

Energy and Environment Policy

Northern is a train operating company that delivers over 2500 services a day across the length and breadth of the North of England. As well as getting people to where they need to be, Northern also maintains a large fleet of trains, maintaining the Northern fleet and trains operated by 3rd parties.

Delivering transportation on this scale plays a significant role in the North of England's efforts to tackle climate change and improve the quality of air that people who live in and visit the North breathe.

Northern's operation also poses risk to the environment and consumes resources. Northern will fulfil its compliance obligations and continually improve its performance by minimising its environmental impact, reducing its consumption of resources, and improving its supporting management systems and workplace culture. Northern aims to realise opportunities to enhance the environment by helping deliver a Net Zero transport system by 2050, reducing emissions to air in areas of poor air quality, and taking steps to improve the natural environment on our leased land and encouraging others to do so.

Our Commitments

- Develop and deliver impact specific strategies to support this policy statement adopting innovation and best practice. These strategies will deliver on our stakeholders' expectations, minimise the risk of harm and realise opportunities to enhance the environment.
- Develop a rolling stock strategy aligned to wider industry plans ensuring Northern are ready to deliver a Net Zero service as technology progresses and enhanced infrastructure is delivered by our partners, to achieve a Net Zero Railway by 2050.
- Work in partnership with Network Rail and other industry partners to reduce emissions, deliver a railway resilient to the effects of climate change, and improve the natural environment across the North of England.
- Our workplace practice and culture will align to Energy and Environment Policies that comply with legislation, maintain transparency, prevent pollution and ensure the efficient use of resources, including how we consume energy.
- Work with our supply chain to ensure that the lifecycle impact of products and services provided to Northern is minimised and energy efficient products and services are purchased as standard.
- Northern's infrastructure development and transformation programmes will be delivered in a way that minimises harm to the environment and consumes minimal resources and maximises environmental benefit including delivering energy efficiency through its remaining life.
- As well as delivering on long-term objectives and ambitions set out in impact specific strategies, Northern will consult, set and deliver annual key performance indicators that ensure alignment to long-term Net Zero targets, continued reduction in resource consumption (including energy), and the protection of the environment from harm.



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