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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details progress against targets set in the University of Winchester Carbon Management Plan. To avoid an overly long document, only key headline achievements and areas of concern are covered.

Key Points

- Continued reductions in carbon emissions in absolute terms compared to baseline and relative to the size of the estate.
- Carbon emissions intensity by floor area reduction target for scope 1 & 2 by 2025 already exceeded.
- On track for achieving carbon emissions reduction 2030 target for scope 1 & 2.
- Publication of Scope 3 Gap Analysis Report

Area	Description	Progress by 2021/22	Target	By When
Carbon	Total Carbon Emissions for Scope 1 & 2	-40%	-55%	2030
	Carbon Emissions (scope 1 & 2) Intensity by Floor Area	-67%	-65%	2025

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to approve the report

Chief Operating Officer

INTRODUCTION

This report details progress against targets set in the University of Winchester Carbon Management Plan, the baseline year for the Carbon management Programme is the 2006/7 academic year, against which all carbon data is measured. The information within the document is for the 2021/22 academic year.

It should also be noted that due to the global pandemic in 2020 and knock on affects into consecutive years, the figures and results for 2019/20 and 2020/21 may not be representative compared to a 'business as usual' scenario.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

In September 2019, the university declared a climate emergency. This followed the publication in May 2019 of the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) comprehensive report 'Net Zero –The UK's contribution to stopping global warming', advising the UK government to set a net-zero carbon emissions target by 2050. As a result, the UK set a net-zero target in June 2019. Several reports since then have underlined the need to act rapidly on climate change. This includes the WMO 'State of Global Climate 2022', showing that the last 8 years are the warmest on record, fuelled by ever-rising greenhouse gas concentrations and accumulated heat.

The university is a signatory to the SDG Accord –a global higher education accord overseen by the EAUC and other international academic bodies designed to support the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This commits the University to aligning its operations with the SDGs. The university has also signed the Accord's Climate Emergency Letter', which declares a climate emergency and commits the university to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 with an aspiration to get there by 2025.

The next step in our carbon reduction journey is for the university to build a detailed roadmap to understand how this target will be achieved.

UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER TARGETS

NET ZERO TARGETS

The University of Winchester has committed to being Net-Zero by 2030 but has also signalled its aspiration to be Net-Zero carbon by 2025. The university has been successful in reducing Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 99% since our baseline year of 2006. This has been achieved by reducing energy consumption on campus, purchasing both zero carbon electricity and green gas and switching to an electric fleet. A £3.2 mil capital programme funded by the PSDS (Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund) saw the implementation of numerous energy saving measures in 2021/22 which is projected to contribute to a significant reduction in gas emissions on site and lower energy consumption overall. The new low carbon plant and equipment is projected to save just over 2.7 million kWh a year.

Those emissions which cannot be realistically reduced or avoided, which are mostly Scope 3 emissions, will then be offset through funding an equivalent amount of carbon offsets through a certified emissions offsetting scheme. In 2021, the University purchased its first carbon offsets via the EAUC Carbon Coalition for our 2019/20 emissions covering our Scope 1 and 2 emissions and those Scope 3 emissions we directly control (business travel, waste and water consumption). The university have committed to offsetting our measured and verified emissions each academic year, from 2021/22 forward. Offsets will be carefully chosen using science-based targets (SBTs) and based on their longevity.

In 2020/21, the University also published its Scope 3 Gap Analysis Report which provided the first measurement of the whole Scope 3 emission footprint. This highlighted the challenge ahead, with Scope 3 emissions comprising around 95% of the total carbon footprint. Further work is planned for the 2022/23 academic year to identify and quantify all scope 3 sources that the university generates which are not currently accurately measured. Once the scope 3 emissions of the University have been fully quantified, the university Carbon Management Plan will be updated to reflect the change in scope of the plan and inform the Net-Zero strategy.

A "net-zero" target refers to reaching net-zero carbon emissions, but differs from zero carbon, which requires no carbon to be emitted.

Net-zero refers to balancing the amount of emitted greenhouse gases with the equivalent emissions that are either offset or sequestered. This should primarily be achieved through a rapid reduction in carbon emissions, but where zero carbon cannot be achieved, offsetting through carbon credits or sequestration through rewilding or carbon capture and storage needs to be utilised.

It is very important to highlight that carbon offset should never be an alternative solution to carbon reductions. It is proposed that our use of an offset is an interim mitigation measure, in addition to the University commitment to continue to reduce emissions where they are possible to do so.

CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN – TARGETS

The university created its initial Carbon Management Plan in 2006/07 and having achieved its initial 2015 targets of 30% reduction per m2, following a successful emissions reduction programme, a review of the CMP was undertaken a revised plan was launched in September 2016. The revised 2015/16 CMP set new ambitious targets for reducing emissions to 2030, the targets approved in this plan were;

- 30% absolute carbon reduction against its 2006/07 baseline by 2020/21- target exceeded with 40.4% reduction achieved in 20/21
- 55% absolute carbon reduction against its 2006/07 baseline by 2030/31
- 65% carbon intensity reduction against its 2006/07 baseline by 2025/26

These targets are key to help in reducing the amount of CO₂ the university generates and therefore reduce the amount of CO₂ to offset to achieve Net-Zero by 2025.

The University of Winchester has committed to a long-range target of a 55% reduction by 2030, against a 2006/07 baseline. This target is based on total emissions (absolute) and is aligned with the level of

decarbonisation required to limit global warming to 2°C. It will be a challenging target to achieve, given the expected growth in the size of the campus.

In order for the University of Winchester to demonstrate progress against its ambitious 55% reduction target, an emissions intensity target of a 65% reduction by 2025, against 2006/07, has also been set. This target has been designed to stretch the University in its efforts to deliver a low-carbon campus and deliver a challenging carbon reduction pathway aligned to the climate science.

UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER CARBON FOOTPRINT 2021/22

SCOPE, BOUNDARY AND REPORTED EMISSIONS

The infographic below shows the scope and boundary of the carbon footprint emissions covered in this report.

