

Timber Industry Net Zero Roadmap

Charlie Law

Sustainability Director – Timber Development UK

Drivers for Net-Zero Carbon



- The need to limit global warming to well below 2°C, preferably to 1.5°C, compared to pre-industrial levels as agreed at COP 21 in Paris (Dec 2015).
- UK Government legal target to reach Net-Zero by 2050 (June 2019)
- UK Government interim target of 78% reduction by 2035 compared to 1990 levels (April 2021)
- Targets from various organisations within our value chain, including the Construction Leadership Council, World & UK Green Building Councils, Manufacturers and Merchants



TDUK Net-Zero Target



Timber Development UK signed up to SME Climate Hub Commitment Jan 2021:

“Timber Development UK, recognising that climate change poses a threat to the economy, nature and society at large, commits to take action immediately in order to:

- Support our members in halving greenhouse gas emissions intensity before 2030*
- Achieve net-zero emissions before 2050*
- Disclose our progress on a yearly basis*

In doing so, we are proud to be recognised by the United Nations Race to Zero campaign, and join governments, businesses, cities, regions, and universities around the world with the same mission.”

Supporting Timber Associations



**TIMBER
DEVELOPMENT
UK**

ASBP The Alliance
for Sustainable
Building Products

bwff B R I T I S H
W O O D W O R K I N G
F E D E R A T I O N



Confor
Promoting forestry and wood

wra Wood
Recyclers
Association



**TIMBER
DEVELOPMENT
UK**

NMBS
STRENGTHENING
INDEPENDENTS

WPA
Wood Protection
Association

STA | STRUCTURAL
TIMBER
ASSOCIATION

**WOOD
PANEL
INDUSTRIES
FEDERATION**



tdca
TIMBER DECKING AND
CLADDING ASSOCIATION

 **timcon**
timber packaging and pallet confederation

The timber industry Net Zero Roadmap

How the timber sector
can address the climate crisis
and build a Net Zero future

Supported by:



Energise



TIMBER
DEVELOPMENT
UK



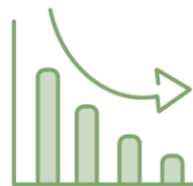
Sector Net Zero roadmap, sector standards / guidance and toolkit (opportunity checklist, action plan template, communications template)



Carbon calculator for ongoing use (Excel or option to subscribe to Net Zero Club online tool)



High-level policy costs for implementing emissions reduction projects (Scope 1 & 2)



