# The Planet Mark™ Certification Report Harrow Green

1st June 2016 - 31st May 2017





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## About The Planet Mark™

The Planet Mark™ is a certification programme recognising commitment to continuous improvement in sustainability.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

Our 3-step process is as simple as 1, 2, 3

#### 1. MEASURE



We measure your carbon footprint and environmental performance

#### 2. ENGAGE



We help you engage your employees and suppliers to drive improvements

#### 3. COMMUNICATE



We provide marketing channels and materials to promote your achievements





## The Planet Mark™ Certificate



Making progress. For the Planet.









#### The Planet Mark™ Sustainability Certificate

#### **Harrow Green**

This is to certify that Harrow Green has achieved a reduction in its carbon footprint and is committed to continuous improvement in sustainability

Valid: 1st June 2017 - 31st May 2018

Steve Malkin

Sir Tim Smit KBE

Founder, The Planet Mark Co-founder, the Eden Project

19.3% Carbon reduction

per employee\*

tCO<sub>2</sub>e total carbon footprint



#### Measure

Period: 1st Jun 2016 to 31st May 2017 Certified: Silvertown, Birmingham, Glasgow, Manchester, Croydon, and Shefford offices, UK fleet and business

Total carbon footprint: 1,508.8 tCOye Carbon per employee: 4.4 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

- Scope 1: Natural Gas, Fleet
- Scope 2: Electricity
- · Scope 3: Water, Travel
- \* Comparison to previous period on a normalised basis:

Total change: -6.8 % Per employee: -19.3 %

Next carbon reduction target: 5 %



#### Engage

Achieving The Planet Mark<sup>TM</sup> demonstrates:

- Commitment to engage with your employees and suppliers to help drive improvements
- Investment in the Eden Project to support education on climate change
- · Pledge to protect endangered rainforest through the award-winning charity Cool Earth.



#### Communicate

Achieving The Planet Mark™ demonstrates:

 Commitment to raise awareness. of business sustainability by communicating The Planet Mark™ certification to employees, customers and stakeholders.

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## **Executive summary**

Harrow Green has been helping organisations change and grow for over 30 years. Harrow Green's services include business relocation, storage and IT relocation, international moving, recycling and reuse.

This is Harrow Green's fourth year of business carbon footprint reporting. It first calculated the carbon footprint of its offices and fleet for the year ending May 2014 and set a target to reduce emissions by 5% annually. This year's footprint includes emissions from energy use in its offices and warehouses (natural gas and purchased electricity), water consumption, fuel used by the fleet, and business travel.

The relative carbon footprint in year ending 31 May 2017 was 4.2 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per employee, a decrease of 19.3% compared to year ending 31 May 2016. Harrow Green's total carbon footprint was 1,509 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. The carbon footprint decreased by 6.8% on a normalised basis.

The decrease in total carbon footprint is mainly attributed to a 10% decrease in fleet and 17% decrease in non-fleet vehicle emissions. Set against this is an increase in emissions from electricity, up 102% on a normalised basis. The reasons for this require further investigation, and may in part be due to more comprehensive reporting of warehouse electricity consumption.





## **Executive summary**

The scope of reporting has been widened to include six office and warehouse locations, compared to three sites in the previous year. Carbon emissions from air and rail travel are also included for the first time, and help provide a more rounded picture of business travel emissions.

To meet its sustainability commitments going forward, Harrow Green should:

- Collate and cross-check energy usage reports (Landlord or other) with invoices and actual meter readings for office and warehouse space
- Carry out audits of electricity and natural gas consumption at all major offices and warehouses; compare energy consumption to industry benchmarks
- Provide cost and expense reports showing vehicle fuel volume consumption and business travel mileage data on expense claims
- Arrange safe and fuel efficient driving training for all fleet drivers.





## What we did this year

Harrow Green has achieved certification to The Planet Mark<sup>™</sup> by showing good practice in sustainability including:

Investment to the Eden Project to support education on climate change 1,509 tCO<sub>2</sub>e measured carbon included electricity, natural gas, water, fleet, and travel. 6.8% total carbon footprint reduction on a normalised basis

260 tCO<sub>2</sub> stored in one acre of protected rainforest

Commitment to engage employees and suppliers to drive improvement 9.6% reduction in vehicle fleet emissions





## What we are going to do next year

#### **TARGETS**



#### Recommendations

- Data collection: Collate and cross-check energy usage reports (Landlord or other) with invoices and actual meter readings for office and warehouse space
- Energy efficiency: Carry out audits of electricity and natural gas consumption at all major offices and warehouses; compare energy consumption to industry benchmarks
- Fleet efficiency: Arrange safe and fuel efficient driving training for all drivers.