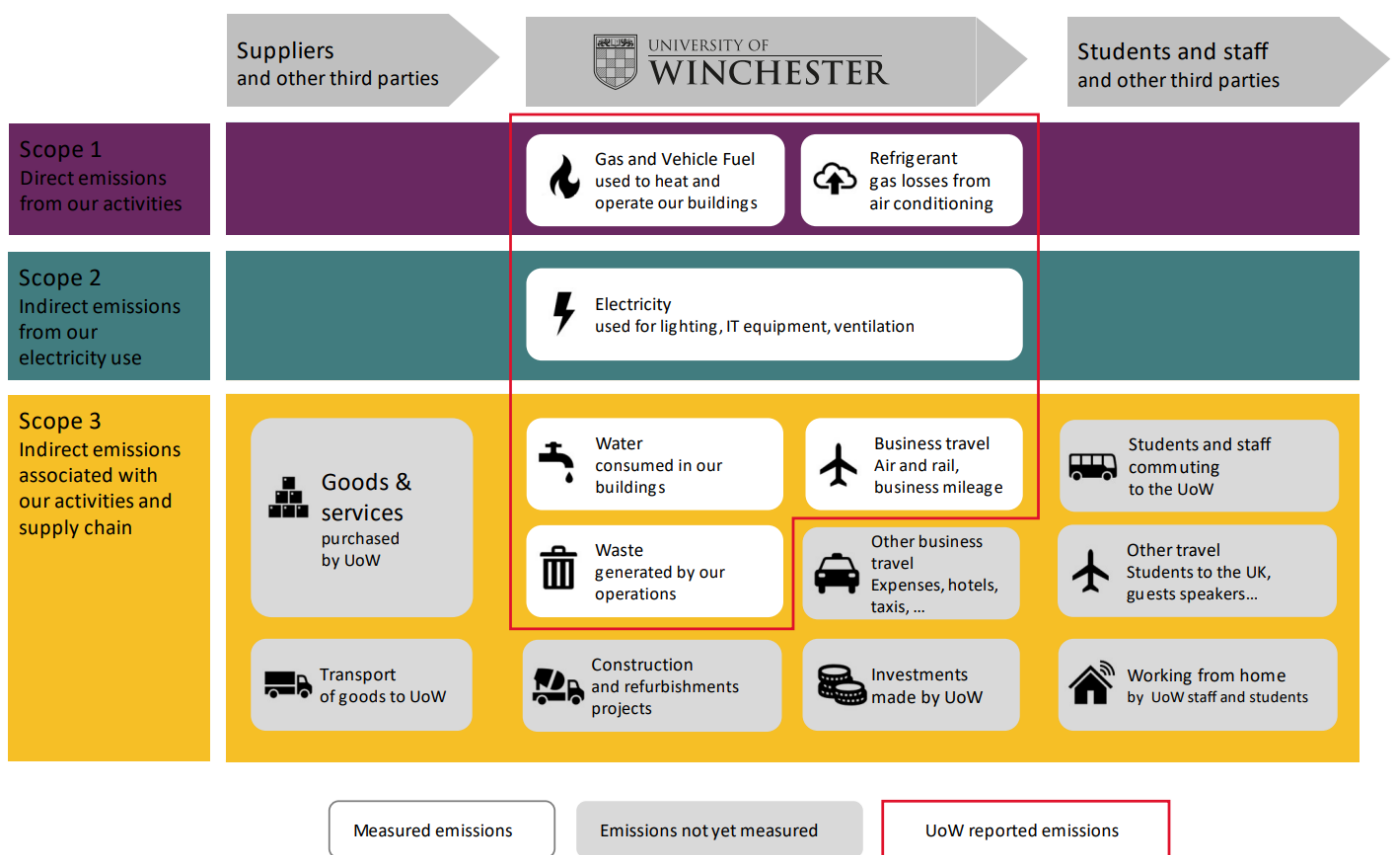


FIGURE 1 – EMISSIONS SCOPE AND BOUNDARY

The following table shows the current emission levels from the sources being measured as part of the University of Winchester Carbon Management Plan. Further work is planned to increase the scope of the CMP to cover all Scope 3 emissions to inform the University ambition to be 'Net-Zero' by 2030. The table is based upon grid conversion factors and the location based emissions approach rather than market based emissions which make allowance for green energy procurement.

Type of Emissions	Emissions sources	Carbon Emissions 2006/7 Baseline Year (tCO ₂ e)	Carbon Emissions 2021/22 (tCO ₂ e)	% Change
Scope 1 Direct emissions from our activities	Fossil Fuels Fuels used to heat and operate our buildings	1,721 tCO ₂ e	1,070 tCO ₂ e	-1 %
	Vehicle fuels Fleet vehicle fuel consumption	38.5 tCO ₂ e	11.0 tCO ₂ e	-71 %
	Refrigerant Losses Losses from refrigerant based systems	0 tCO ₂ e	32.5 tCO ₂ e	
Scope 2 Indirect emissions from our electricity use	Electricity Used for lighting, IT, equipment, ventilation	1,843 tCO ₂ e	967.3 tCO ₂ e	-48 %
Scope 3 Other indirect emissions associated with our activities and supply chain	Water consumed	26.3 tCO ₂ e	20.95 tCO ₂ e	-20 %
	Water discharged to sewer	437 tCO ₂ e	13.7 tCO ₂ e	-97 %
	Waste generated On campus Construction projects	144.7 tCO ₂ e	393.1 tCO ₂ e	172 %
	Business travel Air and rail travel booked for business related work Grey fleet usage			
Total Emissions		4,211 tCO₂e	2,509 tCO₂e	-40 %

FIGURE 2 – OVERALL EMISSIONS BY SCOPE

SCOPE 1 & 2 EMISSIONS

LOCATION VS MARKET BASED EMISSIONS SCOPE 1 & 2

GHG Protocol reporting methodologies allow organisations to report two figures for carbon emissions from energy.

Location-based methodology reporting means that emissions from electricity and gas are based on the energy grid conversion factors for the chosen energy type (the UK grid average emissions intensity).

Market-based methodology reporting means that emissions from energy are determined by the emissions factor of the specific energy supplier and tariff being purchased- allowing organisations to demonstrate their commitment to the environment & carbon reduction through purchasing renewable energy.

The university has purchased zero carbon electricity to cover 100% of its demand since 2008/09, meaning that, under the market-based methodology, carbon emissions are much lower.

Between August 2008 & March 2022 the university purchased 100% renewable energy, backed by Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs) from wind, solar and/ or Hydro. In April 2022 the university had to switch the procurement of its electricity supply to a Zero Carbon for business tariff, backed by 100% nuclear generator declarations and zero carbon emissions. This move away from

renewable was due to the high national demand of 100% renewable energy and limited supply of REGOs to cover this demand.

In 2019/20 the university also purchased 47% of its annual gas demand from renewable gas generation (biomethane). In the 2020/21 & 2021/22 reporting years the University increased its annual purchasing of renewable gas to 100%.