Understanding of suitable offset options

Industry Material Flows



**TIMBER
DEVELOPMENT
UK**

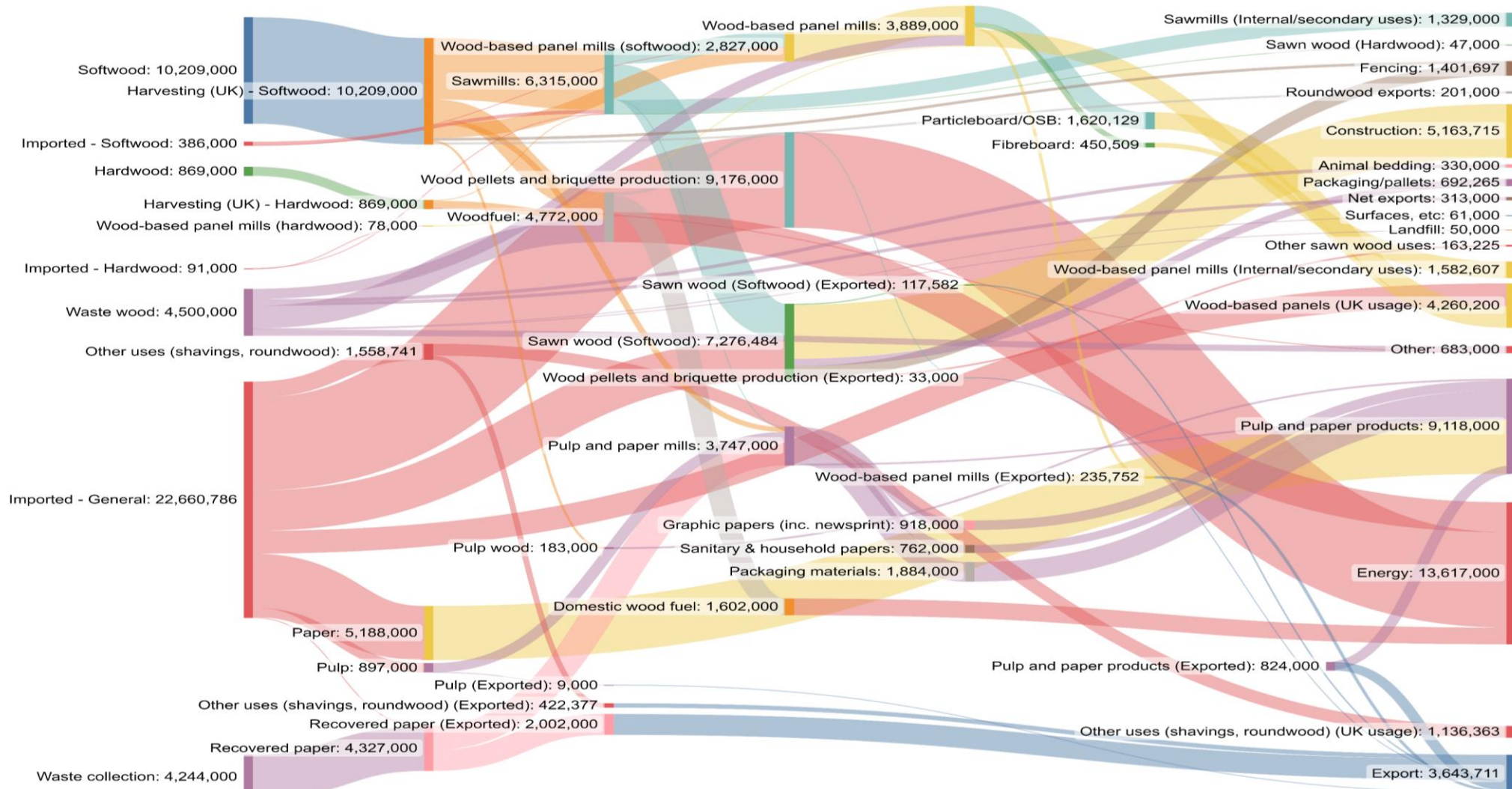
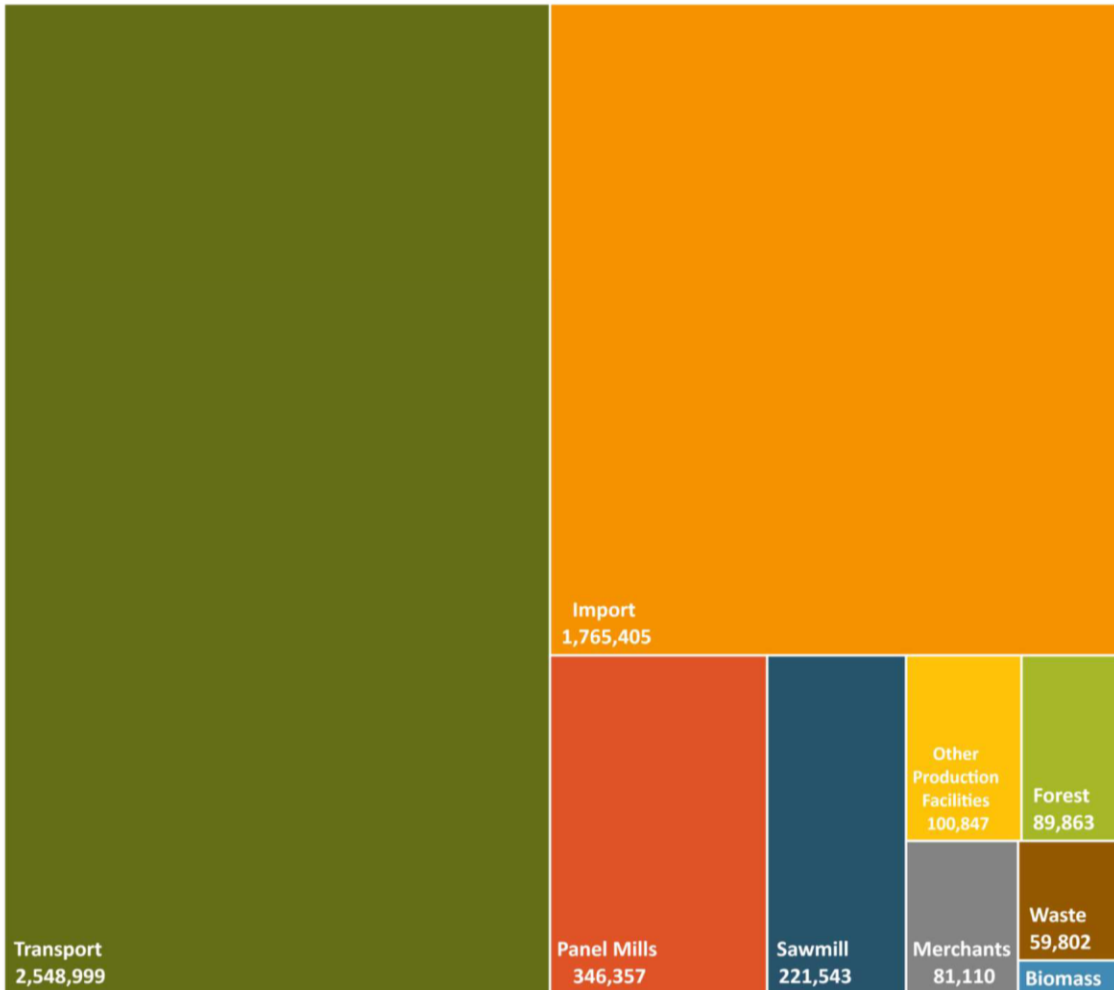


