

# Environmental Policy Statement

**We are the largest energy distribution company in the UK and a leading voice in the energy sector, leading efforts to support the UK in meeting its 2050 emission-reduction ambitions. We are committed to reducing our direct emissions, preventing pollution, enhancing biodiversity and meeting all our compliance obligations to deliver RIIO-GD3. We continually strive to improve our environmental performance and safeguarding, while reducing our carbon footprint through innovative and sustainable practices.**

Our Chief Executive and Leadership Team have overall responsibility for our Environmental Action plan, Greener Society ambition and environmental performance.

**We commit to reducing the impact of climate change through adaptation and mitigation activities embedded into our Environmental Management System (EMS), by:**

- Taking a leading role in the transition to low-carbon energy
- Taking proactive mitigation and adaptation measures to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions to reduce climate risk. Within our operations and construction activities, we also aim to improve our energy and resource efficiency.

**We will promote a culture of environmental sustainability by preserving natural resources, reducing waste and embedding responsible practices across our operations. We will:**

- Use materials responsibly by applying circular-economy principles, procuring, where possible, sustainable materials, and considering the life-cycle impacts of our assets. We will monitor and implement effective waste management practices for both hazardous and non-hazardous waste streams.
- Protect and enhance biodiversity by identifying opportunities to increase the natural value of our sites and support healthy ecosystems that benefit communities and wider society.
- Report our environmental and climate targets, risks and performance, aligned with

our Environmental Action Plan, and use this insight to support informed decision-making and stakeholder engagement.

- Plan and manage changes that may affect our EMS or environmental performance, ensuring these are regularly assessed, communicated and reviewed.

**We will continue to improve our EMS and environmental performance by monitoring and measuring our impacts. We will:**

- Fulfil our environmental compliance obligations and actively prevent pollution, incidents and harm that may occur from our operations and activities.
- Provide our colleagues, contractors and suppliers with appropriate training, guidance and procedures to meet environmental requirements, and work with our supply chain partners who demonstrate equivalent environmental commitment through our procurement processes.
- Engage and collaborate with suppliers to reduce upstream and downstream emissions and resource impacts and will report on this performance.

**Steve Fraser**  
Chief Executive Officer