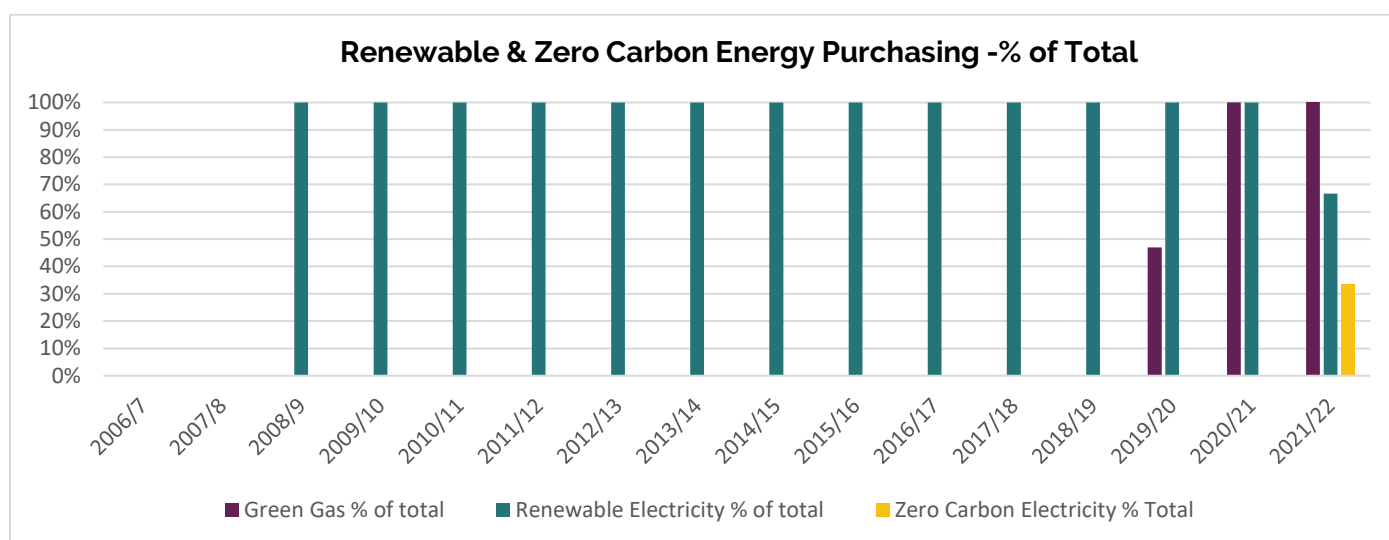


FIGURE 3 – RENEWABLE/ZERO CARBON GAS AND ELECTRICITY PURCHASING BY YEAR (% OF CONSUMPTION)

2021/22 also saw a big increase in carbon emissions from F-gas losses. This was due to f-gas leaks from old equipment in the university catering facilities. A number of these items have now been replaced, and remaining equipment replacements scheduled for 2022/23.

GREEN GAS PROCUREMENT

In 2019-20, the University took a decision to purchase biogas, or 'green gas', which is methane generated from anaerobic food digestion. Initially 47% of total supply purchased was green gas increasing to 100% in 2020-21 and subsequent years. This replaces grid gas generated from fossil fuels. From 2021-22, gas purchased is generated at the same anaerobic digestion plant that the University disposes of its own food waste.

Biomethane is carbon neutral. It releases emissions when burnt but is made from organic materials that absorbed carbon dioxide when they grew. Burning it releases the same amount of carbon dioxide so, overall, it doesn't add more CO₂ to the atmosphere. For these reasons, emissions from gas supply are reported as 'out of scope' in accordance with GHG Protocol but should be reported by the organisation but not included in the total carbon footprint. Therefore, out of scope emissions for green gas consumption have been calculated at 1,167 tCO₂e in 2021/22 according to the latest Defra Greenhouse Gas Reporting Conversion factors.

SCOPE 1 AND 2 ENERGY EMISSIONS - LOCATION BASED REPORTING

Location based emissions per m2 of estate have reduced by 68% in 2021/22 when compared to the 2006/07 baseline year and have reduced by 4% when compared to the previous year (2020/21).

Absolute location-based emissions have reduced by 42% in 2021/22 when compared to the baseline year and reduced by 4% when compared to the previous academic year (2021/22).