## **Total carbon footprint overview**

#### Harrow Green

Reporting year ending 2017 / Highlights

Carbon footprint (tCO₂e) 1508.8

Per employee (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) 4.4

Carbon footprint comparison -6.8%

Comparison per employee -19.3%

Next reduction target 5%

Data quality score 13 out of 20

Used 383,692 kWh of electricity
Used 315,067 kWh of natural gas
Consumed 473,058 litres of fleet fuel
Travelled 199,816 km by air and rail
Travelled 365,968 km in staff vehicles

Boundary: UK offices, fleet and business travel

Emissions measured:







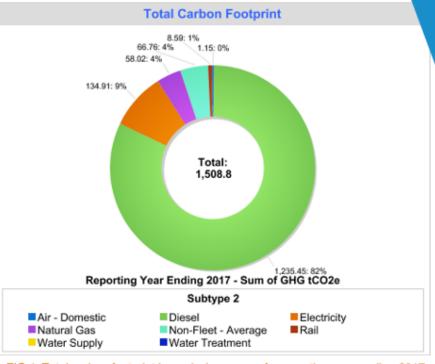


FIG 1- Total carbon footprint by emission source for reporting year ending 2017







## Total carbon footprint by scope

tCO₂e	YE 2016 Normalised	1st June 2016 - 31st May 2017	YE 2017 Normalised	% change
Scope 1: Natural gas, fleet	1,411.88	1,293.47	1,276.99	-9.6%
Scope 2: Electricity	42.18	134.91	85.39	102.4%
Scope 3: Water, travel	81.15	80.45	68.17	-16.0%
Total	1,535.21	1,508.83	1,430.55	-6.8%

#### Highlights

- Total carbon emissions are 1,508.8 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 1 (direct emissions- natural gas, fleet) accounts for 85.7% of total emission, down 9.6% from 2016
- Scope 2 (imported emissions- electricity) accounts for 8.9% of total emissions, up 102.4% from 2016
- Scope 3 (indirect emissions- water, travel) accounts for 5.3% of total emissions, down 16.0% from 2016.

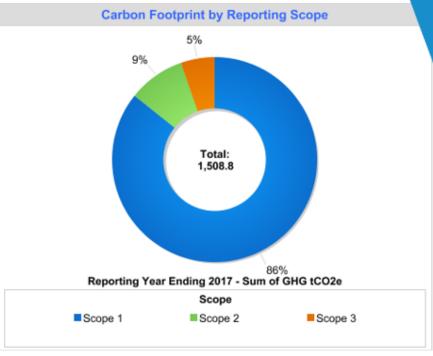


FIG 2-Total carbon footprint by scope for reporting year ending 2017







## Total carbon footprint – year-on-year comparison

						current				
Source Scope			1st June 2015 - 31st May 2016			1st June 2016 - 31st May 2017			% Change	% total carbon
	Scope	Unit	Amount	tCO <sub>z</sub> e	tCO <sub>z</sub> e Normalised	Amount	tCO₂e	tCO <sub>z</sub> e Normalised	in tCO2e from previous year	footprint
Building										
Electricity	2	kWh	102,362.07	42.2	42.2	383,691.66	134.9	85.39	102%	8.99
Natural Gas	1	kWh	245,420.90	45.2	45.2	315,067.38	58.0	41.54	-8%	3.89
Water									l	
Water Supply	3	m <sup>3</sup>	768.01	0.3	0.2	1,630.44	0.56	0.46	119%	0.09
Water Treatment	3	m <sup>a</sup>	768.01	0.5	0.4	1,630.44	1.15	0.95	119%	0.19
Travel									l	
Vehicle - Fleet	1	litres	524,016.20	1366.7	1,366.7	473,058.10	1235.5	1,235.45	-10%	81.99
Vehicle - Non-Fleet	3	km	430,666.47	80.5	80.5	365,968.08	66.8	66.76	-17%	4.49
Air	3	pkm	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,957.81	3.4	0.00	-	0.29
Rail	3	pkm	0.00	0.00	0.00	175,858.49	8.6	0.00	-	0.69
Total		tCO <sub>2</sub> e		1,535.38	1,535.21		1,508.83	1,430.55	-6.8%	
No. employees		Number	29	98	298	34	14	344.00		
Total per employee tCO		tCO <sub>2</sub> e	5.15		5.15	4.39		4.16	-19.3%	
		31.44 31.4		33.85		33.85				
Total per £m		tCO <sub>je</sub>	48.	84	48.83	44	.58	42.27	-13.4%	

#### Highlights

Most notable increase: emissions from reported electricity consumption at Silvertown, Birmingham, and Glasgow offices up 102% from previous year Most notable reduction: vehicle fleet emissions down 10% and vehicle non-fleet emissions

down 17% from previous year.







