



# Net Zero Developments - Q1 - 2026

## Project Developments

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Q1 Developments</b>
1.1	<b>Project Carbon Working Group</b> - The project carbon workflow documentation has been reviewed. It has been created in a G-slide format with hyperlinked pages. This creates an easy to navigate and easy to edit document.
1.2	<b>Project Developments</b> - One Click LCA is being used to evaluate initial project designs.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Q2 Objectives</b>
2.1	<b>Project Carbon Working Group Outcomes/Actions</b> - Working Group contributors to complete main section headings and begin to add content to the project carbon workflow document.
2.2	<b>Project Developments</b> - Dedicated team to use and provide feedback on One Click LCA and develop it as a service to be used. Internal demonstration and introduction to all staff to be planned.

## Practice Developments

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Q1 Developments</b>
1.1	<b>Net Zero Data Capture</b> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The calculation of our 2025 carbon emission values across all scopes has now started</li></ul>
1.2	<b>Net Zero Operational Carbon</b> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Energy usage information for Q1 2026 has been shared to all staff by office location (where data is available)</li></ul>
1.3	<b>Sustainable Water Usage</b> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water usage information for Q1 2026 has been shared to all staff by office location (where data is available)</li></ul>
1.4	<b>Net Zero Embodied Carbon Sustainable materials</b> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This year's calculations will benefit from the inclusion of food waste recycling data, and we are in the process of gathering estimated figures from our serviced offices. Our overall recycling performance is further positively impacted by the glassware recycling efforts at Assay Studios, Birmingham.</li></ul>

1.5	<p><b>Sustainable Communities &amp; Social Values -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout Q1 2026, we hosted 4 'shadowing' days for 8 Nottingham Trent University students with our Architectural Technologists team</li> <li>• In January we attended the Creative Industries Careers Event organised by Creative Futures Project and held at the Highfields Centre in Leicester</li> <li>• Our Birmingham studio hosted a two-week placement in January for a student from the Birmingham School of Architecture and Design</li> <li>• During February, we participated in several key events. These include the BIM in Series conference at the Leicester School of Architecture, the Design Exchange event at Nottingham Trent University, and the Futureproof Nottingham Sustainable Future Forum</li> <li>• In March we participated in the Toot-Hill School's Year 10 mock interview day</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Q2 Objectives</b>
2.1	<p><b>Net Zero Operational Carbon -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options of sourcing a renewable gas energy supplier</li> <li>• Investigate power settings (Air conditioning, printers etc) in all office locations and how energy usage could be reduced</li> </ul>
2.2	<p><b>Net Zero Embodied Carbon Sustainable Materials -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness of single use plastic in the home and workplace</li> </ul>
2.3	<p><b>Sustainable Land &amp; Ecology -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further training initiatives on biodiversity, land and nature to be introduced</li> </ul>
2.4	<p><b>Sustainable Communities &amp; Social Values -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Work Experience placement programme, designed for students of school and college age commences in early May 2026. There are 8 placements in total (5 in our Nottingham studio and 3 in the Leicester studio)</li> <li>• Big Nottingham Travel Challenge - We have signed up to participate in Nottingham City Council's friendly city wide competition designed to encourage you to leave your car at home and walk, wheel, and take public transport for more of your local journeys. <a href="https://nottingham.getmeactive.org.uk/">https://nottingham.getmeactive.org.uk/</a> The challenge will run between 1st - 31st May 2026</li> <li>• In May we are continuing to sponsor, judge and present awards for the Nottingham Young Creative Awards</li> <li>• In May we will be sponsoring NTU Degree Show awards</li> </ul>