

# What are our requirements for carbon reporting?

## Infrastructure Whole Life Carbon Framework

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### Foreword

This document has been produced by the Department for Transport's Carbon Management Programme to assist ALB Carbon Managers understand shared principles and specifications for assessing, reporting, and reducing whole life carbon (WLC). Useful information for ALB Carbon Managers to address infrastructure WLC in business cases is also captured in this document.

The intention of this document is to build a library of guidance notes, procedures, and specifications in relation to WLC in Infrastructure Projects. This document is regarded as a first step and should be updated regularly by the DfT and ALB Carbon Managers. Future revisions will be subject to consultation and distributed by the DfT.

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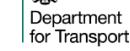


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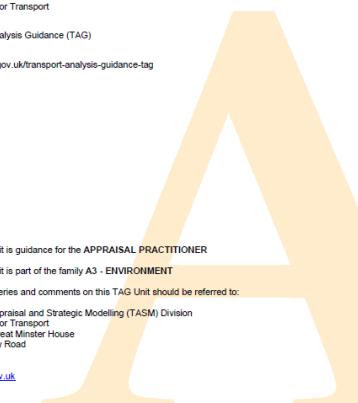
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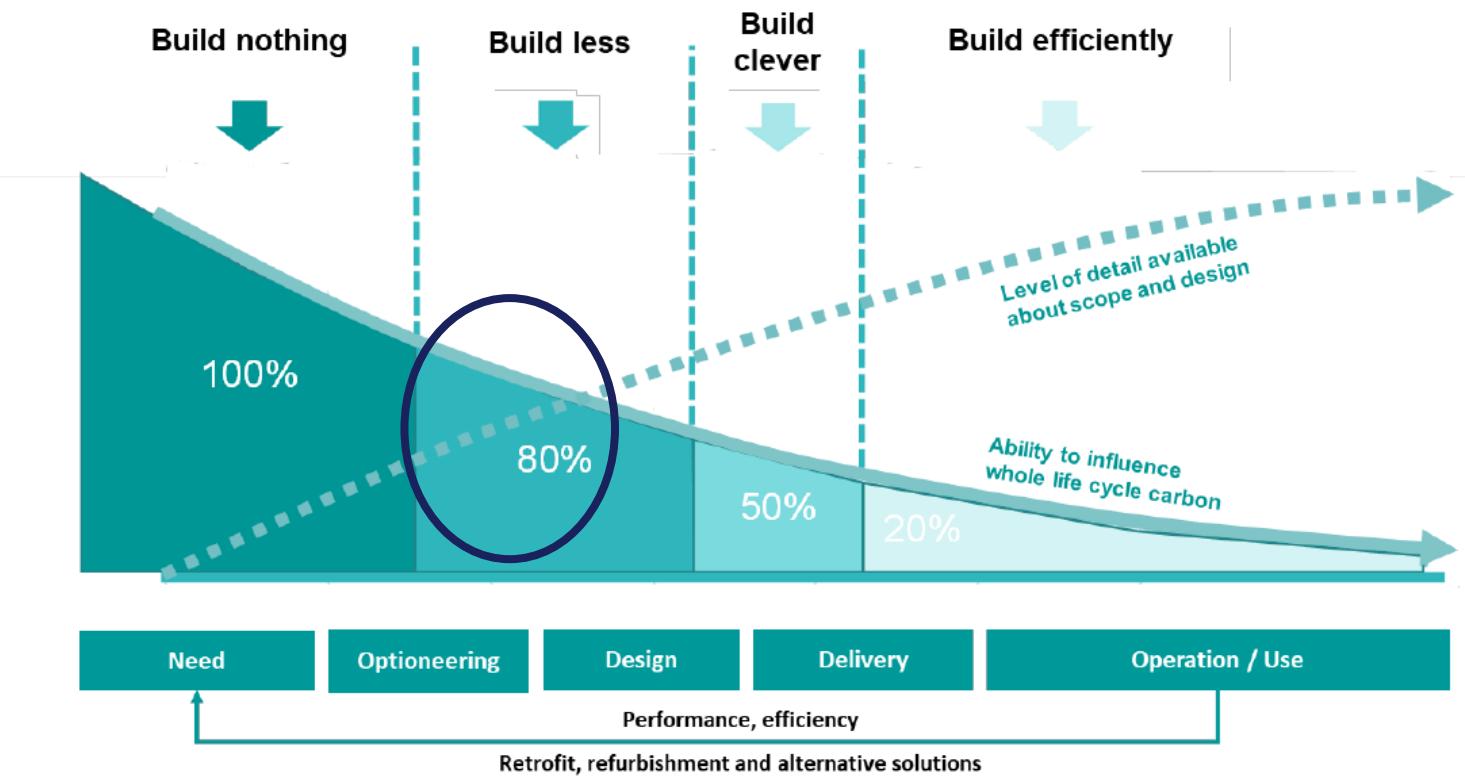
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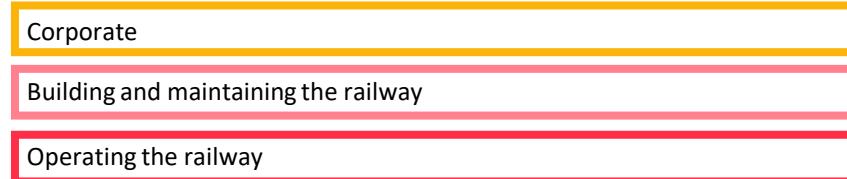
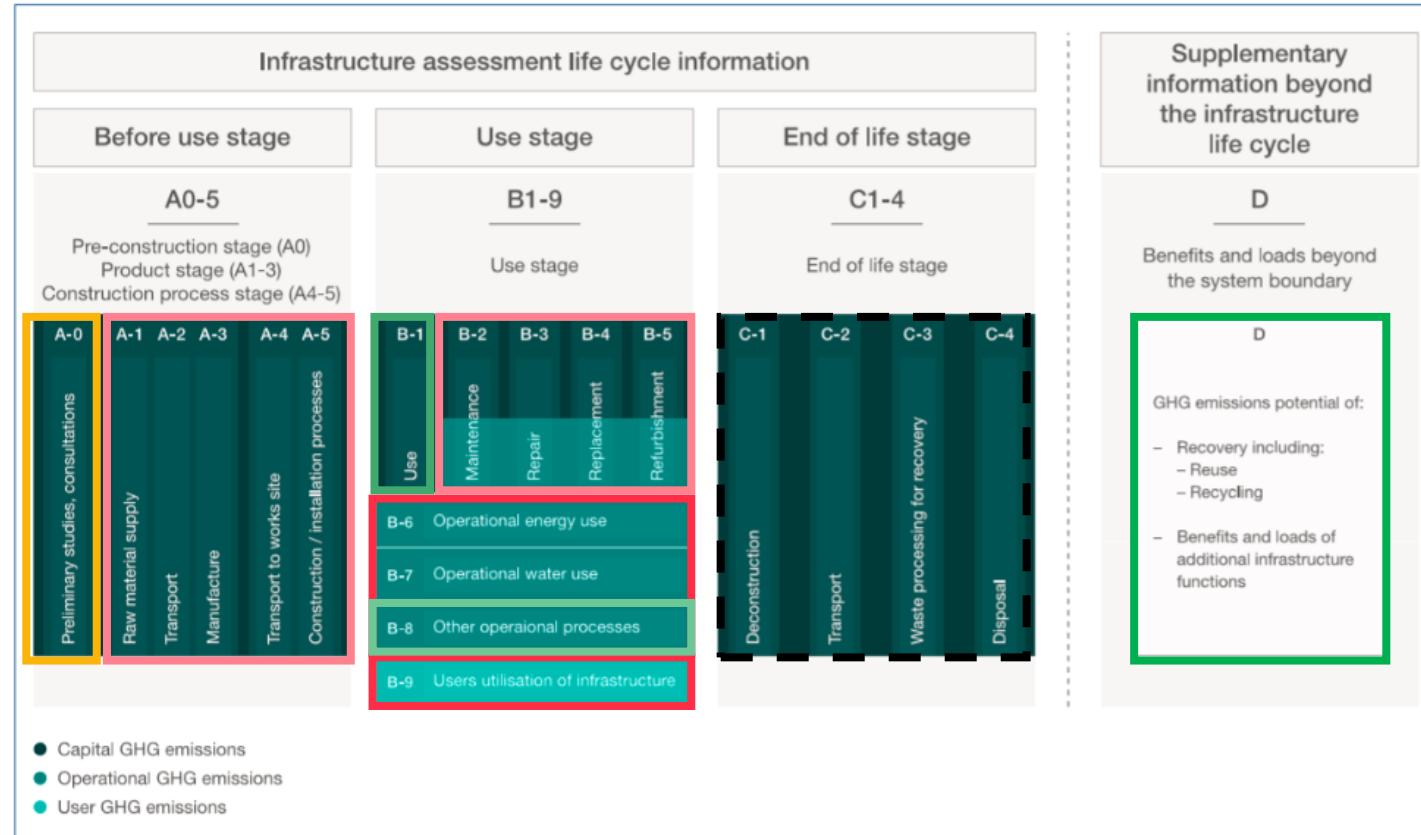
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- B: Minimising waste and promoting resource efficiency
- C: Reducing our water use
- D: Procuring sustainable products and services
- E: Nature recovery – making space for thriving plants and wildlife
- F: Adapting to climate change
- G: Reducing environmental impacts from Information Communication Technology (ICT) and digital