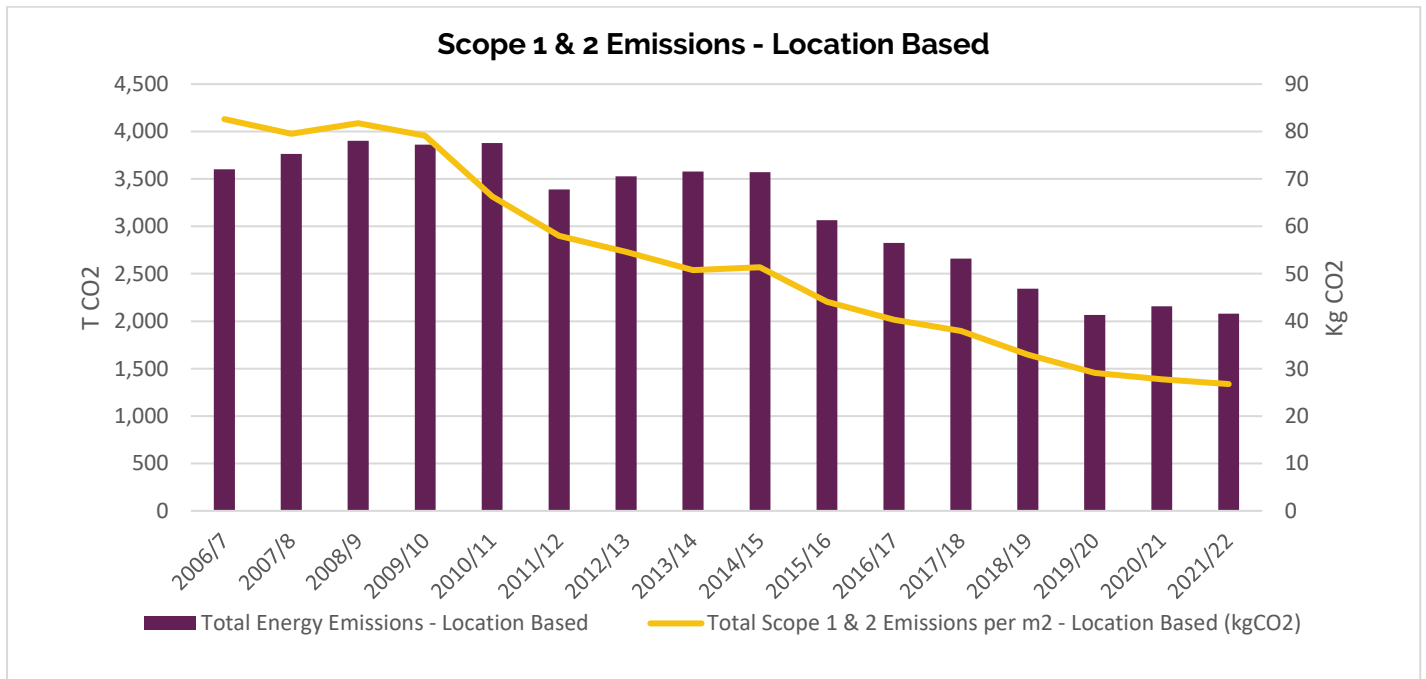


FIGURE 4 – SCOPE 1 & 2 ENERGY EMISSIONS – LOCATION BASED

SCOPE 1 AND 2 ENERGY EMISSIONS - MARKET BASED REPORTING

Market based emissions per m2 of estate have reduced by 99% in 2021/22 when compared to the 2006/07 baseline year but have increased 112% when compared to the previous year (2020/21). This significant reduction in emissions from baseline is due to the university purchasing 100% renewable electricity since 2008/09 and as of the 2020/21 academic year purchasing 100% of annual gas consumption through a renewable tariff. There increase in market based emissions in 2021/22 compared to the previous year (20.47 tonnes Co2e increasing to 43.49 tonnes CO2e) is due to f-gas losses from catering equipment. This equipment has largely been replaced and plans are in place for remaining equipment to be upgraded in the 2022/23 academic year.

Absolute market-based emissions have reduced by 99% in 2021/22 when compared to the baseline year and increased by 112% when compared to the previous academic year (2020/21). Again, this reduction was due to switching to 100% green gas & zero carbon electricity and f-gas losses.

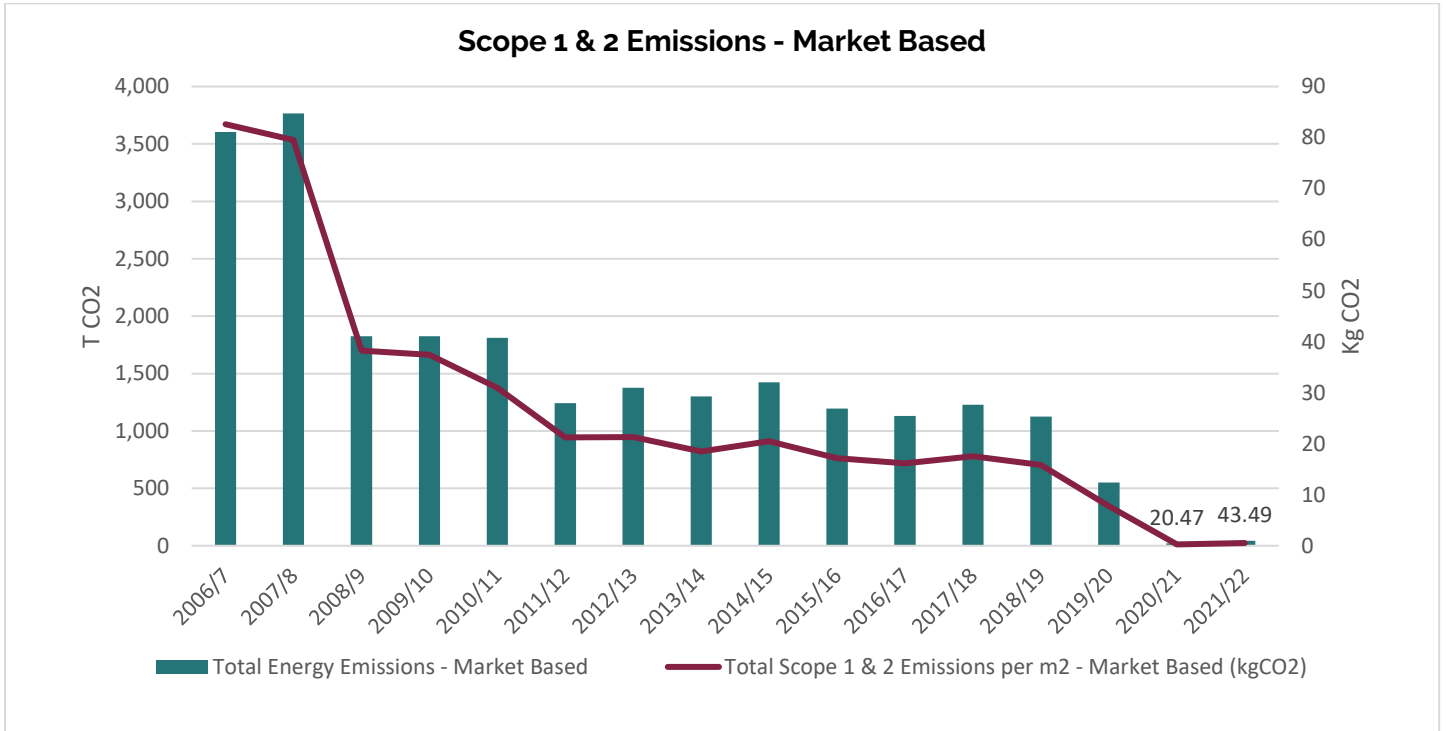


FIGURE 5 – SCOPE 1 & 2 ENERGY EMISSIONS – MARKET BASED

MARKET VS LOCATION BASED REPORTING

The following below shows the savings the university has made in terms of scope 1 and 2 emissions by purchasing from zero carbon supplies. The small amount of remaining emissions for 2020/21 (20.5 tonnes) is from vehicle fuel consumption and oil consumption & in 2021/22 (43.5 tonnes) is from vehicle fuel consumption and f-gas losses.

