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SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

Reducing emissions across commuting, courier deliveries, and supply chain operations.

OVERVIEW

GOAL

Reduce emissions by choosing sustainable transport

INITIATIVES

Reduce Supply Chain Emissions
Courier Emissions
Local Suppliers

RESULTS

Lowered emissions on goods in and out of the premises

GOAL

Our goal is to reduce carbon emissions across our wider supply chain by embedding sustainability into supplier and courier selection processes. By working closely with partners to lower their emissions, prioritising lower-carbon freight options, and considering local suppliers where commercially viable, we aim to minimise transport-related impact and create a more responsible, environmentally conscious procurement strategy for 2026 and beyond.

REDUCED SUPPLIER EMISSIONS

As part of our 2026 sustainability plans, Valley Northern is strengthening its commitment to reducing supply chain emissions, recognising that meaningful carbon reduction requires close collaboration with suppliers.

Overview

The Reduced Supplier Emissions initiative focuses on collaborating with supply chain partners to measure and reduce carbon emissions, lowering the overall environmental footprint of the products and services we procure.

Actions

- Engage with suppliers to discuss their carbon reduction strategies and environmental policies.
- Encourage transparency around emissions data and sustainability targets.
- Prioritise partnerships with suppliers demonstrating clear commitments to reducing their environmental impact.

Impact

- Lower Supply Chain Emissions: Contributes to reducing indirect emissions associated with purchased goods and services.
- Stronger Supplier Relationships: Builds collaborative partnerships focused on sustainability goals.
- Long-Term Environmental Benefit: Supports industry-wide carbon reduction and responsible sourcing practices.

Through this initiative, we aim to extend our sustainability efforts beyond internal operations, driving positive environmental change throughout the supply chain.

REDUCED COURIER EMISSIONS

As part of our 2026 sustainability objectives, Valley Northern is placing greater emphasis on reducing emissions associated with outbound freight. We recognise that courier selection plays a key role in lowering the environmental impact of our deliveries.

Overview

The Reduced Courier Emissions initiative focuses on incorporating environmental performance into our courier selection process. By considering the carbon emissions and sustainability credentials of our freight partners, we aim to reduce transport-related emissions while maintaining reliable service for our customers.

Actions

- Review the environmental policies and carbon reduction commitments of our courier partners.
- Consider emissions data and fleet composition, including the use of electric and low-emission vehicles.
- Integrate environmental criteria into courier selection and performance reviews.

Impact

- Lower Delivery Emissions: Supports a reduction in carbon emissions associated with outbound freight.
- Greener Logistics Choices: Encourages the use of carriers investing in sustainable transport solutions.

Through this initiative, we aim to make more environmentally informed freight decisions, contributing to measurable reductions in transport-related carbon emissions.

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LOCAL SUPPLIERS

As part of our 2026 sustainability plans, Valley Northern is exploring opportunities to reduce environmental impact by strengthening relationships with local suppliers. Sourcing closer to our operations can help minimise transport emissions and support regional businesses.

Overview

The Local Supplier Sourcing initiative focuses on considering locally based suppliers for goods and services where commercially viable. By reducing the distance products and services travel, we aim to lower associated carbon emissions while maintaining quality and cost-effectiveness.

Actions Taken

- Reviewed existing suppliers to identify opportunities for local alternatives.
- Assessed new procurement opportunities with a preference for geographically closer providers.
- Considered total environmental impact, alongside cost and service levels, in supplier selection.

Impact

- Reduced Transport Emissions: Shorter supply chains result in lower carbon output.
- Stronger Local Economy: Supports regional businesses and community resilience.
- More Sustainable Procurement: Encourages environmentally responsible sourcing decisions.

Through this initiative, Valley Northern aims to balance commercial viability with environmental responsibility, reducing emissions through smarter, more localised sourcing decisions.





SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Supporting the shift to electric vehicles through on-site charging facilities.

OVERVIEW

GOAL

Encourage the use of EVs by providing accessible on-site charging facilities.

INITIATIVES

EV Charging Point Installation

RESULTS

Reduced carbon emissions for employees

GOAL

The goal of the EV Charging Points initiative is to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles by providing accessible on-site charging facilities. By investing in supporting infrastructure, we aim to reduce commuting-related emissions, promote sustainable travel choices among employees and visitors, and align our premises with the transition toward low-carbon transport solutions.

EV CHARGING POINT INSTALLATION

Valley Northern is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its operations. A key focus has been increasing the use of renewable energy to lower operational carbon emissions.

Overview

The EV Charging Points initiative focuses on assessing the feasibility of installing on-site charging infrastructure for employees and visitors. By providing convenient access to charging facilities, we aim to remove barriers to EV adoption and support greener commuting choices.

Actions

- Assess site capacity and infrastructure requirements for EV charger installation.
- Research charger types, costs, and potential grant funding opportunities.
- Evaluate anticipated usage and long-term environmental benefits.
- Incorporate EV infrastructure planning into wider premises development discussions.

Impact

- Encourages Low-Emission Travel: Supports employees and visitors in transitioning to electric vehicles.
- Reduced Commuting Emissions: Contributes to lowering transport-related carbon output.
- Future-Proof Infrastructure: Prepares our premises for the continued growth of EV usage.





OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY & EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Reducing transport emissions and improving efficiency through onsite storage expansion.

OVERVIEW

GOAL

Consolidate storage to reduce emissions.

INITIATIVES

Offsite Storage Reduction

RESULTS

Fewer external warehouse trips/usage and lower transport emissions

GOAL

The goal of this initiative is to improve operational efficiency and reduce carbon emissions by consolidating storage into a single, expanded onsite facility. By minimising the movement of goods between warehouses, we aim to lower transport-related emissions, reduce costs, and create a more streamlined and sustainable logistics operation.

OFFSITE STORAGE REDUCTION

As part of our 2026 operational and sustainability plans, Valley Northern is exploring opportunities to optimise our premises by reducing reliance on offsite storage facilities. Consolidating operations has the potential to improve efficiency while lowering transport-related emissions.

Overview

This initiative focuses on assessing the feasibility of extending our existing building to accommodate additional storage capacity onsite. By reducing the need to store goods at separate locations, we aim to minimise the movement of stock between warehouses and streamline our logistics processes.

Actions

- Conduct an initial feasibility review of a potential building extension.
- Assess current offsite storage usage and associated transport movements.
- Evaluate projected cost savings, operational efficiencies, and carbon reduction benefits.
- Engage with planning and infrastructure advisors to understand next steps.

Impact

- **Reduced Vehicle Movements:** Fewer transfers between warehouses lowers fuel use and emissions.
- **Improved Efficiency:** Centralised storage streamlines goods handling and inventory management.
- **Cost Savings:** Potential reduction in offsite storage and transport expenses.
- **Lower Carbon Footprint:** Decreased inter-site travel contributes to overall emissions reduction.