Annex A: table of individual departmental emissions targets

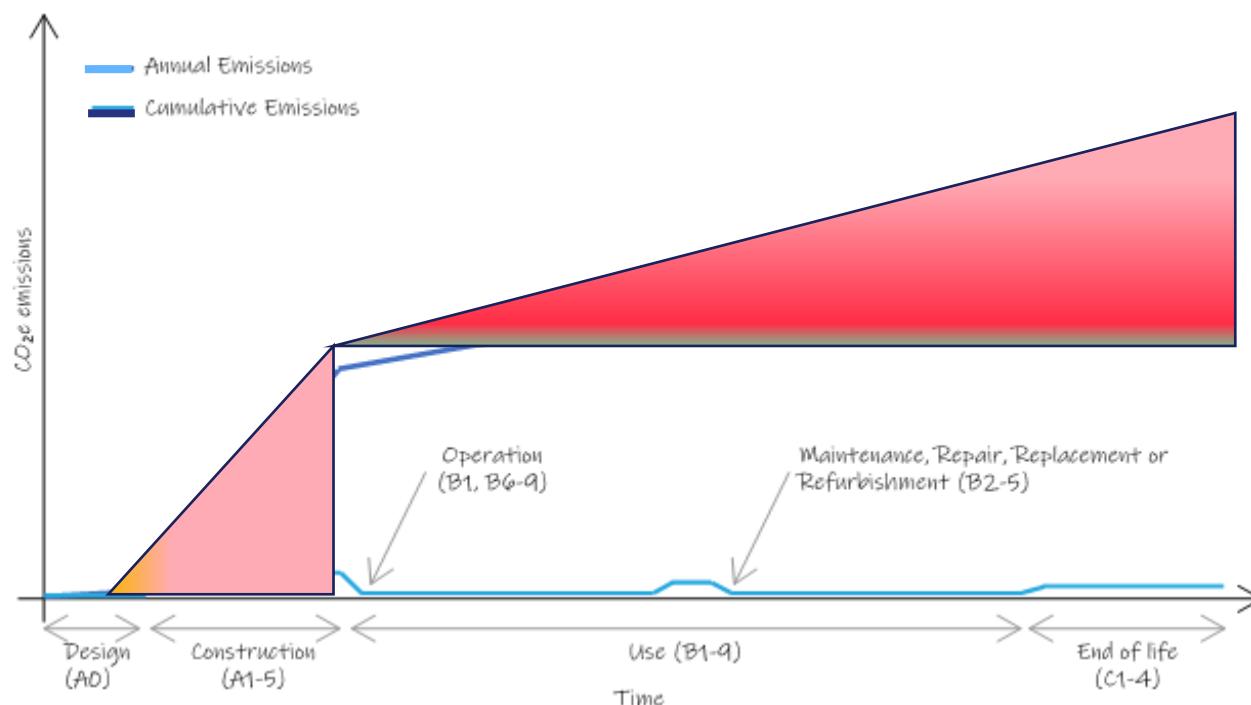
