

### Green – It's everyone's business

#### Yorkshire Sustainability Festival 2024

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# "Le pouvoir du Yorkshire!"

(that's French for "The power of Yorkshire!")

350+ people in our Leeds HQ, providing energy for everything from the water you drink, through to inclusive sport across the region.



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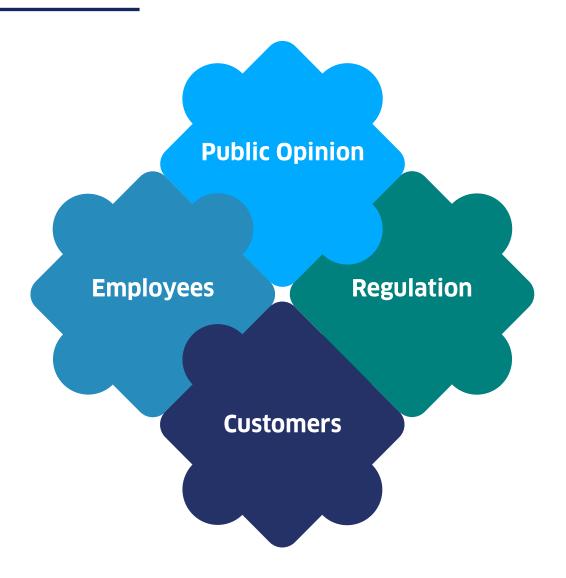
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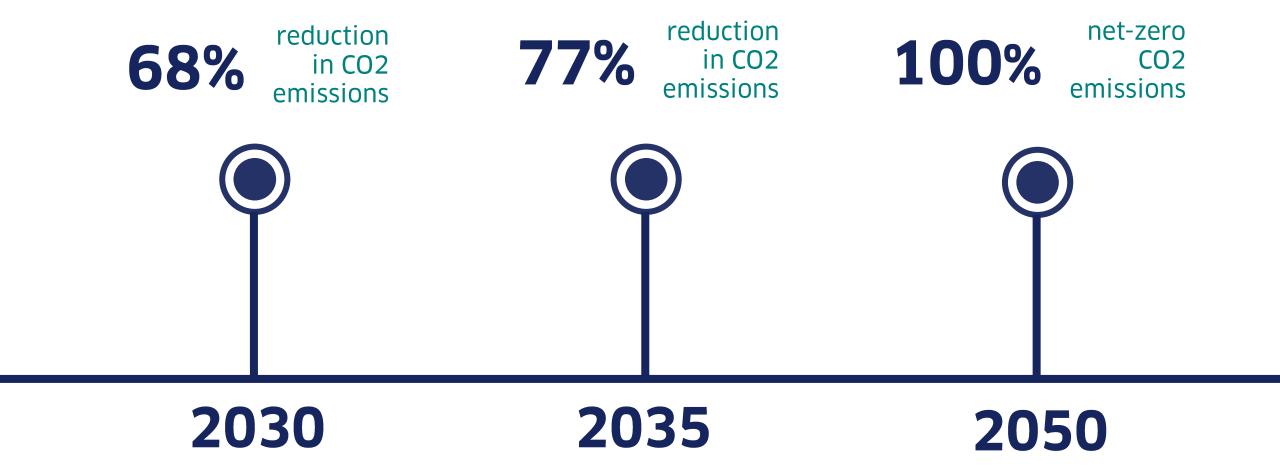
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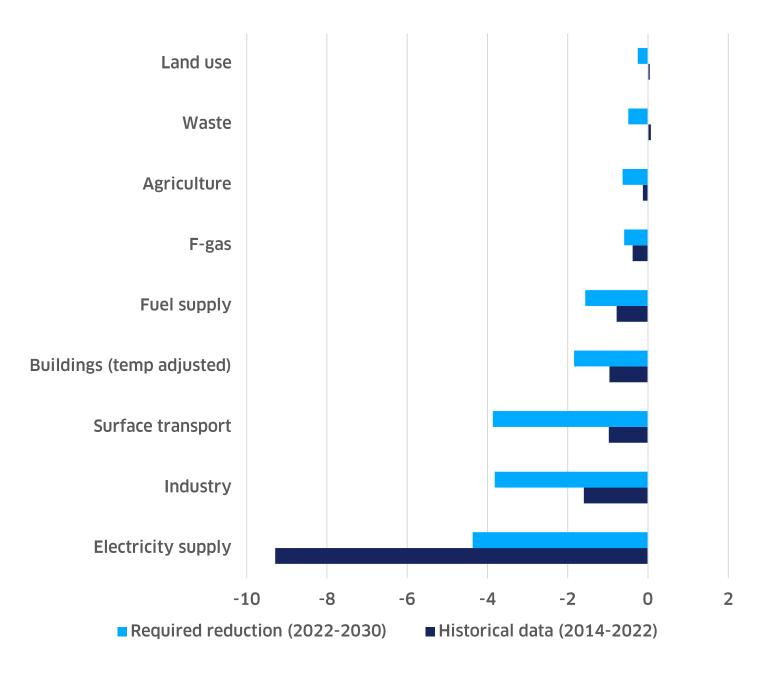
#### **Part of the puzzle**











