

Net Zero Commitment and Carbon Reduction Plan 2026-2050

Our Commitment

The Bond Board recognises the urgent need to address climate change and reduce the environmental impact of our activities.

As a community-based charity, we are committed to operating responsibly, reducing our carbon emissions and contributing to the transition towards a low-carbon future. We support the UK Government's target of achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and commit to working towards Net Zero across our own operations by 2050 or sooner where possible.

We recognise that environmental sustainability and social sustainability are interconnected. By supporting local communities, reducing waste, promoting efficient use of resources and delivering community-based services, we can contribute to healthier and more sustainable communities across Greater Manchester.

Our Baseline

The Bond Board is a relatively small charity delivering housing, homelessness prevention and tenancy sustainment services In Greater Manchester.

The most significant sources of carbon emissions associated with our activities are likely to include:

- Business travel and staff mileage.
- Energy consumption within offices and community venues.
- Procurement of goods and services.
- Waste generation.
- Digital and IT equipment.
- Printing and paper usage.

We are working to establish a formal carbon emissions baseline during 2027 to help inform future reduction targets and priorities.

Our Objectives

We will work towards Net Zero by:

- Reducing Energy Use
- Encouraging efficient use of heating, lighting and electrical equipment.
- Procuring energy-efficient equipment when replacing existing assets.
- Promoting good environmental practices across all offices and community locations.
- Reducing Travel Emissions
- Promoting hybrid and flexible working where appropriate.

- Utilising virtual meetings to reduce unnecessary travel.
- Encouraging walking, cycling and public transport where practical.
- Planning journeys efficiently to minimise vehicle mileage.

Reducing Waste

- Increasing digital working and reducing reliance on paper.
- Reusing and recycling materials wherever possible.
- Procuring sustainable products where budgets allow.
- Reducing single-use items across the organisation.

Sustainable Procurement

- Considering environmental sustainability when purchasing goods and services.
- Working with suppliers that share our commitment to reducing environmental impact.
- Seeking opportunities to purchase locally where appropriate.
- Engaging Staff, Volunteers and Service Users
- Promoting awareness of environmental sustainability.
- Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviours.
- Involving staff and volunteers in identifying opportunities to reduce emissions.

Governance and Monitoring

- Responsibility for overseeing this commitment sits with the Senior Leadership Team and Board of Trustees.
- Progress will be reviewed annually through our organisational planning and governance processes. As our approach develops, we will introduce measurable carbon reduction targets and monitor progress against those targets.

Social Value and Community Impact

Through our housing, homelessness prevention, tenancy sustainment and community support services, The Bond Board already contributes to environmental sustainability by:

- Helping people access and sustain local accommodation.
- Delivering locally based services that reduce travel demand.
- Supporting community-led initiatives and volunteering.
- Promoting digital inclusion and access to online services.
- Maximising the use of existing housing stock through tenancy sustainment and homelessness prevention activities.

Review

This Net Zero Commitment and Carbon Reduction Plan will be reviewed annually and updated as our understanding of organisational emissions and reduction opportunities develops.