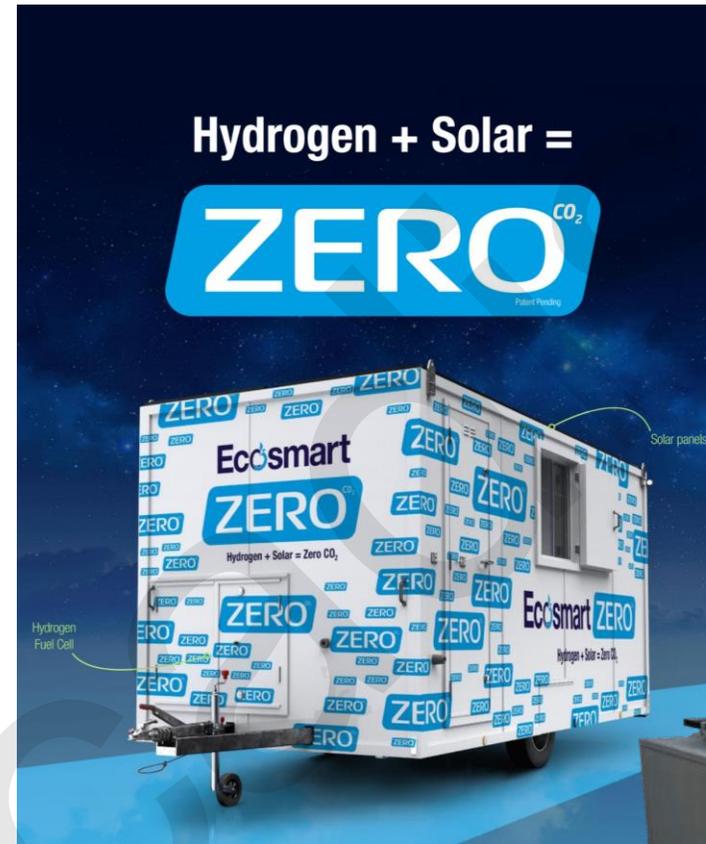


# Procurement – Welfare

## Eco Welfare Units

- Growing list of suppliers - different types available
- Not all are created equal
  - Solar + Hydrogen version is zero carbon
  - Solar + Diesel version is lower carbon (up to 75% less)
- Also address noise complaint issues – no generators running at night
- Long lead in and hard to book (not many units available)
- Addresses operational carbon (need to understand break-even point for manufacture)

1 Jerry can of diesel produces ~50 kgCO<sub>2</sub> when burned



# Procurement - Generators

## Eco Generators

- **Solar + Diesel**
  - ~65 - 75% fuel reduction
- **Hydrogen**
  - Run on hydrogen cannisters – similar to camping gas
  - 75% cheaper to run than equivalent diesel generator
- **Hybrid Power**
  - Uses heat from diesel generators to charge internal batteries
  - 40 – 50% fuel reduction (compared to 24/7 running)

Diesel generators produce 0.7 – 1.1 kgCO<sub>2</sub> per kWh

~65 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per day for a typical welfare cabin



Can operate in ULEZ sites



Can power static units or electric plant

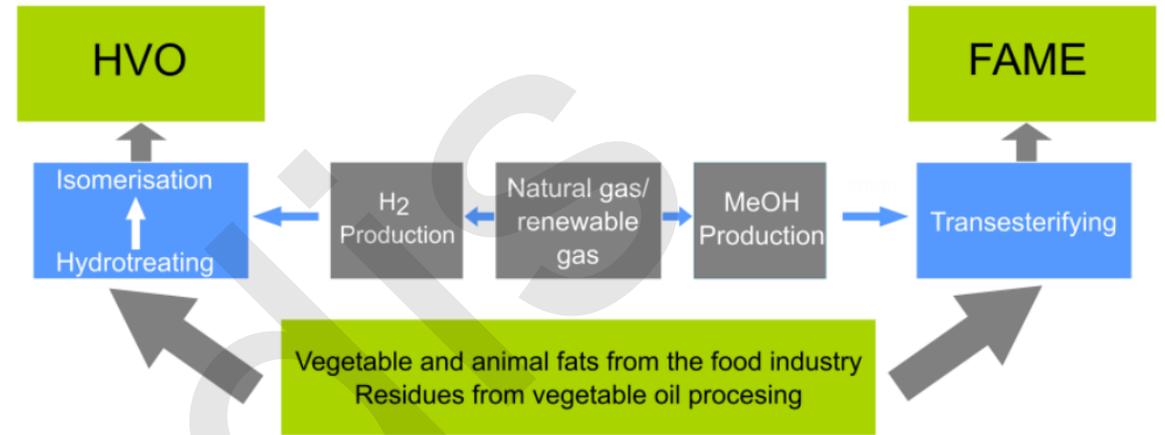


Lower noise (for compliance regulations)