Figure 11. Resource balance of the UK Timber Industry in tonnes (2019)

Timber Industry Emissions Footprint



TIMBER INDUSTRY TOTAL TERRITORIAL AND OVERSEAS
CARBON FOOTPRINT: 5,231,071 tCO₂e

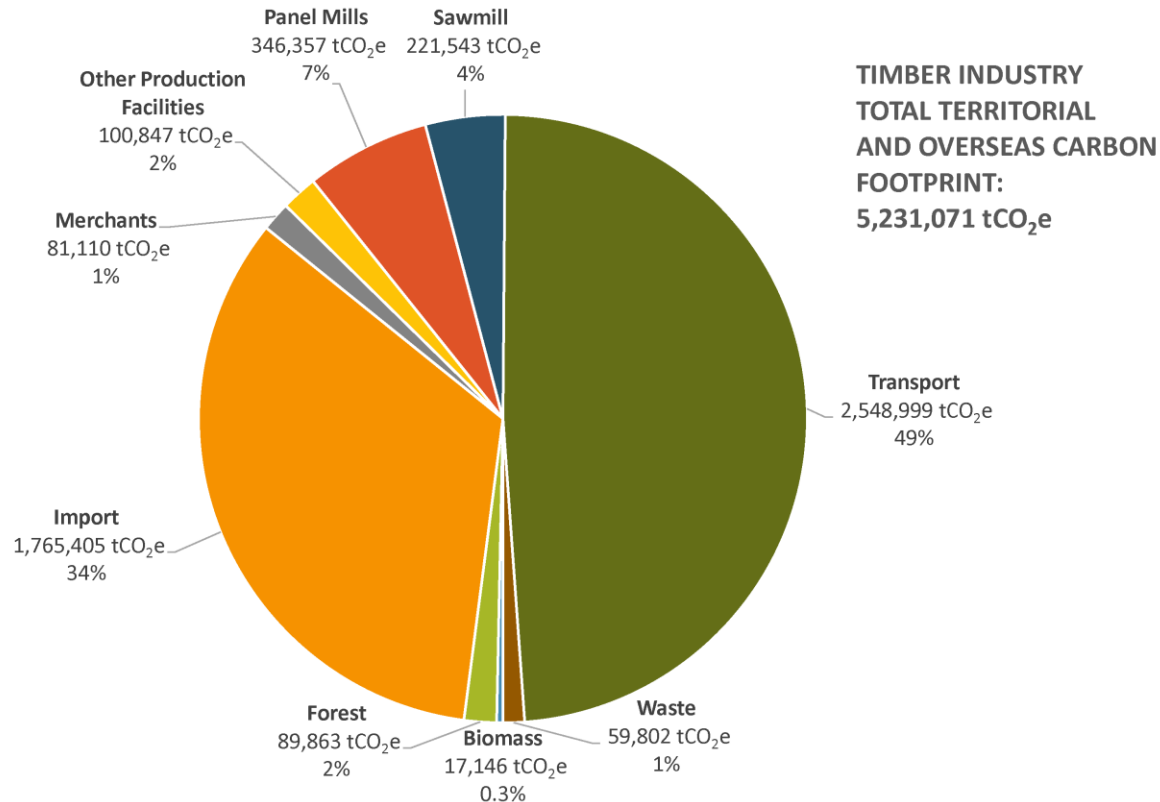


- Timber related industries in the UK* responsible for **1,575,356 tCO₂e** territorial emissions (0.35% of UK).
- Very low compared to other industries:
 - Steel: **12 million tCO₂e** (2.7% UK)
 - Concrete: **7.3 million tCO₂e** (1.5% UK)
- Timber industry also responsible for 3,655,715 tCO₂e of imported embodied emissions, which if added to the above, total consumption emissions still only 0.68% of total UK emissions.

*Excludes paper, cardboard, pulp, and imported biomass for the energy industry.

Figure 12. Emissions footprint of the Timber Industry (territorial & overseas)*

Timber Industry Emissions Footprint



- Based on total consumption emissions:
- 49% Transportation of timber products
 - 34% Imported embodied emissions (processing of wood products in the country of origin)
 - **14% UK production facilities & merchants**
 - **2% Forest activities**
 - **1% Waste**

Figure 13. Emissions footprint of the Timber Industry (territorial & overseas)*

*Excludes paper, cardboard, pulp, and imported biomass for the energy industry.

