

#### **Value Through Carbon Reduction**

To recycle or not to recycle? That is the question.

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Running order:

- Short company overview
- To recycle or not recycle?
- Social Value Climate and the role infrastructure decarbonisation can play
- Circularity to drive value. The methods and products
- The Toolkit here to help
- Design & Quality
- Case Studies





### To recycle or not to recycle?

Recycling in the infrastructure sector, what does it facilitate?:

- Reducing reliance on primary materials
- Circular economy methods your network is your own virtual quarry
- Innovative treatments doing more for less, creating value, cost avoidance
- Decarbonisation options reducing carbon footprint Social Value

Why wouldn't we?





### To recycle or not to recycle?

Infrastructure, an emissions giant – Big ticket sector for moving the decarbonisation needle.

In the UK today the construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure assets results in approximately **16%** of **total** carbon emissions. This figure rises to **53%** when the use of infrastructure is incorporated, a proportion that is expected to increase to over 90% in the coming decades. These figures are not unique to the UK, they are mirrored internationally.





### **Decarbonisation of Infrastructure**

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- Science Based Targets (Paris Agreement) Limit Global Warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels
- To achieve this globally we need to achieve an annual decarbonisation rate of 12.9%. **5 times** that of the 2.5% achieved in 2021





#### Why Decarbonise? - To "keep 1.5 alive"

#### How?

- Establishing Baselines to score progress
- Find decarbonisation pathways and react quickly
- Value Carbon taxation
- Value Contractual Carbon Reduction
- Urgently accelerating change

The point at which costs start to increase to reduce carbon further can be defined as the 'carbon cost tipping point'.



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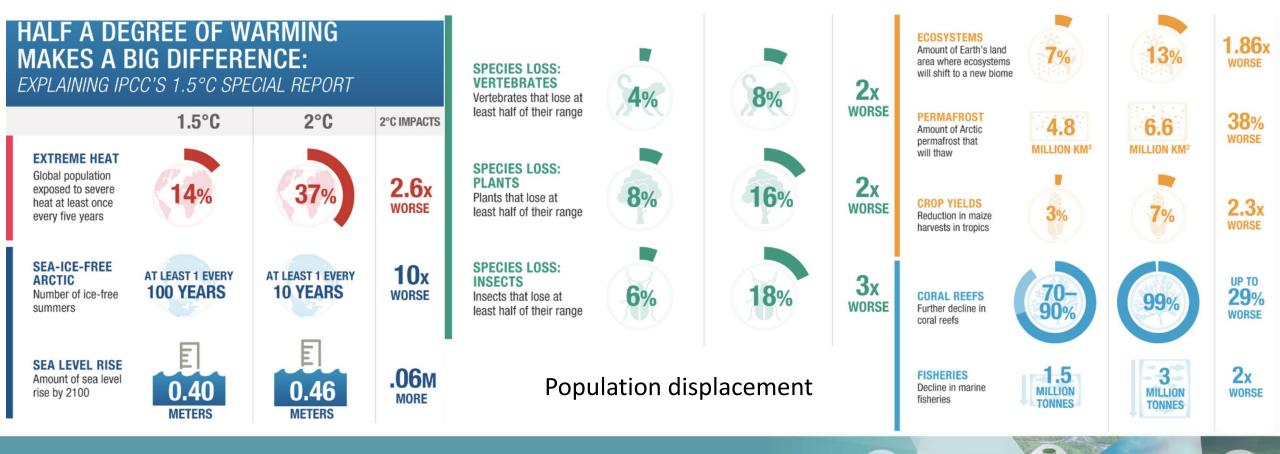
As the market for low carbon materials and construction techniques evolves, the carbon cost tipping point will shift, with higher carbon solutions becoming more expensive. Until then, it is a financial barrier to net zero carbon.





