



Accordant Social Value and  
Carbon update 2021

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## Our Success

**Thank you for downloading our Carbon and Social Report – at present (December 2021) we are updating our reporting and have provided this brief summary as a placeholder – We will be reporting to current standards in early 2021 – if you require information on our Carbon footprint, our mitigation measures and our formal reports for the current, or prior years ( for example our 06/21 report ) please contact us at [Info@accordantsolutions.co.uk](mailto:Info@accordantsolutions.co.uk) Please note that the figures quoted in this placeholder draft are subject to change and are updated per quarter with a final annual report released post our financial year end (March 31<sup>st</sup>). As such this document should not be quoted or relied upon until finalised.**

Following on from the pandemic in 2020 and the enforced shutdown of many businesses we were fortunate to be able to carry on our business operations and have closed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of our financial year in a strong Social and Carbon position – Our Net Carbon and Social Impact meaning we are socially and

Emission net positive to this point in the year. Alongside this we incurred 2870 KgCo2e in our operations and countered this with 45.97 tonnes of Co2 (45,970 KgCo2e) reduction and mitigations activities again meaning we are overall Carbon Impact positive at this point in the year.

Our business operations have been carried out mainly from the United Kingdom and in over 90% of cases remotely. Our global operations have been conducted in a similar manner from the United Kingdom and where possible undertaken via remote access. Operations during the period have

## Our Business Operations and Geographical coverage

Our primary locations of work during 2021 Quarter 1 and 2 have been,

- United Kingdom.
- Netherlands
- Egypt
- Dubai – UAE
- United States of America

In addition to our primary activities, we have been undertaking the following

- Website Redevelopment
- Rebranding
- AccSL2 – Web Application development and deployment

Our primary business activities have been,

- Cyber Security
- Data Loss Prevention
- Social Value and Carbon reduction advice especially around Information Technology Systems and transformation programmes

Our Primary mode of working is

- Remote working
- Monthly Board Meetings via Teams with 1 meeting per Quarter in person where restrictions (Covid -19) allow. These face-to-face meetings take place alternately between Cheshire and either London or Surrey.



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## Our Offsets

### Summary

Overall, we offset over 45 Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and invested in 12 Schemes to achieve this including reforestation, forest protection, Clean energy generation and fuel efficiency solutions. Our remote working policy reduced our travel and office accommodation to a

minimum and total company travel equated to 2,541 miles in IC vehicles, 841 miles on trains, and 4011 miles by air. Hotel accommodation in the UK was 23 nights and outside of the UK 4 nights. In total these impacts equated to 47 tonnes of Co<sub>2</sub>e.

## Carbon Reduction Plan

Our carbon reduction plan is targeted at achieving net zero emissions in our operations (scope 1 / Scope 2) by 2030 by our actions and to achieving net zero in all scopes by 2030 using offset and mitigation.

### Pillar 1 – Reduce Own Emissions



We plan to reduce our own emissions by selecting renewable sources of energy and encouraging staff who are home based to choose similar renewable energy suppliers. To move our vehicles to EV by 2030. To source products and equipment that are energy efficient. To recycle waste products via donation schemes and where this is not possible via recognised electronic equipment recycling schemes.

### Pillar 2 – Value Chain Emissions

We plan to source our equipment with energy efficiency as a key selection criterion and from suppliers that have either reduced or offset the carbon associated with the production



and logistics of that product. We will have an active preference for suppliers who can demonstrate their carbon commitment in the same way we demonstrate our own.

### Pillar 3 – Integrated Strategy

We will add clauses to our policies and procedures, terms, and conditions to ensure that Social and Carbon mitigation is included in our dealings and will encourage all our clients to embrace the social and carbon measures that we propose. Our internal policies will reflect our carbon and social pledges and values

### Pillar 4 – Influence Climate Action

We will measure and publish our results annually and will identify and report on initiatives that can be shared with our value to encourage and assist others in adopting social and carbon mitigation approaches. Where applicable we will make our methodologies available freely via such mechanisms as commons creative licences.