## Total carbon footprint – year-on-year comparison

tCO₂e	YE 2016 Normalised	YE 2017 Normalised	% change
Building	1,411.88	126.93	45.3%
Travel	42.18	1,302.21	-10.0%
Water	81.15	1.41	0%
Total	1,535.21	1,430.55	-6.8%

#### Highlights

- Total carbon footprint decreased by 6.8% on a normalised basis
- Total carbon footprint per employee decreased by 19.3% on a normalised basis
- For year-on-year comparison purposes, the normalised calculation only includes building and water emissions for those offices from which data was received across both years. Travel data is assumed to cover all UK offices.

#### Congratulations!

We are delighted to certify you with

#### The Planet Mark™

based on your relative carbon footprint reduction

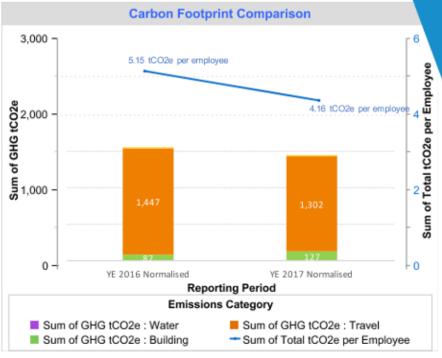


FIG 3- Total carbon footprint by emission category for the two reporting years, 2016, 2017







### Breakdown - business travel

#### Business travel emissions Highlights

- 5.2% of total emissions
- 78.7 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- 17% normalised decrease from the previous year
- Business travel tCO<sub>2</sub>e per employee decreased by 28%
- Air travel accounts for 4% and rail travel accounts for 11% of the business travel emissions

ACTION! Refer to the travel toolkit for ways to manage travel emissions

Travelled
14.1
times around
the earth

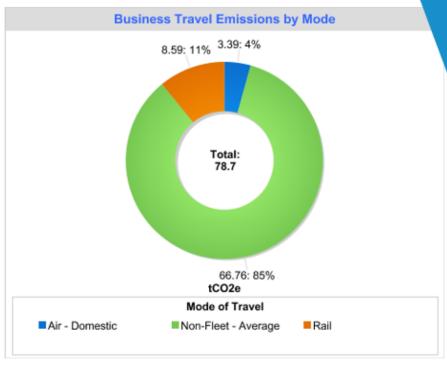


FIG 4- Breakdown of travel emissions by mode of travel for reporting year ending 2017







## Breakdown - fleet

#### Fleet travel emissions Highlights

- 81.9% of total emissions
- 1235.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- . 10% decrease from the previous year
- Fleet tCO<sub>2</sub>e per employee decreased by 21.7%

Note: Fleet travel refers to company-owned vehicles

ACTION! Refer to the travel toolkit for ways to manage fleet travel emissions



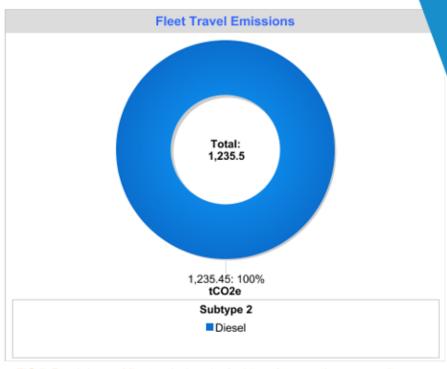


FIG 5- Breakdown of fleet emissions by fuel type for reporting year ending 2017







## **Breakdown** – building

#### Building emissions Highlights

- 12.8% of total emissions
- 192.9 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- 0.02 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per m<sup>2</sup>
- 45.3% increase from the previous year on a normalised basis
- Electricity accounts for 70% of the building emissions, followed by natural gas which accounts for 30%

ACTION! Cross-check invoiced consumption with separate office and warehouse meter readings and Landlord reports

Did you know? By installing energy efficient lighting you can save 20% of electricity