Timber Industry Net Zero Transition



TRANSITION TO NET ZERO BY SUBSECTOR

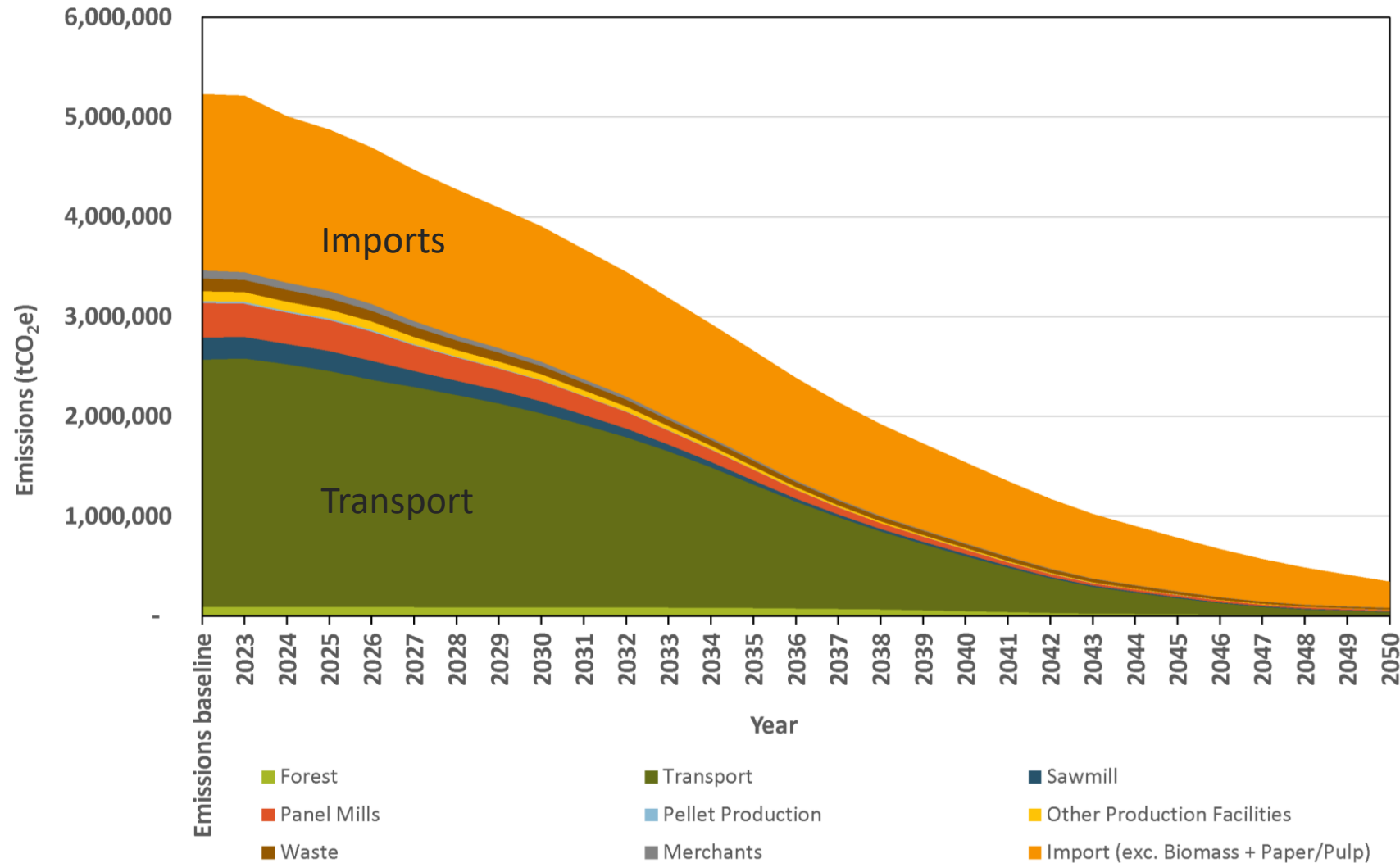


Figure 34. Transition to Net Zero for the UK Timber Industry

Policy Recommendations

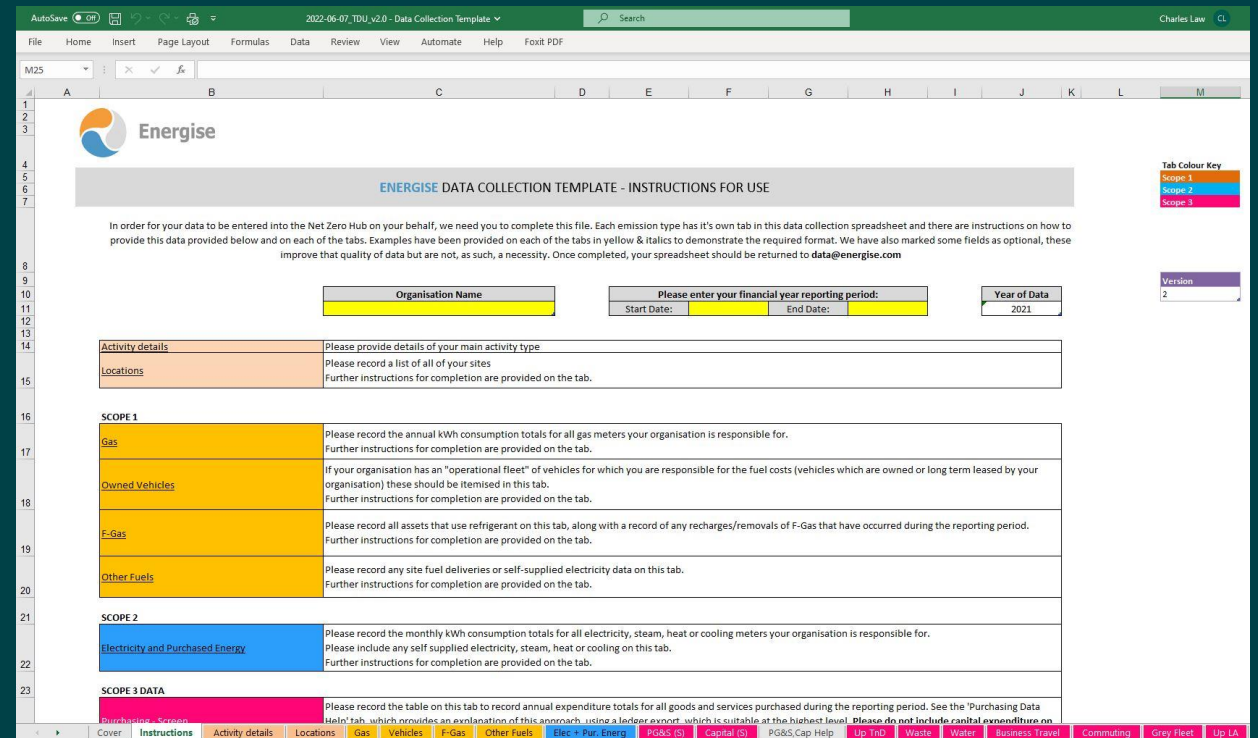


1. Industry should align to GHG protocol to report Scope 1 & Scope 2 emissions by all non-SME operators by 2023.
2. Set industry standard to compile full scope carbon footprints (inc. Scope 3) by 2025.
3. Reduce road going transport emissions intensity by 25% by 2030, and 50% by 2035.
4. Reduce processing/manufacturing emissions intensity by 50% by 2030.
5. Reduce forestry emissions intensity by 50% by 2040.
6. Reduce Scope 1 & 2 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2045.
7. Reduce Scope 3 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2050.
8. The industry will develop a specific circularity/resource efficiency roadmap by 2024 to accelerate the activity in this key area.
9. Nature-based solutions (combined with the above reductions) focused on permanent carbon removals to be used for offsetting.
10. The industry will support targets/initiatives to increase domestic production and expansion of the domestic woodland stock.

Data Quality Improvements



1. Industry should align to GHG protocol to report Scope 1 & Scope 2 emissions by all non-SME operators by 2023.
2. Set industry standard to compile full scope carbon footprints (inc. Scope 3) by 2025.



Emission Scopes and Data



**TIMBER
DEVELOPMENT
UK**



Transport Emission Reductions - Now

- 3. Reduce road going transport emissions intensity by 25% by 2030, and 50% by 2035.
- 6. Reduce Scope 1 & 2 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2045.
- 7. Reduce Scope 3 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2050.

| Typical Energy Savings (as a % of total usage) | Cars | Truck |
|---|--------|--------|
| Tyre Replacement to A class | 1.67% | 2.65% |
| Tyre optimal inflation pressure | 3%-5% | 3%-5% |
| Driver style (training) | 5-10% | 5-10% |
| Reduce idle time | 2% | 2% |
| Aerodynamics (Cab roof deflectors, air dams, cab sun visors, cab side-edge turning vanes) | | 5%-10% |
| Wheel alignment | 2.00% | 4.50% |
| Turn off air conditioning | 1%-10% | 1%-10% |



Table 3. Operational savings in an HGV

Up to 30% reductions with efficiency improvements and route optimisation.