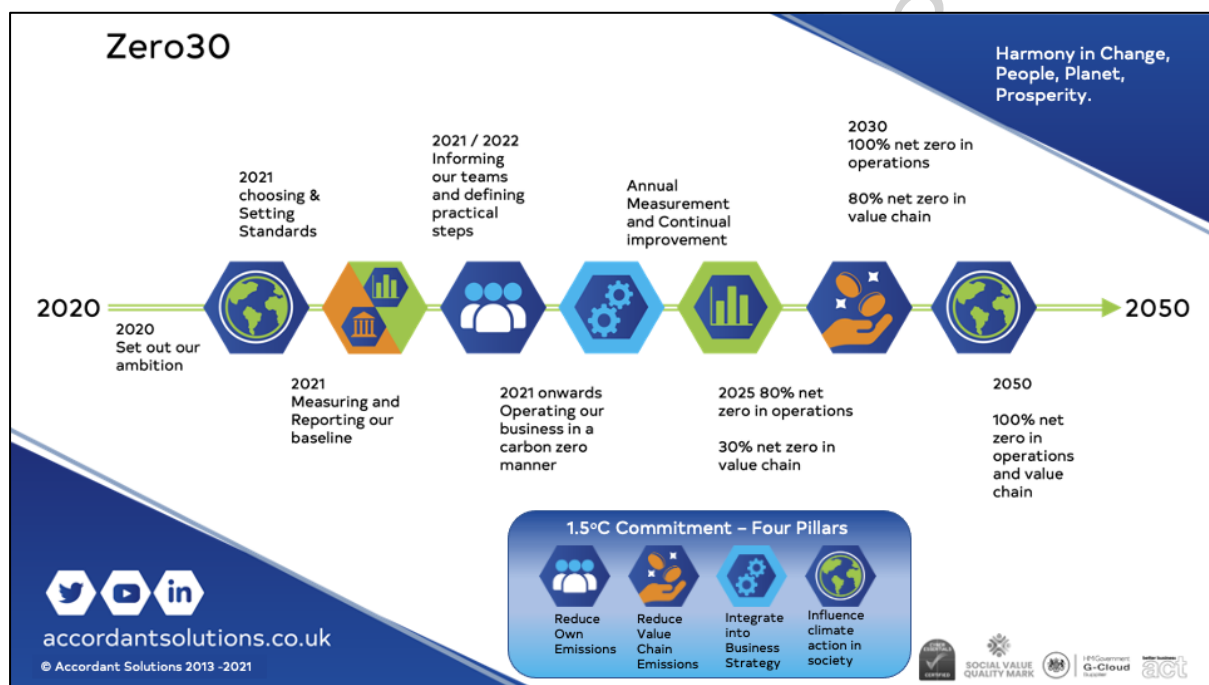


Figure 2 - Strategy Overview

## Carbon reduction PPN 06/21

*December 2021 - We are in the process of updating our emissions and social impacts and will publish our updated 06/21 Plan along with the full company update shortly – please contact us for updated data if you require it prior to publication.*

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## Our Social Contribution - 2020

### Remote working.

We all took on remote working in 2020.

Accordant adopted that model in 2014 minimising empty office space, wasted heating and lighting as part of our business strategy.

### Employment.

Our teams enjoy flexibility in how they work. Where possible, we agree hours and locations to suit their work life balance.

### Social.

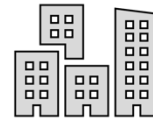
During 2020 we were once again able to support our selected charity.

*Our contribution to FareShare facilitated the supply and distribution of 1,400 meals.*



### Technological.

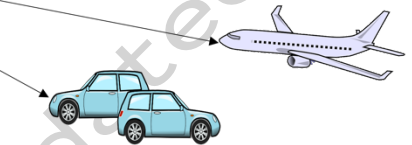
Where possible our applications and systems all live in the cloud eliminating the need for data centres.



### Clients.

We work with our clients to deliver exceptional service; yet do so mindfully of the economic and global impacts of our projects.

*From 2021 AccSL® will include Carbon Calculations as standard.*



### Climate.

Like everyone in 2020 our travel was lower, yet we have always been mindful to reduce the impact of our activities.

*In 2020 our Carbon initiatives offset over 98 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> and planted over 1000 trees.*

## Our Climate impact 2020

Our climate aware approach means we do three things - We assess our activities and minimise our impact. We mitigate the impact we do have and we report on what we do.

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**98 Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>**  
Removed

**1008 Trees**  
Planted

**6 Long Haul Flights**  
(per month)



**20,000 Miles driven**  
(per month)



Long Haul flight : Flights over 6.5 hours  
0.154 kg / Km / Passenger



Represents 1000 miles in a petrol or diesel car  
404g / mile

\*\* Ave Annual Mileage 70,000 (Mitigation equivalent to 240,000 net positive of 170,000 miles). Ave Annual Flights 14 (Mitigation equivalent to 72 Net positive of 58).

## Carbon and Social Value Standards and verifications





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