# Procurement - Fuel

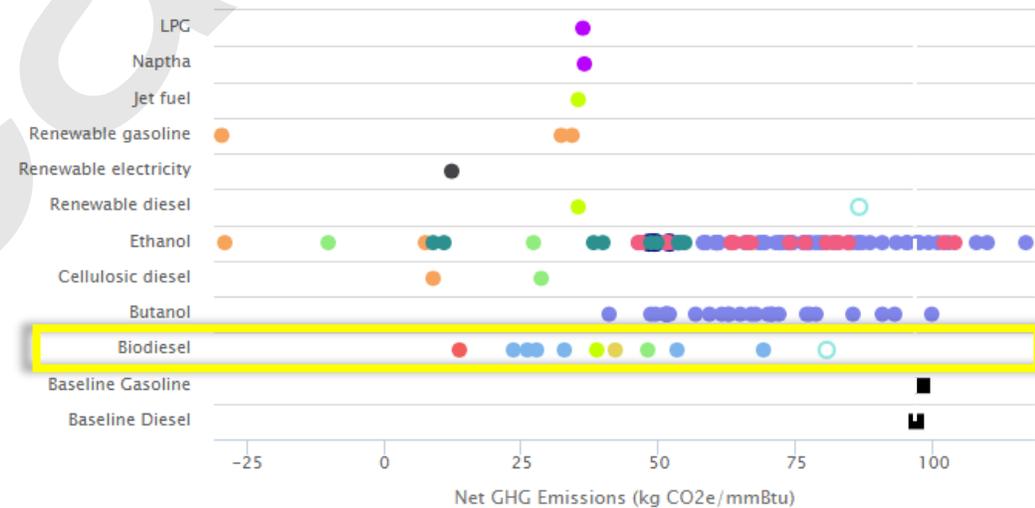
## HVO and FAME Biofuels

- Replacement of mineral diesel in rigs and generators
- Drop-in diesel replacements
  - FAME = fatty acid methyl ester
    - Already comprises up to 7% of B7 diesel at the pump - can go up to 20% from specialist suppliers
    - Engine stalls at lower temperatures
  - HVO = hydrotreated vegetable oil
    - ~30% more expensive than diesel - specialist suppliers only
- Up to **90% lifecycle CO<sub>2</sub> reduction** vs mineral diesel
  - Exact reduction varies with feedstock source and transportation -
  - Issues around engine compatibility, suppliers and fuel storage



Lifecycle GHG Emissions by Feedstock and Fuel Type

(Click in the Legend to View Results by Feedstock)



- Algal oil
- Barley\*
- Biogas from landfills
- Canola oil
- Cellulose from corn stover
- Corn starch
- Distillers corn oil
- Distillers sorghum oil
- Grain sorghum
- Palm oil\*
- Soybean oil
- Sugarcane
- Switchgrass
- Yellow grease
- Petroleum

Source: EPA

An aerial photograph of a body of water, likely a river or stream, showing extensive contamination. The water is covered with large, irregular patches of rainbow-colored oil slicks, primarily in shades of purple, blue, and orange. The slicks are interspersed with areas of dark, turbid water and numerous small, brown, pebble-like objects. A large, dark, rounded rock is visible in the upper right quadrant. The overall scene depicts a significant environmental spill.

# Case Study

**Award Winning Sustainable  
Ground Investigation**

# Shell Sceptre – Sustainable Solutions

## Background:

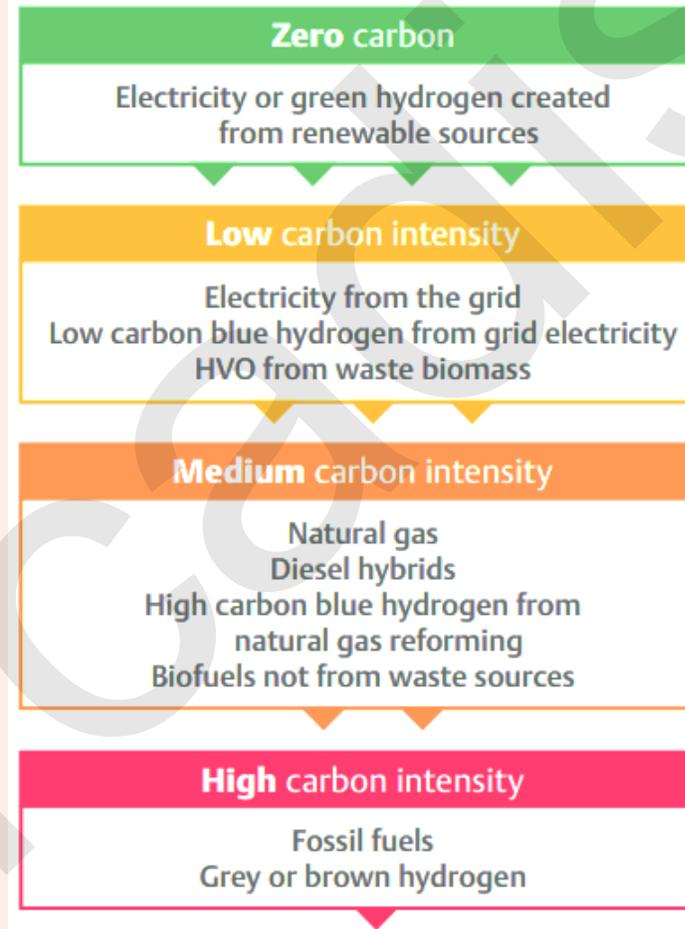
- Off-grid site (no power supply)
- Typically relies on diesel generators which are carbon intensive and cause noise and air pollution
- Is there a way to make this more sustainable?