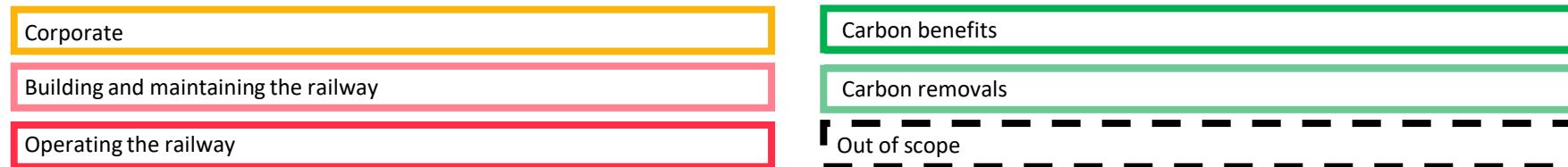
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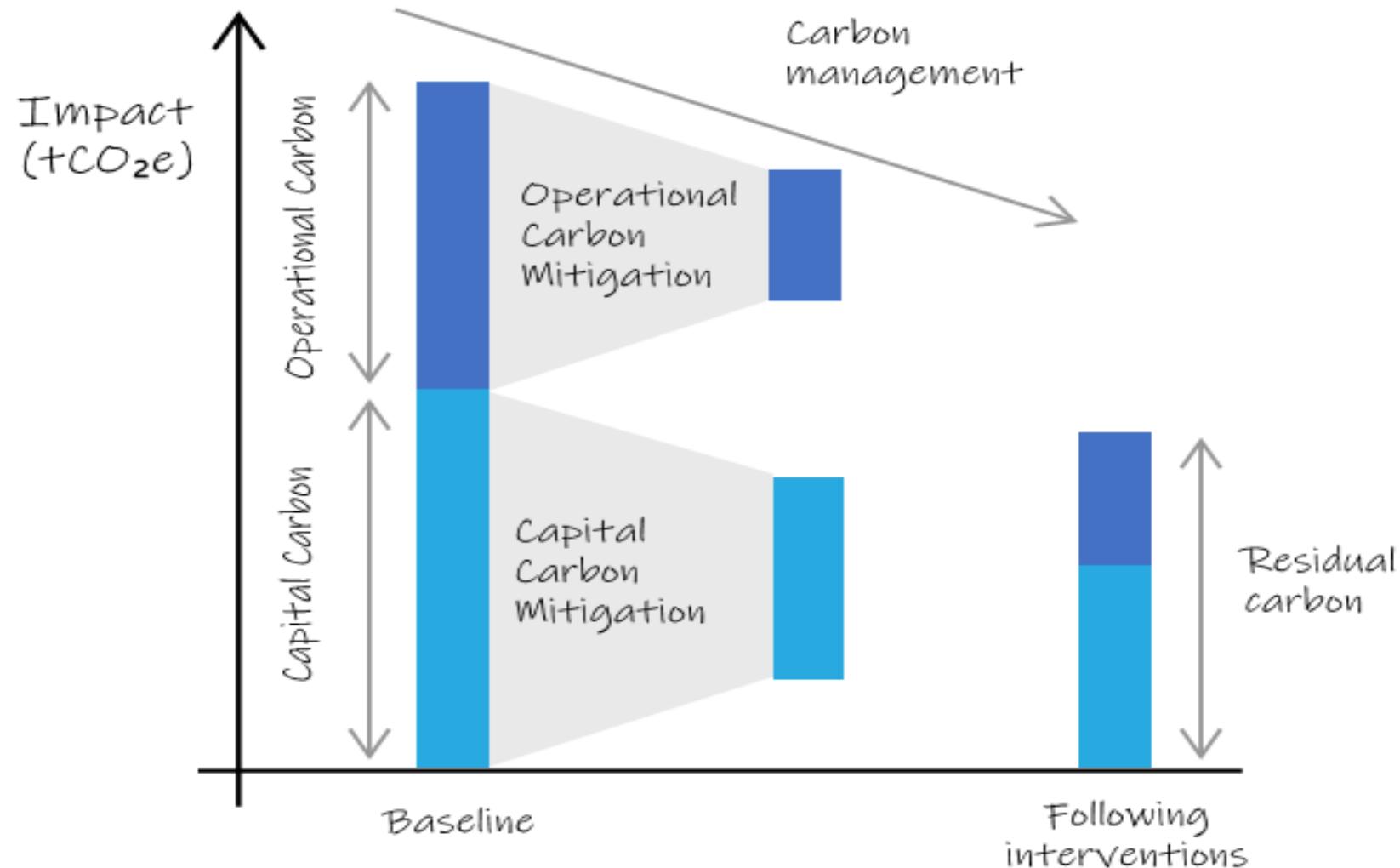


