

Highways Agency Specification 2013-14 – Scoping Document

Field	Notes
Short Title	Work with Supply Chain to Minimise Supplier Carbon Emissions.
Performance Specification Reference	Output 11 – PS 5.3b
Requirement / Output Details	The network operator should also work with its supply chain to minimise supplier carbon emissions when undertaking activities on the network operator's behalf.
Scope	Adjust the purpose of the existing carbon accounting framework to focus on managing carbon emissions in a way that facilitates reductions. As a subset of a future low carbon routemap for the Highways Agency, an early win opportunity should exist to focus on construction and maintenance activities (embodied carbon in energy use, materials, transportation and waste removal). Limited targets exist for Agency maintenance suppliers and this could be extended across all network interventions (major project and asset support frameworks).
Rationale	The Highways Agency has encouraged measuring and reporting of on-site carbon emissions. The purpose of its current carbon accounting framework is to measure carbon emissions. This misses the opportunity of 'managing carbon emissions' and realising reduction potential. Managing carbon emissions could be aligned with best practice and would further strengthen the Agency's sustainability objectives.
Proposed Deliverables (with Associated Completion Dates)	Society must maintain the ambition for an absolute reduction in carbon emissions however given the significant step in Agency expenditure it is reasonable to include a normalised reduction ambition too. This has established precedence in the construction/Government sector (see Links below) that is progress in line with legislative targets as well as carbon/£M investment reductions.