

# Vigilance Carbon Reduction Plan 2024

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The following report is based on our Carbon emissions for 2023

## Targets

Vigilance has set itself a target to exceed the Government's expectations of achieving Carbon Net Zero emissions by 2050. Instead, Vigilance has committed to achieving Carbon Net Zero emissions by 2030, a goal which we are already substantially on the way to achieving.

## B Corp

Vigilance succeeded in 2022, delivering on its Corporate Social Responsibility ambitions by becoming the first and currently the only UK (*and globally*) licensed security company to achieve certified B Corp status. It is now one of only 1000 companies to achieve this exceptional feat, which highlights the strength of the company's commitment to improving its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. Vigilance is incredibly excited to join the B Corp community of companies committed to becoming a force for good in the world. Learn more about Vigilance and B Corp here: <https://www.bcorporation.net/en-us/find-a-b-corp/company/vigilance-properties-ltd>

## Baseline

Vigilance recorded its baseline carbon emissions for the first time in 2021. We recorded scopes 1, 2 and 3 and have used this data to report against. It is worth noting however, that the business was still largely impacted by Covid 19, and as result, our baseline data shows slightly reduced emissions than we would have expected.

## 2023 Emissions

The following table breaks down our overall carbon footprint:

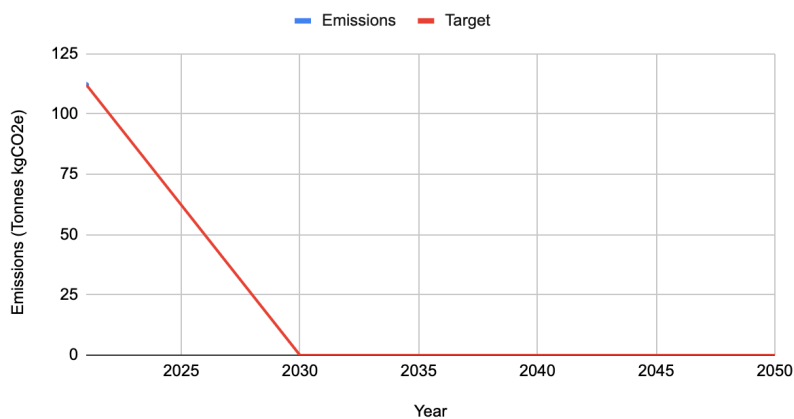
	Baseline year Emissions (2021)	GHG emissions 2023 in tonnes of CO2
SCOPE 1	96.823	72.755
SCOPE 2	0.6879	1.87
SCOPE 3 ( <i>included sources</i> )	14.66	19.639
<b>TOTAL EMISSIONS</b>	<b>112.7</b>	<b>94.264</b>

### Success

Despite the business growing considerably in 2023, through our concerted effort, we have achieved a reduction in emissions this year by **4.7%**. In order to achieve our aim of reaching Carbon Net Zero by 2030, we must continue to make similar reductions year on year. Notably, our Scope 1 emissions were reduced by 8.88% as a result of initiatives such as opting for Solar pod generators rather than standard fuel based solutions.

### Emission Reduction Targets

Total Emissions and Target



### Carbon Offsetting

Vigilance will continue to offset its carbon emissions through the purchasing of carbon credits through an approved woodland scheme. Whilst we offset our emissions, we will continue to reduce

our carbon footprint by making better, more sustainable choices. Until we reach zero, we will continue to offset our total emissions.

## **Mitigations**

### **Vehicle Fleet**

We made the decision to slowly eradicate fossil fuel engines from our vehicles entirely. Whilst this is no easy feat, given the distances we have to travel, we have replaced our London based vans with an electric option. This equates to 33% of our fleet.

### **Generator Fuel**

In 2021 69.2% of Vigilance's emissions came from our need for generators at some of the locations we protect. Whilst this continues to be completely unavoidable, opting to connect our cabins directly into power sources, and utilising new technology like the solarpod generator, we have seen a 24.34% decrease in our overall emissions from generator fuel. Whilst delivery of biofuels for our small needs is still unachievable nationwide, we will continue to work with our suppliers on developing a viable solution for the future.

### **Gas Supply**

Whilst our baseline figures reflect the figures of our main office being run on a boiler and central heating system, in 2022 we installed an air source heating system for both the main office and the control room and although the additional office would normally add to our GHG output, by switching to an air source solution our overall figures have been lowered to zero. Our head office natural gas connection has now been terminated.

### **Purchased Electricity**

In Vigilance's bid to achieve carbon net Zero, we made the easy decision to switch to a green energy supplier in 2021 to provide all of our office electricity. Our purchased emissions have risen slightly as we removed the requirement for a gas supply, however the emission total for electricity is significantly lower than what we would have expected in gas consumption emissions.

### **Business Travel**

Business travel still makes up a significant amount of our overall emissions and rose slightly in 2023. As Vigilance continues to grow, this may continue, however we are analysing our methods of deployment to combat this and are aiming to have a solution for 2024. Vigilance has opted into a salary sacrifice scheme with Octopus energy and is encouraging employees to make the switch to electric vehicles. Vigilance also encourages all employees to use sustainable methods of travel instead such as trains and/or public transport.

### Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standards for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard<sup>1</sup> and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard.

This carbon reduction plan has been reviewed and approved by the board of directors.



Signed

Seb Mackenzie-Wilson, CEO Vigilance Properties Ltd

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>