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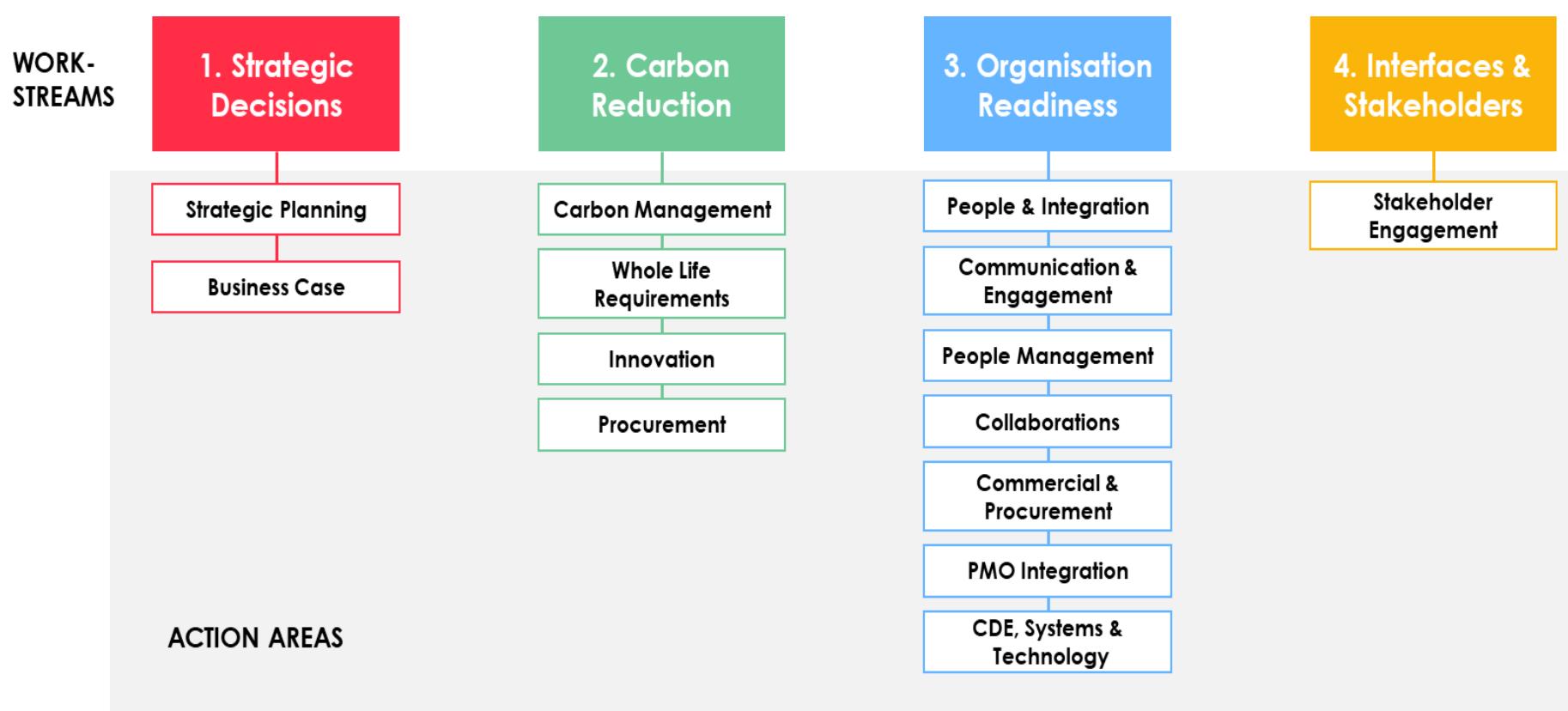


# Idealised carbon emissions profile





# Workstreams and Action Areas



# Journey to Net Zero Carbon



## Reaching net zero

Achieving DCO consent is a journey with many stage gates along the way. As the project progresses the level of design detail increases, with the level of carbon information increasing in tandem.

