



**The Challenges of  
decarbonising UK  
Freight Transport**



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# What's the **problem**?

- We have got 5 years before we increase the planet's temperature by 1.5 degrees Celsius
- Sea levels are predicted to rise by 0.5 m by 2050
- The sea has warmed by 0.9 deg. C - the sea is a massive volume, and some warming may lag
- At the end of the last ice age a 5deg warming caused sea levels to rise by 120m
- White snow reflects heat away from the earth, grey or green land isn't as effective, so it amplifies the impact of warming
- CO2 emissions were 45BnTt in 1900 in 2022 they were 1700 BnTt a factor of x 37
- If CO2 ppm in atmosphere was around 320 in 1960 it is now around 421ppm – 30% increase in 60 years





# What's the **problem?**

- Australia normally sees 2% of forests under wildfire, in 2019/20 21% of forests were under wildfire - adding 715Mte CO2 to Australia's annual emissions (more than normal annual emissions of about 400Mte) 3Bn animals were destroyed or displaced
- The UK has the lowest land area under forest at 13% the lowest in Europe, France 31%, Spain 37%, Sweden 68%
- 75 % of worlds new infectious diseases originate from wildlife
- *'hasn't this years' weather ( and last year ) been terrible – it's the jet stream!*
  - Changes in sea currents (Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation) driven by changes in salt and temperature gradients are bringing different and more erratic weather patterns , from history takes about 1000 years to recover -



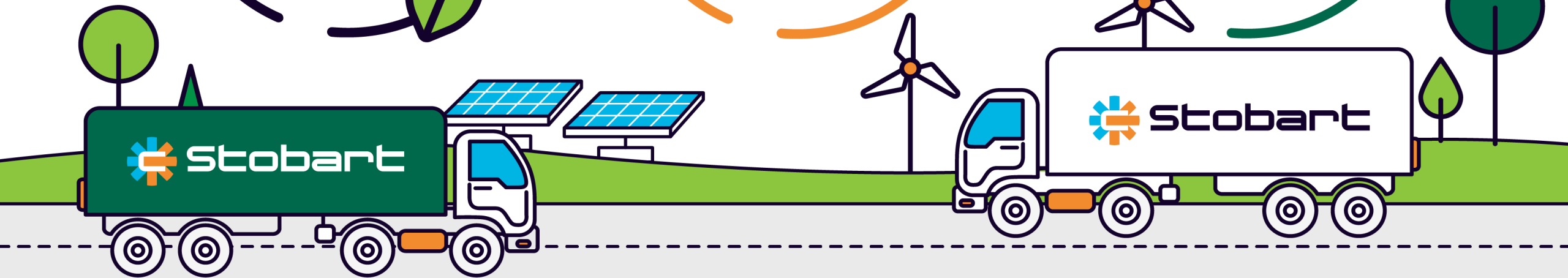
# Stobart Environmental Roadmap

Multi Modal – Rail and Port Solutions  
Real Time Carbon Reporting for Customers  
Alternative fuel investment – Electric / HVO / Gas

Our Sustainability Strategy aims for Stobart to continue to be the UK's most sustainable logistics provider

As a company, we were the first major UK haulier to set Science Based Targets and will reduce our scope 1 carbon emissions by 33% over the next 8 years

We believe, that working with our customers, together we can become more sustainable



**“Eddie Stobart Logistics has spent over 50 years developing the largest, and most efficient multi-modal logistics network in the country.**

**We will now lever that efficiency, to become the most sustainable and prosperous haulier in the UK, protecting the environment, our people, our partners and the communities around us.”**

David Pickering CEO



# **Stobart** 2023 Strategy Progress



**Sustainability Leadership:**  
Extended internal / external  
Communication

**SBTi target and  
Customer Carbon  
emission reporting live**



**ZERFT BEV  
Funding secured**



**Extended Rail  
Services**



**Alternative fuel extension  
HVO / CNG live within network  
Green LPG trials / Biomethane  
Electric 2024**



**Extended Government  
and industry collaboration  
and lobbying**





# The challenges of Freight Decarbonisation

- Over 90% of the typical carbon footprint of Road Freight Transport is attributed to diesel,
  - in the words of ESOS all other opportunities to decarbonise are de minimis compared to the diesel carbon reduction challenge.
- Only around 30% of the UK RailFreight network is electrified which predicates the continued use of diesel motive engines and means that rail will only reduce carbon over road by about 45% currently
- In supplying haulage to our customers our carbon becomes their Scope 3 GHG emissions – there is no current requirement for companies to report publicly on their Scope 3 emissions
- There are various carbon taxes and incentives in the EU – there are none in the UK



# The value of UK Freight Transport

- Contributing £185bn to the UK economy the sector has been dealing with global geopolitical volatility, Covid, new trade processes, a financial recession and pressures on the supply chain caused by changing climate conditions
- "It demonstrates the sector's resourcefulness and adaptability to keep the UK trading and satisfy the demands of businesses and consumers alike."  
(Logistics UK - Jun 24)
- There are around 450,000 HGVs in the UK working for around 60,000 road hauliers
- There are over 600 freight trains running on the UK network every single day .....delivering goods 24 hours of the day. Over 4 million tonnes of product was transported by rail in the last 12 months, travelling over 1,155,000 thousand net tonne miles.  
(Network Rail 2024)



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# What have we done to address these challenges?