## Solution:

- Work with suppliers to understand sustainable options
- Rank options by carbon intensity
- Select the **least carbon intensive viable options**

## Result:

- Approximately **26T CO<sub>2</sub>** emissions saved by utilizing sustainable and lower-carbon intensive welfare and equipment provisions during the 12 week site drilling program.



## Shell SGWS Sustainability Award 1Q2023



### SGWS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

This Award is presented to

Arcadis UK: Shell Sceptre – Sustainable Welfare Solutions  
in recognition of the significant contribution made in conducting  
and promoting sustainable activities associated with our  
Soil and Groundwater Program.

David Dollard Saint-Laurent  
GM, Soil and Groundwater Solutions

# Shell Sceptre – Sustainable Solutions



Welfare	CCTV	Plant	Fuel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar / diesel hybrid welfare</li> <li>Welfare unit with roof-mounted photovoltaic panels which recharge an onboard battery to power lighting and plug sockets</li> <li>saving <b>660kg CO<sub>2</sub></b> when compared to standard units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar / methanol fuel cell CCTV</li> <li>saving approximately <b>4,200kg CO<sub>2</sub></b> when compared with non solar powered CCTV requiring a diesel generator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric pallet mover</li> <li>recharged using the welfare solar electric supply</li> <li>negating the need for a telehandler</li> <li>reducing potential emissions by approximately <b>20 TCO<sub>2</sub></b></li> <li>PLUS a significant cost saving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) used to refuel drilling rigs, remediation</li> <li>generator and tracked dumper which saved up to <b>1,131 kg CO<sub>2</sub></b></li> </ul>

# Conclusion and Next Steps



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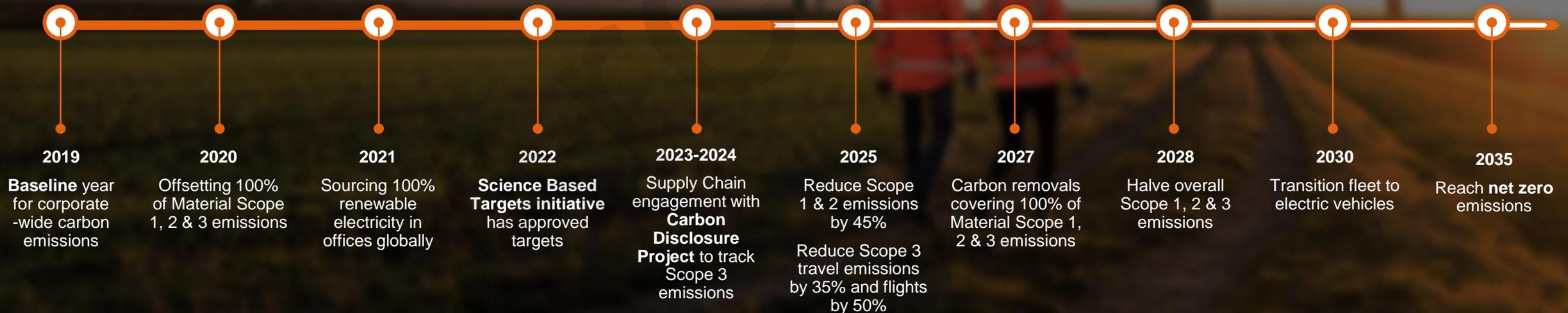
## Sustainability in Projects

- Understand the basics – terminology and targets
- Lots of simple improvements to be made to reduce carbon emissions
- Start with the easy wins with the biggest impact
  - Travel
  - Welfare and fossil fuel generators
  - Switching to RECYCLED materials
  - Telemetry and remote sensing / surveying