Transport Emission Reductions - Future

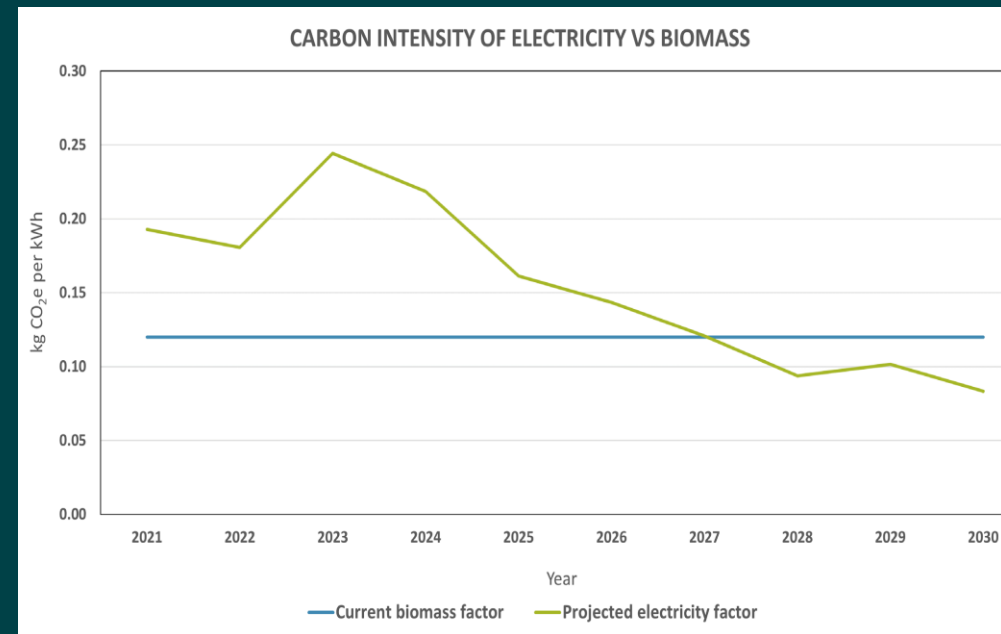
3. Reduce road going transport emissions intensity by 25% by 2030, and 50% by 2035.
6. Reduce Scope 1 & 2 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2045.
7. Reduce Scope 3 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2050.



Zero emission Electric (or hydrogen?) powered trucks by 2030

Processing Emission Reductions

4. Reduce processing/manufacturing emissions intensity by 50% by 2030.
6. Reduce Scope 1 & 2 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2045.
7. Reduce Scope 3 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2050.



Energy efficiency improvements along with transition away from natural gas to biomass and/or electric for heat (drying and space heating).

