



# MAGB Environment Strategy

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## Background

The MAGB recognises a commitment to minimise the use of natural resources and its impact on the environment through the operations of its member companies. Great strides have been made to date in reducing energy consumption and water use, two of the major resources employed in malting. Individual member companies have developed their own commitments to sustainable practices; details can be found on member company websites. This document presents a commitment at sector level and encompasses activities both from members companies and the MAGB as a facilitator.

## Commitment

The MAGB will:

1. Develop and maintain a sector policy for sustainability issues and to make actions and progress public by including case studies and sharing appropriate non-confidential data on the MAGB website.
2. Pledge a commitment to actively participate in the Joint Industry-Government decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency Action Plan.
3. Promote UK Government initiatives aimed at reducing the environmental impact of our activities within the sector (e.g. the IETF). Where appropriate this will include initiatives promoted by the Scottish Government.
4. Collaborate with and encourage supply chain partners to reduce their impact on the environment and promote best practice within member malting companies.
5. Work with the Environment Agency and SEPA to ensure that proposed reviews and changes to legislation are rapidly disseminated to malting company members and to ensure good engagement with Consultations on new legislation.
6. Work with our customer stakeholders to, where possible, align our sustainability policy objectives to help with achieving their sustainability targets using the best options available.
7. Where possible, and where no commercially sensitive data is included, aggregate member company environmental data to report on sector progress against measurable targets.
8. Encourage sharing of 'best practice' amongst malting company members both within and beyond the sector.
9. Work with member companies to develop a sector strategy working towards a Net Zero target in line with government ambitions.
10. Promote improvement in agricultural practices to reduce the embedded carbon in malt.

MAGB members will:

1. Comply with all relevant legal requirements related to environmental issues.
2. Commit to a transparency in sustainability goals and achievements wherever possible.
3. Promote responsibility for the environment within the company and communicate and implement this policy across the entire workforce
4. Identify and provide appropriate training, advice and information for staff and encourage innovative thinking
5. Provide appropriate resources to meet the commitments of this policy
6. Minimise waste by a programme of reduction, re-use and recycling
7. Develop and maintain systems for continually monitoring environmental performance, making these public where appropriate.
8. Apply principles of Best Available Technique where possible.
9. Prevent, as much as is reasonably practicable, incidents of pollution and breaches of consent agreements through training of staff and application of appropriate control measures.
10. Minimise consumption of raw materials and packaging.
11. Have a strategy for continuous improvement in energy efficiency which is monitored and reported. This will be aligned with government targets developed through Climate Change Agreements.
12. Reduce emissions to air and water and minimise the land filling of solid waste and encourage where possible the re-cycling of suitable waste streams.
13. Ensure that all major changes to manufacturing plant consider environmental impacts and seek to comply with this policy.
14. Measure carbon footprint and use it to guide energy efficiency and capital investment.
15. Promote best practice across their supply chains to influence the environmental programmes of suppliers which demonstrate continuous improvement.
16. Introduce a carbon reduction plan that aligns with emerging legislation, helps meet customer goals, and continually reduces carbon emissions such as setting a net zero target or developing a sustainability roadmap.

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