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# Social Value Through Carbon Reduction



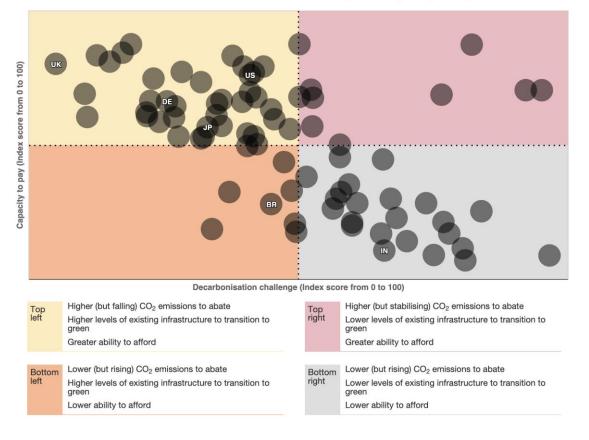


### **Decarbonisation of Infrastructure**

The UK has "higher" (but falling) CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to abate. Higher levels of existing infrastructure to "green" Has a greater ability to afford

We must push on and ensure that we are making more carbon-based decisions while embedding behavioral and methodology changes

2 pathways to achieve this in the infrastructure arena are to adopt the circular economy in waste and materials and to use low carbon materials Green infrastructure transition: Decarbonisation challenge and capacity to pay







What is a circular economy?

### **Circularity in Highways**

A circular economy is an alternative to a traditional linear economy (make, use, dispose) in which we keep resources in use for as long as possible, extract the maximum value from them whilst in use, then recover and regenerate products and materials at the end of each service life.



#### Why a circular economy is important

As well as creating new opportunities for growth, a more circular economy will:

- reduce waste
- drive greater resource productivity
- deliver a more competitive UK economy.
- position the UK to better address emerging resource security/scarcity issues in the future.
- help reduce the environmental impacts of our production and consumption in both the UK and abroad.





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### **Recycling Highways Wastes**



Concrete and Mixed C&DW EWC 17-01-01 and 17-01-07



Soil and Stones (Haz and Non-Haz) EWC 17-05-03 and 17-05-04





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### **Recycling Highways Wastes**



Asphalt Waste Containing Coal Tar (AWCCT) EWC 17-03-01



Non-Haz Asphalt Waste EWC 17-03-02





SHW CI.948 and BS9228

Designs for DMRB and evolved network

Standard Details TG Notes

### **The Materials - CRBM**







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### **The Materials - CRBM**

 CRBM = 50% carbon saving compared to traditional asphalt

- 15% less dense, goes further, 20t worth of work done with 17t do more with less.
- Licensed to re-use Asphalt Waste Containing Coal Tar (AWCCT)





BS 9228:2021



Recycling of roads and other paved areas using bitumen emulsion, foamed bitumen or hydraulic material — Materials, production, installation and product type testing — Specification

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#### **Specifications:**

SHW 800 Series, BSEN 14227 and BS9227 Designs for DMRB and evolved road network

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### **The Materials – HBM**







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OCL Regeneration Foambase® CRBM CO<sub>2</sub> Saving

Table 1 shows our CO<sub>24</sub> calculations for our Foambase<sup>®</sup> CRBM Product. This is based on a comparison to traditional hot asphalt whe both products have been transported an average of 30km to the site of installation.

Not AC20 contributes 38.5 kgC0<sub>20</sub> per tonne (constituents, manufacture and transport) Foambase<sup>4</sup> QVE B4 contributes a mean of 19.58 kgC0<sub>20,30</sub> per tonne which represents a saving of 18.96 kgC02e per tonne or 49.19% Foambase<sup>4</sup> MS contributes a mean of 18.24 kgC0, use tronne and is therefore Carbon Neastive and represents a saving of 46.76



Foambase® QVE (SHW cl.948 and BS9228) is a suitable replacement for Base and Binder Course. For every 5000t of material used you save 95 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> which is equivalent to 117 direct flights from London to New York.

Foambase\* MLS (SHW cl.948 and B59228) is a new product that is suitable for use as a Binder Course in Footways and lightly trafficked roads. If an annual tonnage of an equivalent 5000t was switched to this product it would save 23.8 Bornes of CO<sub>2</sub> hent are xtra 13.88 Lonnes compared to Foambase\* CV which is the equivalent of 237 direct flights from London to New York.



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### To recycle or not to recycle?