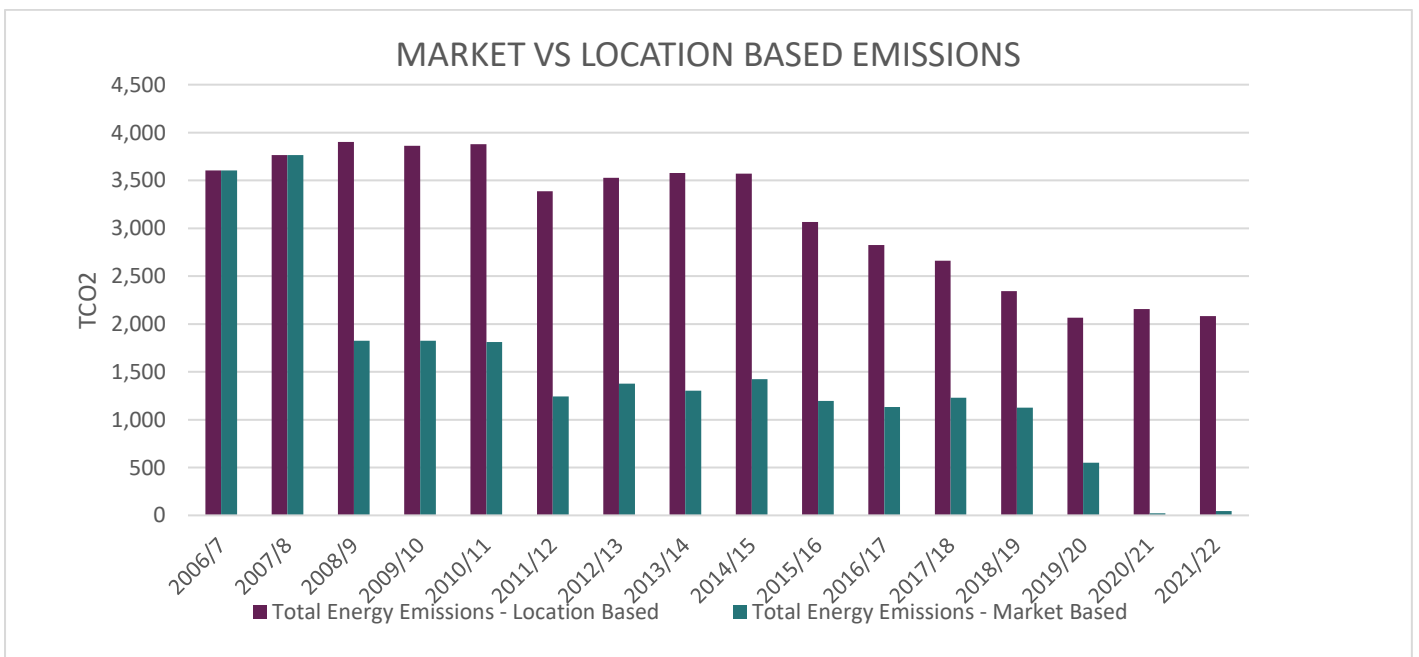


FIGURE 6 – MARKET VS LOCATION BASED EMISSIONS

SCOPE 1 AND 2 EMISSIONS AVOIDED

The University has gradually increased the amount of electricity generated on-site since its first solar photovoltaic installation in late 2011. Whilst the amount of energy generated has stayed the same until the new solar installation in the WDC in 2021, the amount of emissions avoided is reducing year on year. This is because the carbon associated with grid electricity is reducing as the amount of renewable energy generated in the UK increases and therefore less carbon is saved from renewable generation. However there are further benefits to producing energy on site such as reducing reliance on the grid and improving energy security as well as avoiding operational cost.

Under the £3.1 mil Public Sector Decarbonisation Grant that the University, which was awarded in February 2021, a further 151Kw of solar photovoltaic panels solar was installed on a further 4 buildings. This has increased the universities generation capacity by 105% in 2021/22 compared to the previous year.

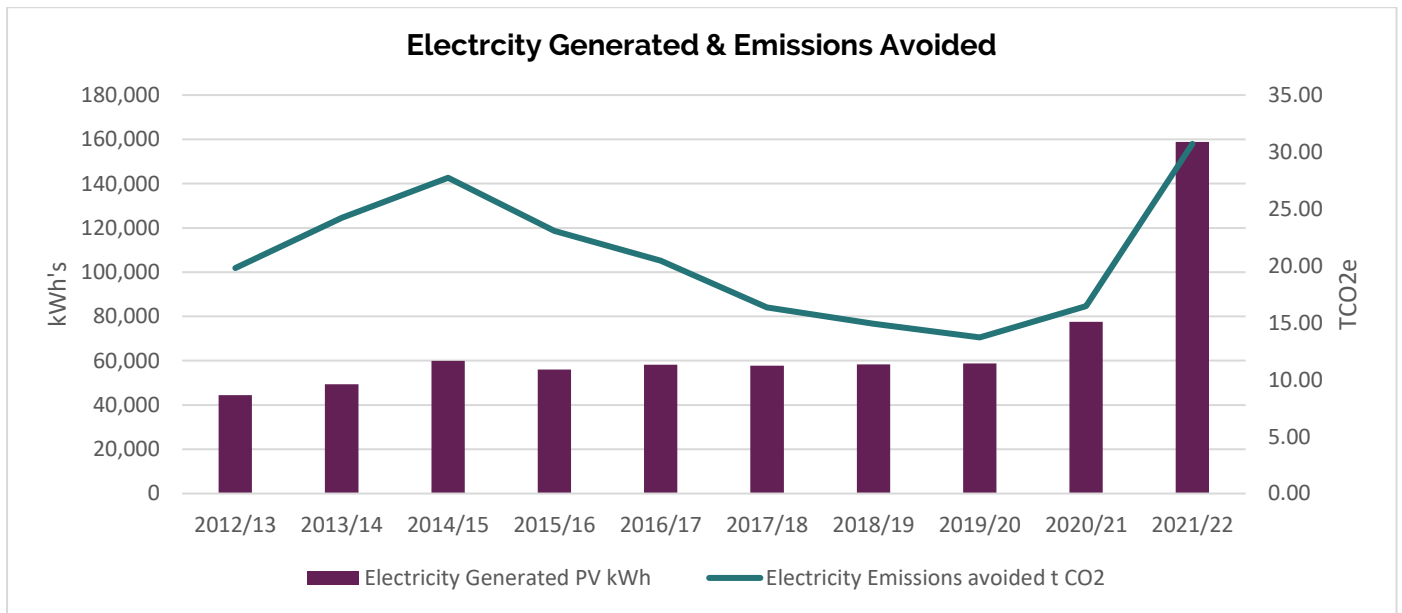


FIGURE 7 – SOLAR PV GENERATION AND EMISSIONS AVOIDED

ESTATE BUILDING EFFICIENCY

The following table shows the efficiency of each building in terms of Scope 1 and 2 emissions relative to the floor area of the building. The table also shows energy consumed within that building generated from renewables associated with that building- namely solar panels.

It should also be noted that as the university procures 100% zero carbon electricity and 100% green gas these buildings can be viewed as Net-Zero in their operation.

