

Our contribution to UN Sustainable Development Goals

UK Power Networks is committed to achieving a better and more sustainable future for everyone. That's why we have aligned our activities to the United Nations' sustainable development goals (SDGs). We have prioritised 11 of those goals and these are set out below.

■ Ahead
 ■ On track
 ■ Not on track

OUR FOCUS AREAS

RELEVANT UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

COMMITMENTS

STATUS

Environment



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

We have revalidated our Science Based Target at 1.5°C and have also been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) to the Net Zero Standard. ■

We will work with our suppliers to reduce our supply chain carbon emissions (Scope 3) by 25% by 2028, compared to a 2018/19 baseline. ■

We will recycle 80% of office, depot and network waste and 99.5% of streetworks material by the end of RII0-ED2, with no recoverable waste to landfill by 2025. ■

We will increase the biodiversity of new major substation developments by a net gain of 10-20%, and at 100 existing sites by a net gain of 30% overall over RII0-ED2. ■

We will reduce NOx emissions by 33% over RII0-ED2, improving air quality for our customers. ■

We will develop and implement a circular economy tool to address our high impact materials by the start of RII0-ED2, and we will subsequently set and monitor our reduction targets. ■

Our people



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



Reduce inequality within and among countries

We will minimise injuries to our staff as measured by the Total Recordable Injury Rate (accident rate per 100,000 hours worked), striving for a TRIR of less than 0.05 by the end of RII0-ED2. ■

We will reduce overhead line and underground cable strikes by at least 20% over RII0-ED2 (relative to the average of RII0-ED1 actuals from 2015-2020). ■

We will continue to build a diverse workforce to reflect and serve our communities by further improving equality of employment access, measuring continuous performance improvement. We will retain our NES accreditation and status as an Inclusive Top 50 UK Employer throughout RII0-ED2. ■

We will engage with the public around safety issues, focusing on those who are at highest risk of injury from contact with our networks by engaging with 300,000 people per year during RII0-ED2, an increase of 20% over the RII0-ED1 period. ■

Social responsibility



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

We aim to provide targeted support to 500,000 fuel-poor customers over RII0-ED2, investing £18m to support over 200,000 directly and 300,000 through partnership programmes, delivering £67m of benefits by 2028. ■

Over RII0-ED2 we will deliver 1 GW of distributed energy resources (DER) capacity at no more than £8m, using smart interventions and innovations, reporting progress in our annual business plan. ■

We will allocate £25m Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) funding over the RII0-ED2 period, of which £20m will go to third parties, targeted to ideas that deliver wider societal benefits. ■