Forestry Emission Reductions

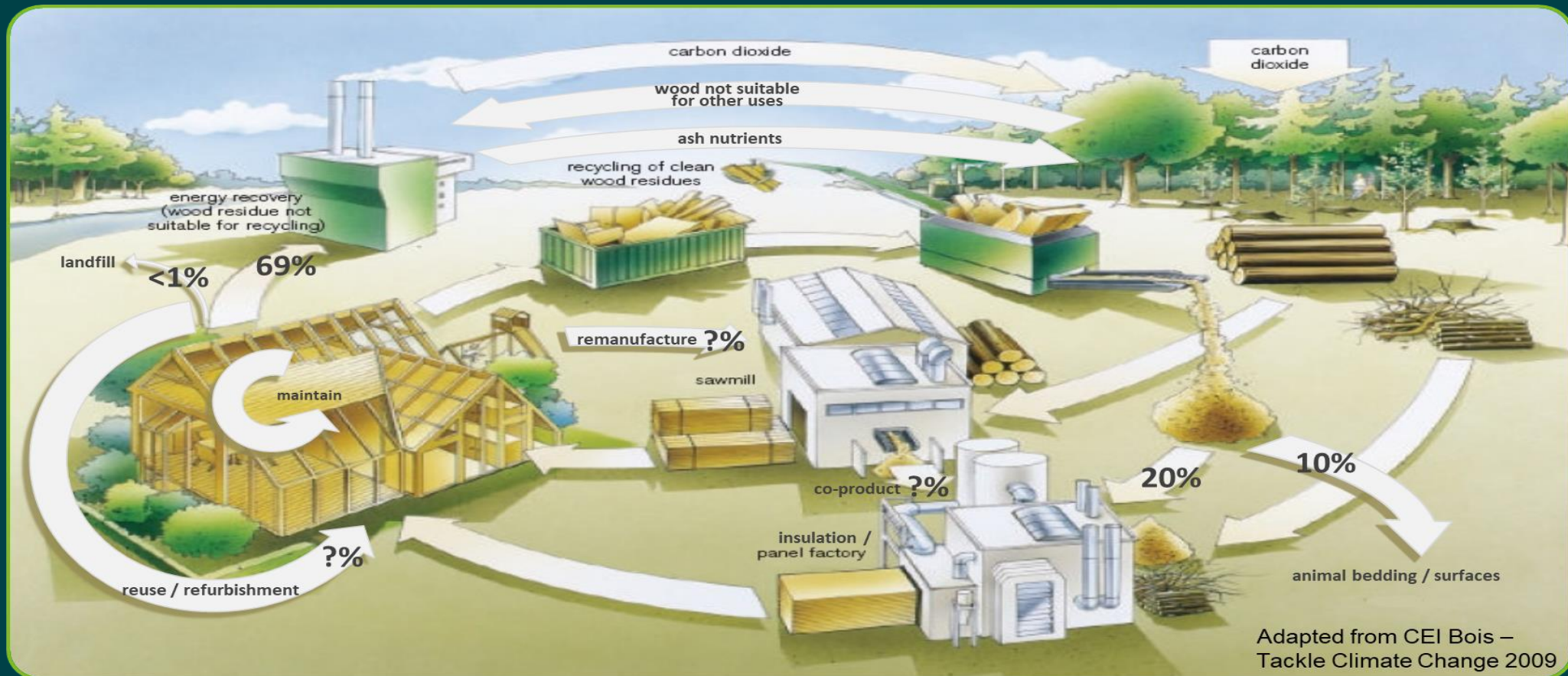
5. Reduce forestry emissions intensity by 50% by 2040.
6. Reduce Scope 1 & 2 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2045.
7. Reduce Scope 3 carbon intensity of the industry by 90% by 2050.



Transition away from diesel to hydrogen powered forestry plant

Circular Economy Roadmap

8. The industry will develop a specific circularity/resource efficiency roadmap by 2024 to accelerate the activity in this key area.



Nature-Based Carbon Removals



- 9. Nature-based solutions (combined with the above reductions) focused on permanent carbon removals to be used for offsetting.



Photo: PEFC

Increasing Domestic Woodland & Production



10. The industry will support targets/initiatives to increase domestic production and expansion of the domestic woodland stock.



Call to Action



- Support the Timber Industry Net Zero Roadmap.
- Timber industry members to consider signing up to the SME Climate Hub Net Zero by 2050 Commitment, or equivalent, and join the Race to Zero (Recommendations 3-7).
- Timber industry members to improve reporting of Scope 1 & 2 emissions by end of 2023, and Scope 3 by end of 2025 (Recommendations 1-2).
- Implement relevant emission reduction opportunities identified in the Roadmap. These will save carbon and reduce cost over time (Recommendations 3-7).
- Incorporate Circular Economy design principles to ensure optimum resource efficiency, long life, and end of life reuse (Recommendations 8).
- After all reduction measures have been exhausted, use nature based 'Carbon Removal' offsets (e.g. tree planting) for residual carbon emissions (Recommendations 9-10).

Questions



Contact Details



Charlie Law - Sustainability Director
Timber Development UK

Building Centre, Store Street, London WC1E 7BT

Phone: 07768 707669

Email: claw@timberdevelopment.uk



[@CharlesLaw_SCS](https://twitter.com/CharlesLaw_SCS)

Thank You