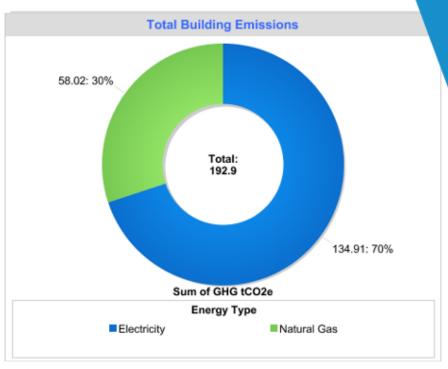


FIG 6- Breakdown of building emissions by energy type for reporting year ending 2017







## Breakdown - water

#### Water emissions Highlights

- 0.1% of total emissions
- 1.7 tCO<sub>2</sub>e from water supply and treatment
- 119% increase from the previous year
- 1,630 m<sup>3</sup> of water was used
- Water supply emissions are 0.56 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Water treatment emissions are 1.15 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

**ACTION!** Collate water consumption data from all office and warehouse locations



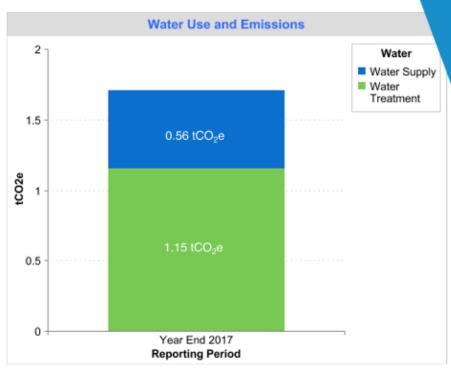


FIG 7- Breakdown of water emissions category by type for reporting year ending 2017







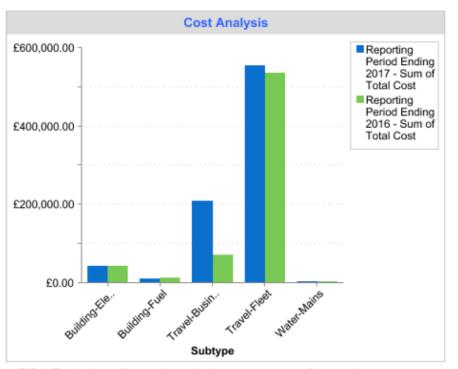


FIG 8- Breakdown of costs by emissions category type for reporting year ending 2017







## **Carbon reduction target**

The Planet Mark TM toolkits provide advice and resources to support you towards achieving your carbon reduction target. You can access all our resources through The Planet Mark TM website using your unique login. Please contact your Planet Mark Account Manager if you require a login account.

Follow link to access toolkits: http://www.theplanetmark.com/members/login/

Carbon reduction target:

Total target` reduction:

75.44

Target reduction per employee: 0.22

tCO<sub>2</sub>e

tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Topic	Toolkits			
Custoin shility Obrotosy	Sustainability policy template			
	Carbon savings calculator			
Sustainability Strategy	Carbon reduction strategy template			
	Carbon reduction plan template			
Energy	Energy toolkit			
Waste	Waste toolkit			
Water	Water toolkit			
Travel	Travel toolkit			
	Setting up a sustainability champions programme			
Engagement	Sustainability engagement toolkit			
	The Planet Mark <sup>™</sup> case study template			
	The Planet Mark <sup>™</sup> first digital stickers			
Communication	The Planet Mark <sup>™</sup> logo			
	Certification press release			







## **About this report** – data quality

The data quality score is based on the 'Data Quality Matrix' in The Planet Mark™ Code of Practice and provides an indication of data assurance when using information in this report in your business.

	1st June 2015 - 31st May 2016	1st June 2016 - 31st May 2017	Definition
Relevance of boundary	3	3	Boundary accurately reflects the majority of the business carbon footprint for studied period.
Data completeness	3	2	Less than 12 months of data provided but all GHG emission sources within the boundary accounted for.
Transparency	3	3	Data collection procedure clearly disclosed and full disclosure of assumptions. Some evidence provided.
Data accuracy	2	2	Qualified estimate, few efforts to reduce uncertainties. Some estimated meter readings and sampled/estimated data.
Consistency	2	3	Largely consistent or improved boundary and data completeness with documentation of changes made and reasons why.
TOTAL SCORE (out of 20)	13 out of 20	13 out of 20	

Target data quality improvement 2 points

#### **Priorities**

- Collate and cross-check landlord energy usage reports with invoices and actual meter readings for office and warehouse space
- Provide cost and expense reports showing vehicle fuel volume consumption (in litres) and business travel mileage data on expense claims.