- Stobart were the first major haulier to be accredited to SBTi carbon reduction targets in 2021
- We have the most efficient shared use transport network with our vehicles travelling loaded 86% of the time vs the industry average of c. 70%
- We have an award-winning training academy and work with our drivers using end to end visibility to continually improve our performance
- 100% of our vehicles are to the latest Euro 6 standard
- We have trialled all transitional alternative fuels and uptake remains low mainly due to cost and warranty pressures – we have managed to get 8% of our fleets onto these fuels
- We are investing in over 40 BEV and Hydrogen vehicles starting from 2025 as part of the government Zero Emission Road Freight Trials

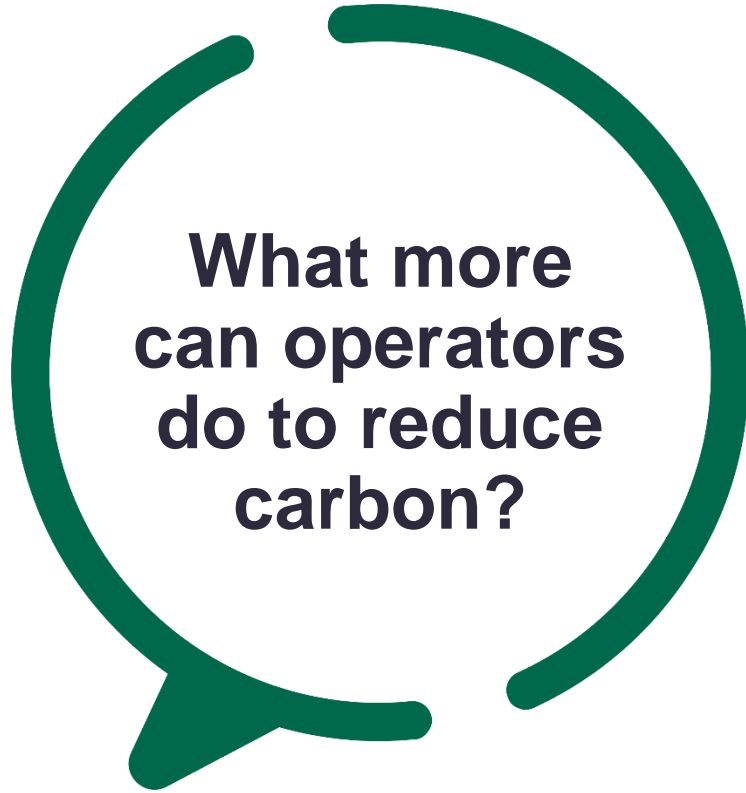


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- We have held sessions to educate our staff and drivers on these challenges
- We provide carbon report for our customers so as they can see how much carbon they spend with us
- We have a target of starting two new rail services per year – we currently run 7 per day
- We work hard at multimodality ports, containers, rail, and we are working hard to introduce a service on inland waterways
- We hope to provide thought leadership and work closely with government and trade bodies and collaborate widely with our industry and lobby for measures to decarbonise our supply chains more quickly



# Questions





# Reference Slides if Needed only

# Stobart Alternative fuels

- Priority order for action and implementation;

## **Biomethane – saves money and 90% carbon –**

- We now have 2% of our annual fuel usage on Biomethane
- Stage 2 Increase by 10 vehicles based on business case representing performance so far of the vehicles acquired last year

## **HVO – Cost needs to be recovered from customers (now c. 20p/l)**

- Now in place for 4 major customers and will make up 6% of our overall fuel usage in 2024 saving c. 13,00 Tc carbon
- Several other customer proposals out



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**Green LPG Dual Fuel saves 20% carbon and 7% on cost, now have resolved warranty issues.**

- Collaborated with Great Bear as fits their operation better and now rolling out trial operations with Saica, Reckitt, Henkel

**Biodiesel no warranty >10% mix, at 10% more expensive and increases carbon 10% increased R&M and capital costs increase costs by 8.5% on veh costs and 2.6% on lane rates**

- Continue to lobby on fiscal incentives and OEM appetite





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- Stobart have had grant awards confirmed in two of ZERFD projects and in discussion with third consortium
- Should provide majority funding for 30+ BEV vehicles and 3 Hydrogen vehicles
- In discussion with major customers on placement of these vehicles

## Hydrogen

- Manufacturers Scania, Iveco and Mercedes, deliveries due Jan 2026
- We haven't seen prototype vehicle as yet
- Had discussed with primary possible deployment on Teesside primary moves to RDCs



## BEV

- LOIs for placement of vehicles signed with two major customers
- Range 180 miles, payload c. 22Te
- First vehicle deliveries Nov 24 then from Jan 25
- Need to operate for 5 years under terms of Government Grant
- If operated within above payload and range constraints with a customer-based charger will break even with Diesel operating costs including depreciation of charger over 5 years
- Customer proposals developed so far see these vehicles well utilised and charging absorbed into current operational efficiencies

## The Benefits of Electric:

- CO2 reduction.
- 50% Noise reduction
- Improved Air Quality
- Corporate Image & Social Responsibility.
- Future Proof for future legislation.
- Marketing & PR opportunities.

# Stobart The Transport Partner of Choice



Delivering **Sustainable** Excellence

