

Carbon Emissions Reduction Statement

IWAK recognises the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving energy efficiency to address the increasing threats of climate change and the need for urgent action to address them. Limiting global warming to 1.5°C will require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes from IWAK over the next decades.

Contributing to the aviation sector decarbonisation through targeted action at Ireland West Airport Knock is the biggest contribution IWAK can make. We must consider our footprint and impact, from greenhouse emissions we emit directly ourselves to the indirect impact of our supply chain emissions.

IWAK commits to an interim target of 51% reduction in emissions by 2030 (relative to a baseline of 2018) and Net Zero emissions no later than 2050, in line with the Government's Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and in support of County Mayo's 2021 declaration of climate emergency.

As a first step in the Net Zero journey, IWAK will work with the Airport Carbon Accreditation scheme, operated by the Airport Council International, to implement carbon management measures and achieve emissions reductions. To this end, IWAK commits to developing the framework for meeting the ACA programme's requirements with the aim of achieving carbon neutrality no later than 2030 for direct operational emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2 and selected Scope 3 emissions).

Recognising that the achievement of Net Zero cannot rely on carbon neutrality offsets through investing in emissions reductions elsewhere but rather requires the active removal of residual emissions from the atmosphere, IWAK further commits to 'Net Zero' operational emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2 and significant operational Scope 3 emissions) no later than 2050.

How we will deliver these commitments

As the airport group owner, we are responsible for ensuring that the carbon emission reduction measures deployed at our airport will make positive and important first steps towards decarbonising our operations, however, we recognise there is more work to do.


Where we have no direct control, we will work in partnership with our stakeholders to improve our performance and influence the development of appropriate policies to reduce our indirect carbon emissions.

We will measure and review progress against these targets at least every year and report performance through transparent communications within a robust governance system.

We will set ambitious and stretching targets across the business which demonstrate our commitment to balance the economic and social benefits with our climate change responsibilities.

Responsibilities

We will measure and review progress against these targets for our airport and report performance through transparent communications within a robust governance system.

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