"Emissions are currently not decreasing at the pace required to meet future targets.

"Outside of electricity supply, aviation and shipping the pace of emissions reduction needs to almost quadruple."

**Climate Change Council** 

## There are big barriers to overcome.



Cost and investment



**Understanding** 



**Accessibility** 



Scepticism

#### "Yorkshire" can help us to break those barriers.

Sustainability is often discussed as "macro" concept.

Smaller businesses, stakeholders and individuals can feel excluded from the conversation.

But when we make sustainability a local conversation, people engage more, and sustainability feels more accessible.



# And this counts, because there is Dressure.

...from your suppliers, stakeholders, employees and the public, who all...

### ..expect greener.

Why this is everyone's business.



Net-zero targets are closer than you think.





Own-brand food range will be carbon-neutral by 2025 – with a focus on renewable energy.





Target to be a net-zero city by 2030.



#### Sainsbury's

Own operations to be net-zero, and a 50% reduction in Scope 3 emissions.







Both Land Securities & Barratt Developments aim to be net-zero by 2040.





Net-zero from Scope 3 emissions by 2045.



**UK Net-Zero Target** 



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# You have to join the conversation.

The role green energy can play.











**Local Authorities** 

Developers & Suppliers

Industrial & Commercial

**SMEs** 

Put sustainability at the heart of your procurement and planning processes.

Towns and cities can set the agenda in their regions.



**Local Authorities** 

Engage with local communities on your projects.

Create and tell stories about your projects that people can believe in.

Make those communities feel a part of the solution.



Developers & Suppliers



#### **Point & Sandwick**

Money back into the local community, funding educational, cultural, social and environmental projects.

Local businesses buying energy generated on the island.

Organisations able to market their green credentials

Educational programmes aligned to STEM week, focused on the project.



Lead the charge and be the early adopter. There is commercial advantage in an innovative approach to energy sourcing.



Industrial & Commercial







Ambition to convert to 100% renewable electricity across Europe by 2025.

Has land that it wants to regenerate to create additional renewable energy for the UK grid.

Commitment to supply 100% renewable power by 2030.







- Repurposing of two decommissioned landfill sites solar farms.
- No loss of land for crops.
- 20GWh of power generated annually approx. 20% of Arla's UK electricity demand.
  - Subsidy-free additionality for the UK.
- Saves approx 4,400 tonnes of CO2 per year.

When you buy green, and buy it locally, you make an impact on the community that matters to you most.

Make green a part of your brand story.



**SMEs** 

How you can start your journey.



## Look closer to home.

The sustainability conversation is more powerful when we think locally.

Link your power to green assets and prove the provenance.

# Tell the story.

Make sustainability a part of your business or brand story.

## Make it your business.

Engage your customers and suppliers on your green journey,

#### Thank-you.

Download our slides at: engie.co.uk/ysf