## About this report – general info

Company Name	Harrow Green
Sector	Commercial removals
Reporting Period	1st June 2016 - 31st May 2017
Year Of Certification	4th
Reporting Boundary	Silvertown, Birmingham, Glasgow, Manchester, Croydon, and Shefford offices in the UK
Emission sources included	Electricity, natural gas, water, fleet, and business travel
Total FTE Employees	344
Total Internal Floorspace (m²)	9,082 office and warehouse space, excluding Shefford
Data Collection Lead	Sharon Sales, Executive Assistant
Significant Reporting Changes	Inclusion of rail and air travel, and additional office and warehouse energy data
Baseline Conversion Factor	Defra 2016
Current Conversion Factor	Defra 2017
Methodology	We follow the GHG Protocol for Corpotate Emission Reporting. Refer to The Planet Mark <sup>™</sup> Code of Practice for detailed information on the methodology and standards used in the preparation of this report
Community Project	A contribution to the Eden Project has been made as part of the Planet Mark certification.
Prepared by:	Andrew Prosser, Head of Certification
Checked by:	Flavia Tavares, Sustainability Consultant
Date:	Friday, 27 October 2017







# About this report – caveats

Operational Boundary	Scope	Unit	Data Collection	Evidence Submitted	Omissions, estimates or extrapolations
Electricity	2	kWh	Primary source - invoices	Sample Invoice	Glasgow electricity for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoices covering the period 26/8/2016 to 6/6/2017. Manchester electricity for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoices covering the period 5/7/2016 to 13/3/2017. Silvertown electricity for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoices covering the period 9/8/2016 to 30/4/2017. Birmingham electricity for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoices covering the period 9/8/2016 to 18/5/2017. Croydon electricity for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 1/11/2016 to 7/12/2016. Shefford warehouse units' electricity for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoices covering the period 1/11/2016; and 2/4/17 to 1/5/17.
Natural Gas	1	kWh	Primary source - invoices	Sample Invoice	Glasgow natural gas consumption for 31/8/2016 to 31/10/2016 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 30/9/2016 to 31/10/2016. Silvertown natural gas consumption for 31/8/2016 to 31/10/2016 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 30/9/2016 to 31/10/2016; and 31/1/2017 to 1/04/2017 from 31/1/2017 to 28/2/2017. Birmingham natural gas consumption for 31/8/2016 to 31/10/2016 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 30/9/2016 to 31/10/2016. Manchester natural gas consumption for 31/5/2016 to 10/8/2016 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 3/7/2016 to 10/8/2016; and 31/1/2017 to 31/3/2017 from 28/2/2017 to 31/3/2017. Croydon natural gas consumption for 31/5/2016 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 30/9/2016 to 30/11/2016; and 30/11/2016 to 31/5/2017 from 30/11/2016 to 28/2/2017. Shefford Unit 4C and Unit 4F natural gas consumption for 31/5/2016 to 31/5/2016 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 18/8/2016 to 8/11/2016.







# About this report – caveats

Water Supply	3	m³	Primary source - invoices	Sample Invoice	Croydon water consumption for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoices covering the period 14/9/2016 to 22/12/2016; and 22/11/2016 to 28/3/2017. Birmingham water consumption for 31/5/2016 to 22/11/2016 interpolated from invoice covering the period 24/5/2016 to 22/12/2016; and 30/4/2017 to 31/5/2017 from 1/5/17 to 31/7/2017. Glasgow water consumption for 1/6/2016 to 31/5/2017 extrapolated from invoice covering the period 27/2/2016 to 11/5/2017.
Water Treatment	3	m³	Primary source - invoices	Sample Invoice	Water output volume for water treatment assumed to be equivalent to volume of water supplied.
Vehicle - Fleet	1	litres	Primary source - expense claims	Extract from expense claim report	Assumes all fleet vehicles use diesel, average biofuel blend, which accounted for 99% of fleet fuel in reporting year ended 2016. Costs converted to litres assuming average cost per litre, June 2015 to May 2016, of £1.17 http://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/driving-costs/fuel-prices
Vehicle - Non-Fleet	3	km	Primary source - expense claims	Extract from expense claim report	Assumes expense costs claimed at rate of 45 pence per mile.
Air	3	pkm	Primary source - expense claims	Extract from expense claim report	Total distance travelled is estimated based on a cost per km derived from the typical London to Glasgow return distance, at an average cost of £100.
Rail	3	pkm	Primary source - expense claims	Extract from expense claim report	Estimated based on assumed average cost of 20p/mile travelled. Source: http://www.whatprice.co.uk/travel/train-prices.html





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