### The answer to the question has to be **YES!** We clearly need to recycle and recycle more

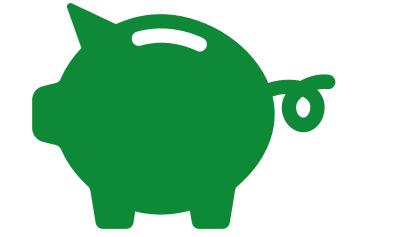




### Here to help - The Toolkit

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Carbon Savings Cost Savings **Collaboration Opportunities** 



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#### Reducing Carbon



- Low Carbon Materials
- Reduced "caused carbon" through smart working, less disruption
- HVO Fleet
- Green tariff energy usage
- Circular methods

### The Toolkit

Reducing Cost



- Cost avoidance Disposal
- Creation of "in authority" or employer facilities
- "More for Less" Density savings
- Reducing waste
- Cost of Compliance Managing duty of care – best practice

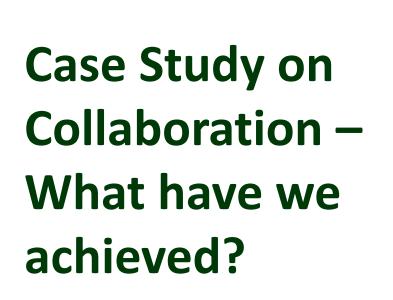
#### Collaboration



- Innovation Frameworks
- Blueprint / Toolkit
- Targets & Reporting
- Shared Risk
- Regular review structure
- Commercialisation of model alignment to sold / professional services









#### Assessment

How can we use recycled or low carbon products in this scheme?



#### Design

Work up an equivalencies matrix for the alternative materials.



#### Planning

Integrate into the Annual Plan and optimise resources.

#### Programming

Balance the supply & demand, road space and weather constraints.

#### Delivery

Collaborating with specialist suppliers and supporting sub-contractors,





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02

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**Case Study on Collaboration** 

**Behaviour Change** - Driven by a trusted collaborative relationship and driving this approach through the LA and our Supply chain. Moving towards a nurturing and supportive mentality, with contracts that require this approach.

Risk Management – Acceptance that we will sometimes fail and using this to learn and improve. Sharing risks,
the outcomes and benefits.

**Driving Innovation** – Not just talking about it, organising it via regular contact and review. Pushing for tangible outcomes and lessons learnt.

**Embedding Change** – LA have provided new Technical Guidance notes and county-wide Standard details. Taking this beyond the contract into all other County Council Highway and Developer Projects.







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#### **Peer Reviewed Partnerships**

- Innovation Frameworks
- Circularity Workshops
- Best Practice sharing
- Delivery Partnerships
- Recycling Initiatives
- Decarbonisation targets
- Design Advice
- Specification Guidance
- Risk Analysis





Design and Specification Journey

TRL 611 / 615 – 2004

SHW cl.948

SHW 800

HD25 – Foundations HD26 – Pavement Design - 2006 HD27 – Maintenance

IAN 73 Rev 1 2009

BS EN 14227 - HBM

CD225 – Foundations CD226 – Pavement Design - 2020 CD227 – Maintenance

CD225,6 and 7 – LWD & Stiffness Modulus

BS 9227 & BS9228 - 2021

DMRB 2025 – CRBM B4 Design Curve = Permitted in designs to 80 MSA



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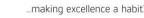
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#### Certificate of Registration





### **Quality Outcomes**

- OCL have been manufacturing and installing CRBM for over 20 years with no unexplained defects and lots of lessons to share.
- Support for supply chain is built-in, getting more people confident to use the methods and materials is our job.
- Fully accredited quality plans across Local Authority and Major Project experiences.
- National Highways are confident with outcomes.
- OCL over test and test parameters outside of the national standards to provide the full picture to our clients







#### Together we have an opportunity to affect change

- Rely on specifications, designs and shared experiences
- Collaborate on risk management and mitigation
- Design and implement with confidence
- Help to develop more opportunities for the methods to increase decarbonisation and recycling in the sector
- Collaborate to ensure supply chain agility, risk management and technical / operational resilience
- Make waste-based decisions and consider the circular opportunities instead of a mental "copy and paste" of the previous methods
- Drive innovation and help to normalise the products, methods and outlets.







### **Thanks for listening - Q&A?**



## Paving the way to greener infrastructure