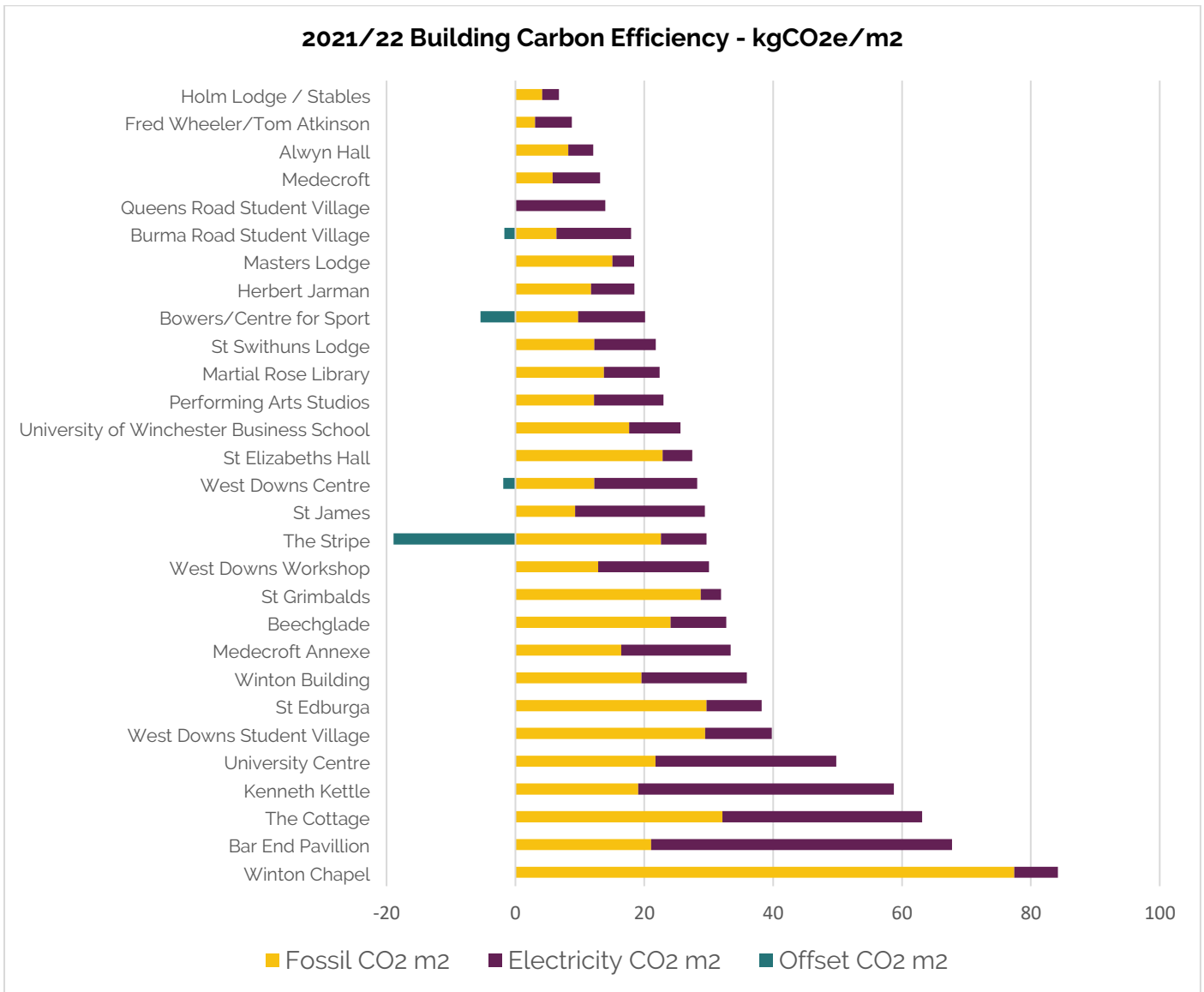


FIGURE 8 – BUILDING CARBON EFFICIENCY 2021/22

SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS

This report currently only looks at the carbon emission data, a detailed breakdown of the quantitative emissions sources data such as waste generated, recycling rates, water consumption etc. can be found in the University of Winchester Environment Strategy Report for the corresponding 2021/22 academic year.

Note that scope 3 emission data from business travel is currently calculated using the 2015/6 data set. The data from that year is extrapolated by staff and student FTE by year. This was the last year of good quality data, collected for the voluntary submission for the ESOS scheme. It should be noted that due to the Business Travel ban imposed during the CV-19 pandemic the extrapolated figure for business travel, flights and public transport has been adjusted by -33% of the 2018/19 data for 2019/20 and -90% of the 2018/19 data for 2020/21. The original 2015/16 dataset, extrapolated by staff and student FTE by

year figure was used again for 2021/22, hence the large increase in emissions, reflecting what we believe to be a return to more 'normal' business travel for this year.

As part of the university commitment to collecting Scope 3 data, processes and procedures to collate good quality data for these emission sources will be implemented in 2022/23.

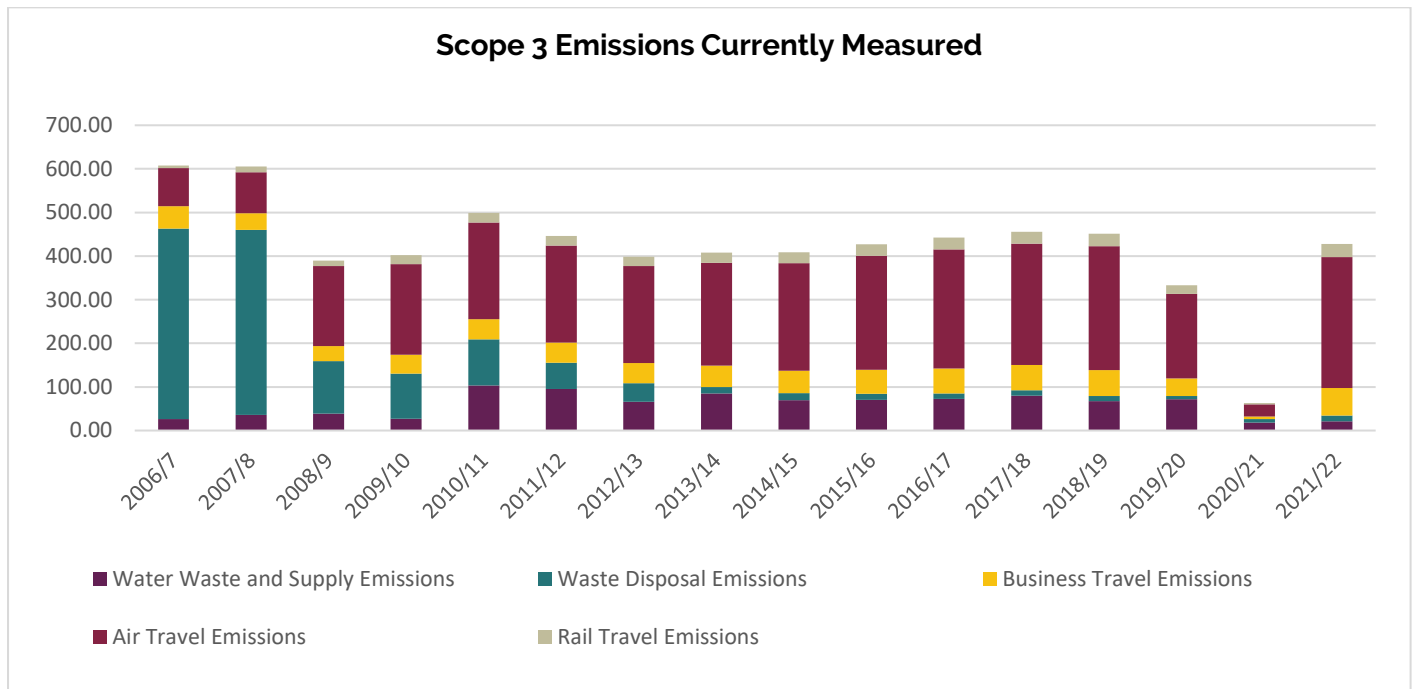


FIGURE 9 – SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS BY YEAR

Water and waste emissions have also increased in the last 2 years, but we believe this to only be a result of limited activity on the university campuses over the last two years (2019/20 & 2020/21) due to the pandemic. 2021/22 saw a 16% increase in water emissions & 75% increase in waste disposal emissions compared to the previous year.