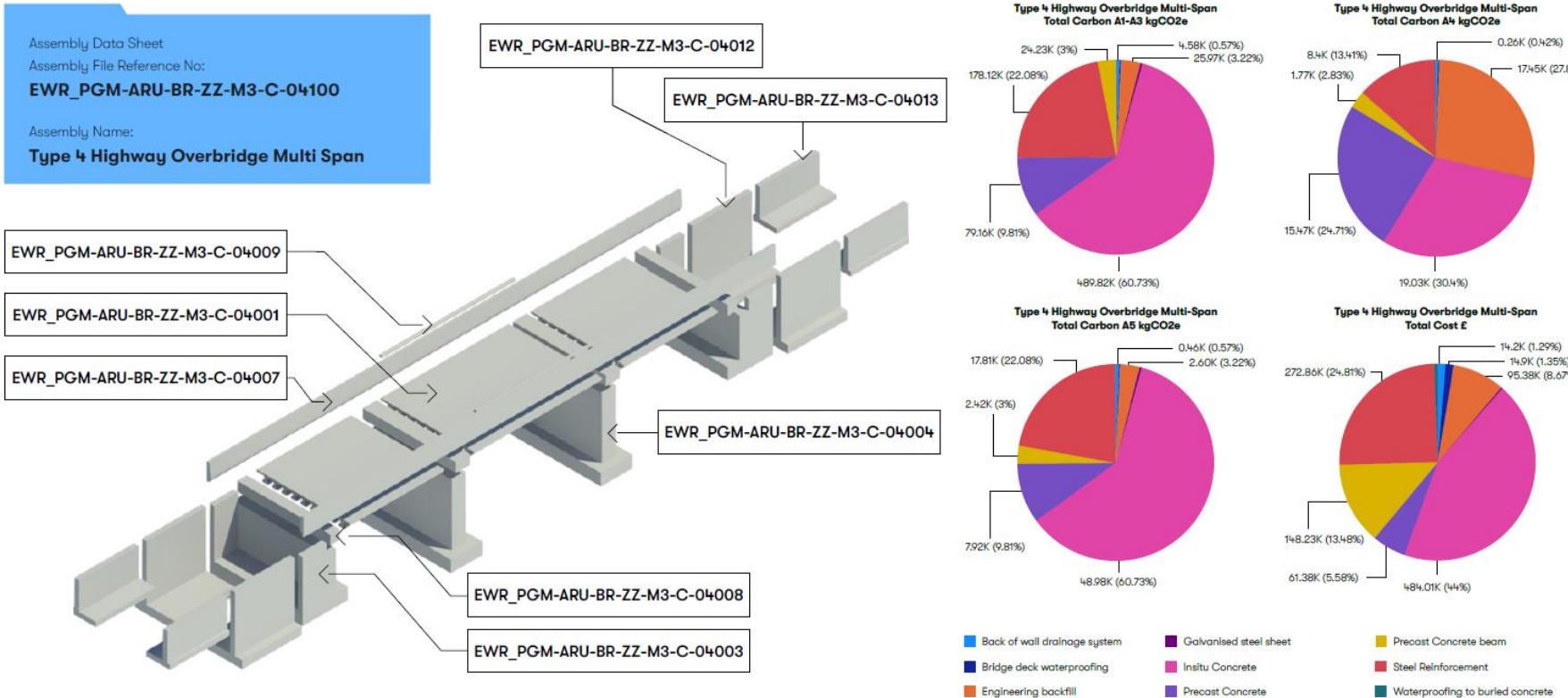
Earlier in the process, we carry out high-level baselines of the whole life carbon using benchmark data scaled to the size and length of different assets, such as bridges, and add operational emissions based on carbon factors for different traction power types.

As we progress our understanding improves, providing more confidence in whole life carbon. This in turn facilitates more robust targets for reduction, until we can finalise the net zero carbon target before delivery.

# Viaducts and Bridges 'pathfinder'

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# Reducing emissions in key materials

## **The challenge:**

Across infrastructure, there are potential cost impacts associated with reduction targets for embodied carbon in key materials such as steel and concrete. The scale of change required in manufacturing, construction and infrastructure delivery between now and 2030 is substantial.

## **The response:**

- Early supply chain engagement
- Iterative development of the carbon baseline as design develops
- Setting an informed target and embedding in procurement activity
- Working within key DfT and government initiatives (e.g. Industrial Deep Decarbonisation Initiative and Shared Digital Carbon Architecture)
- Whole life carbon consideration in scenario analyses
- Carbon-led design approaches

# Key takeaways



- EWR has a well established carbon management process that is in-line with PAS 2080 (standard for carbon management frameworks) and relevant carbon quantification standards.
- The carbon assessments we develop are embedded into design processes, ensuring we can use them to reduce emissions rather than simply count them.
- EWR is well prepared to deal with requirements from DfT relating to carbon management and reduction in the business case, as well as the requirements of the DCO process.
- We have used bridges and viaducts as a 'pathfinder' for carbon assessment. We will assess other assets in such detail as we move through the DCO process.
- The incoming requirements on concrete and steel emissions reductions will impact EWR as it will all projects. We are well sighted, consider it in our risk processes and are working across government to ensure we embed best practice.