## Further Training:

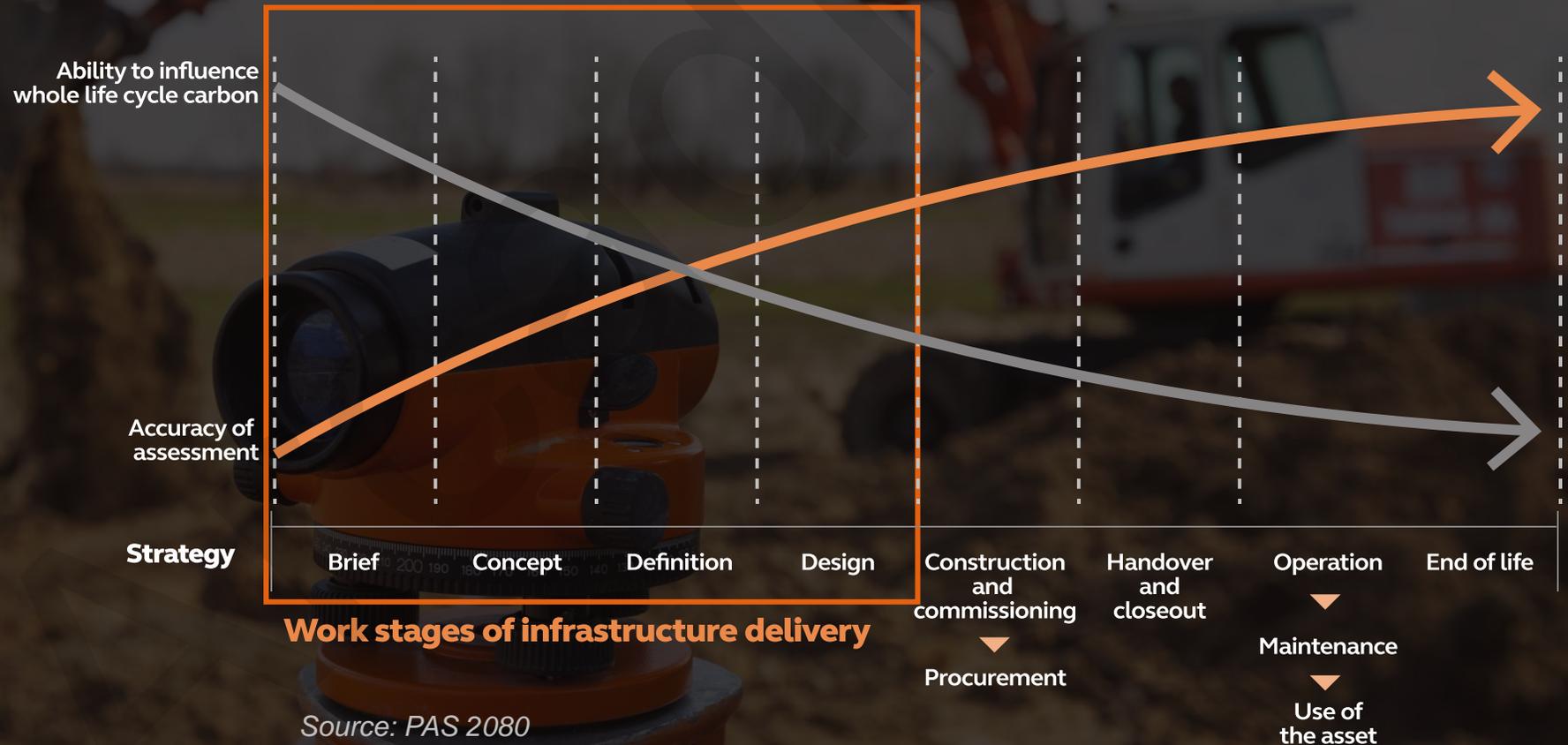
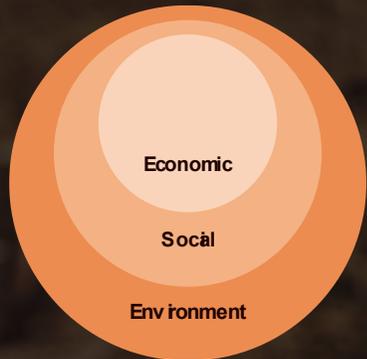
- Expedition DNA Sustainability Basecamp
- Multilevel Whole of Life Carbon Training
  - Sustain Abilities (powered by the Lovinklaan Foundation)
  - Tier 2 Practitioner Level and Tier 3 Software training coming in Q3

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# Greatest success through early adoption of sustainable principles

- Retrofitting a scope of works is always more challenging
- Involvement in **discussion with clients AND regulators** to provide sustainable solutions as early as possible
- Multicriteria analysis – e.g. **SuRF framework** to support decision making



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