There is an overall downward trend in total quantifiable scope 3 emissions from the baseline however, ignoring the last 2 years (2019/20 & 2020/21) due to pandemic effects on activity. As of 2021/22 (based upon the estimated data) the university has seen an 30% reduction in the reported scope 3 emissions compared to the 2006/07 baseline.

However, a significant proportion of the university scope 3 emission are not currently quantified. A large part of the emissions footprint for scope 3 will be linked to goods and services provided by the University supply chain. Tackling these emissions will rely on working in partnership with suppliers, encouraging them to make plans for going net-zero across their own operations. Where it is not possible to avoid emissions, robust carbon offsetting or sequestration will need to be identified to mitigate any unavoidable carbon.

TOTAL REPORTED CARBON EMISSIONS (LOCATION BASED)

The following table details the carbon emissions for all activities currently measured and reported on by the university. The emissions reported are summarised as;

- Scope 1 – fossil fuels, vehicle fuels & f-gas losses (using location-based factors)
- Scope 2 – electricity (using location-based factors)
- Scope 3 – water consumed and wastewater, waste & business travel

Year	Total CO2e t	kgCO2e per FTE	kgCO2e per m2
2006/07	4211.3	890.7	96.5
2007/08	4370.5	901.3	92.3
2008/09	4292.5	810.6	89.9
2009/10	4262.6	739.5	87.4
2010/11	4376.4	711.9	74.8
2011/12	3834.1	620.9	65.7
2012/13	3926.1	637.8	60.8
2013/14	3984.8	608.8	56.6
2014/15	3979.1	579.6	57.2
2015/16	3492.5	480.0	50.2
2016/17	3268.4	431.3	46.6
2017/18	3116.2	404.0	44.5
2018/19	2792.5	353.9	39.3
2019/20	2398.3	293.8	33.8
2020/21	2219.6	264.1	28.5
2021/22	2508.7	300.82	32.2
% change 2020/21 to 2021/22	13%	14%	13%
% change against Baseline	-40%	-66%	-67%

FIGURE 10 – SCOPE 1, 2 AND 3 EMISSIONS

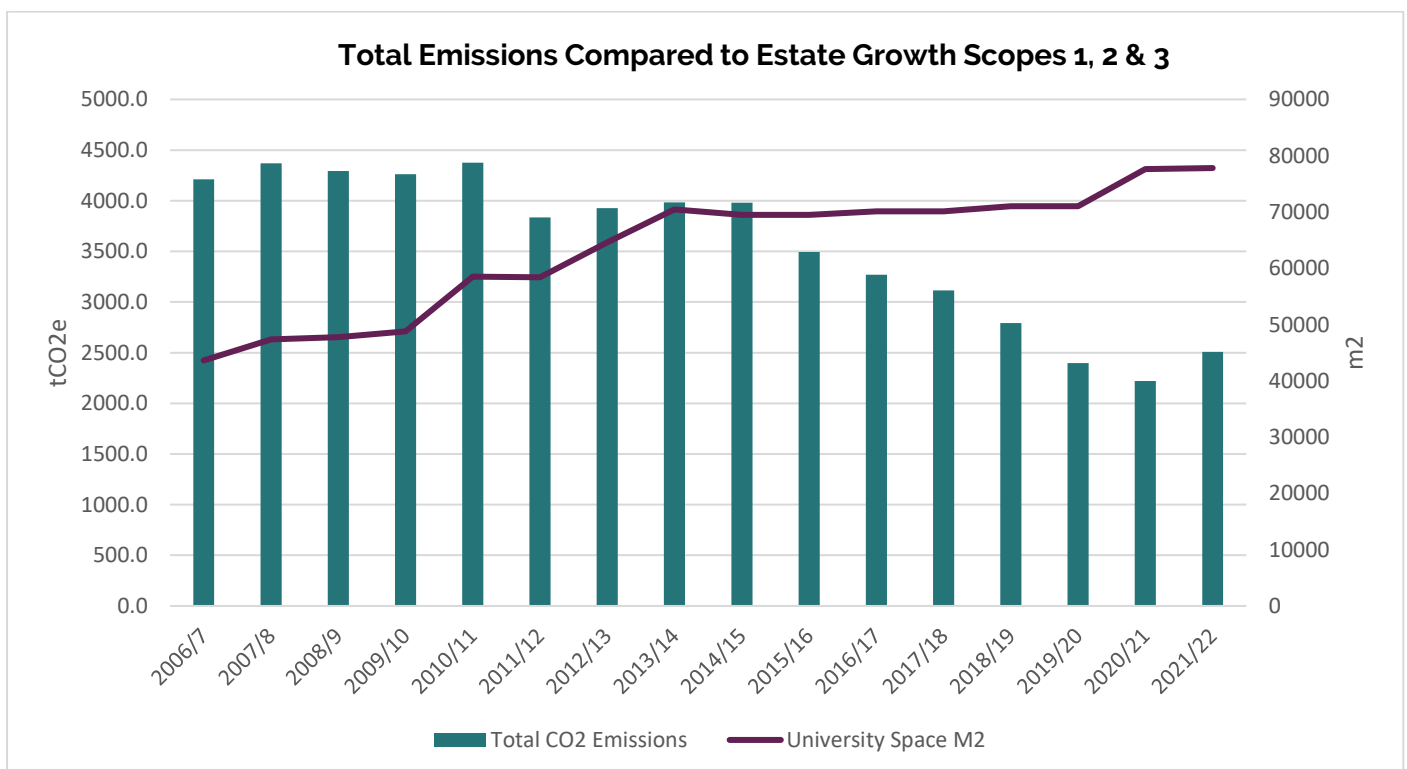


FIGURE 11 – SCOPE 1, 2 AND 3 EMISSIONS COMPARED TO ESTATE GROWTH

ENERGY USAGE (AND ASSOCIATED CARBON EMISSIONS) IN RELATION TO 2006/07 BASELINE YEAR

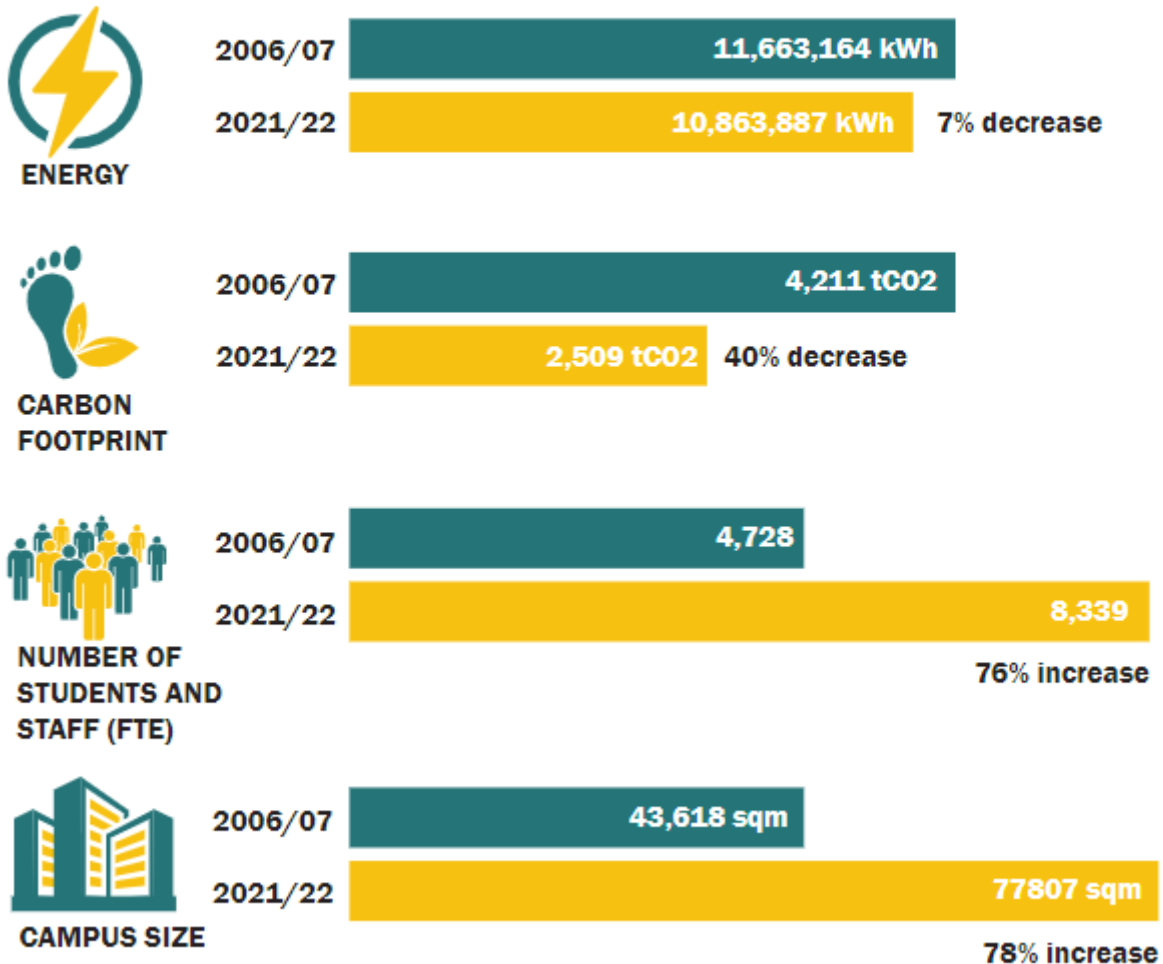


FIGURE 12 - ENERGY USE (AND ASSOCIATED CARBON EMISSIONS) IN RELATION TO 2006/07 BASELINE YEAR

Thanks to a very successful carbon reduction strategy, the university has managed to successfully reduce absolute carbon emissions by 40% in 2021/22, based on the 2006/07 baseline, despite significant growth of 78% in the size of the estate. The university successfully met and exceeded the 2020/21 target of a 30% reduction and is in a very good position to meet the 2030/31 targets of an absolute reduction of 55%.

The university has spent around £5.1 million on energy efficiency and carbon reduction projects in the last 10 years, including £3.1mil spend on carbon reductions from our PSDS funded capital works in 2021 & 2022. These projects have significantly reduced the carbon intensity of the estate with carbon emissions relative to floor area (per m²) having reduced by 67% by 2021/22 since the 2006/07 baseline year.

The university has also seen a reduction in carbon emissions per head of staff and student FTE by 66% in the same time period.

It should be noted that in addition to the work done as part of the Carbon Management Plan & PSDS, the decarbonisation of the grid has also helped the university in the achieving part of the above targets.

CARBON CREDITS

In 2021, the University participated in the newly formed Carbon Coalition via our membership of EAUC (The Alliance for Sustainable Leadership in Education). Drawing on the expertise and purchasing power of EAUC, 386 tCO₂e were purchased by The Carbon Coalition on our behalf in line with the COP26 Universities' Principles on Offsetting incorporating Science Based Targets and longevity.

The 386 tCO₂e represented our Scope 1 and 2 emissions plus directly purchased Scope 3 emissions (water and wastewater, waste generated on campus and business travel) for the academic year 2019-20.

The university is proposing to adopting a similar approach for 2021-22 with Carbon Credits purchased for the same emission sources, and for each reporting year going forward.

CONCLUSION & LOOKING FORWARD

The university is currently on track to achieve its emissions reduction ambitions.

The university has successfully reduced its total carbon emissions for scope 1 & 2 by 40% in 2021/22 and has also reduced its carbon emissions intensity by floor area by 67% - therefore having already met the 2025 target.

The university purchases 100% of gas and electricity supplied to campus through zero carbon tariffs.

To continue with the fantastic progress the university has made in energy efficiency and carbon reduction, 2021/22 saw the University of Winchester complete its RE-FIT project, an energy saving framework for the public sector. The University was successful in receiving a grant for £3.12m to undertake a number of decarbonisation projects.

Energy efficiency projects implemented as part of the PSDS scheme include:

- 36 air source heat pumps to 15 buildings replacing gas boilers.
- LED lighting upgrades and lighting controls
- BMS installation, upgrade and optimisation
- 150 kWp Solar Photovoltaics on 6 buildings

Staff and student engagement will also continue to be a priority, encouraging building users to use the buildings in a sustainable manner.

As an interim measure, on its journey to Net-Zero the university will also be looking at recognised and certified offsetting programmes via the Carbon Coalition of Universities. The university will continue to

ensure there is a robust methodology in place to measure, reduce and mitigate our carbon emissions, and work to the ethos that carbon offset should never be an alternative solution to carbon reduction.