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Live Labs 2 and reducing carbon



Introduction

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Centre of Excellence

for Decarbonising Roads

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Why a Centre of Excellence for material decarbonisation?

The transition to low carbon materials is critical for the sector to reach net-zero, but we are currently uncoordinated, siloed and slow to make change across LAs and the wider highways and local roads sector.

Challenges



Inherently high Co2 materials



Un-coordinated materials market and siloed working across LAs



Impending net-zero targets



75% of LAs have declared a climate emergency

Opportunities



Materials are the highest emitting area of our carbon footprint that is directly within our control



There is a wealth of best practice across the sector ready to be tapped into and shared



Live Labs can be a sector-wide springboard for low carbon materials adoption















Identify leading low-carbon materials

Breakdown barriers to innovation

Develop
an
industrytrusted
process



Reduce siloed working

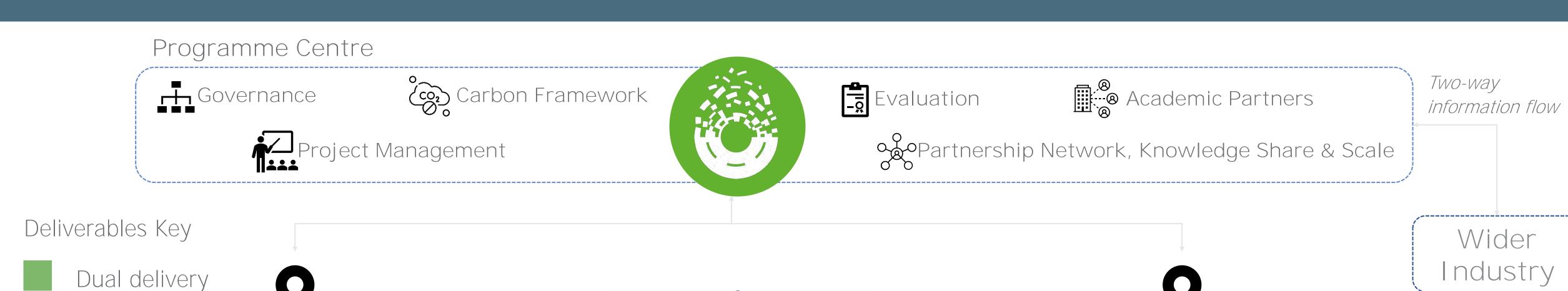
Live trial materials







Two Campuses, One Theme



North Campus - North Lanarkshire

- Live Lab demonstrators
- Challenge-led innovation programme
- Carbon and technical review
- Material knowledge bank
- Innovation sandbox and behavioural change



South Campus - Transport for West Midlands

- Live Lab demonstrators
- Challenge-led innovation programme
- Carbon and technical review
- Carbon literacy via Skills Academy
- Translation of specifications & standards















Our Partner Network

- Convening leaders from across the public, private and academic sectors to support the technical, carbon and strategic elements of the Centre.
- Expert Research Group and Expert Advisory Panel







































Next Steps to Achieve our Vision of Success



Continue live trialling leading low-carbon materials capable of significantly lowering the carbon footprint of local roads



Develop and embed an industry-trusted approach to evaluating materials – technical and carbon performance



Create a community of decarbonisation best practice across UK local authorities



Launch our open-source knowledge bank in 2024



















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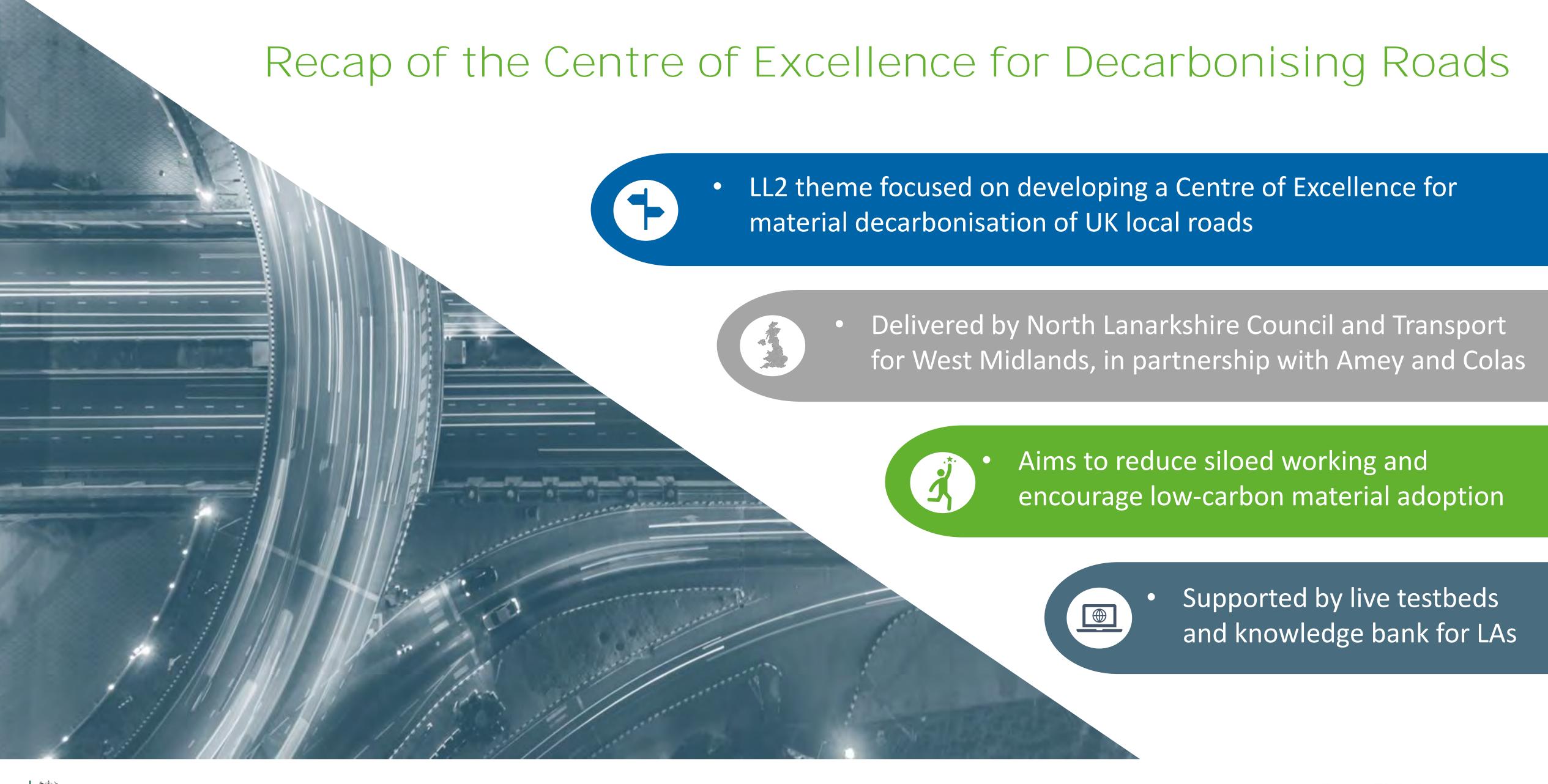
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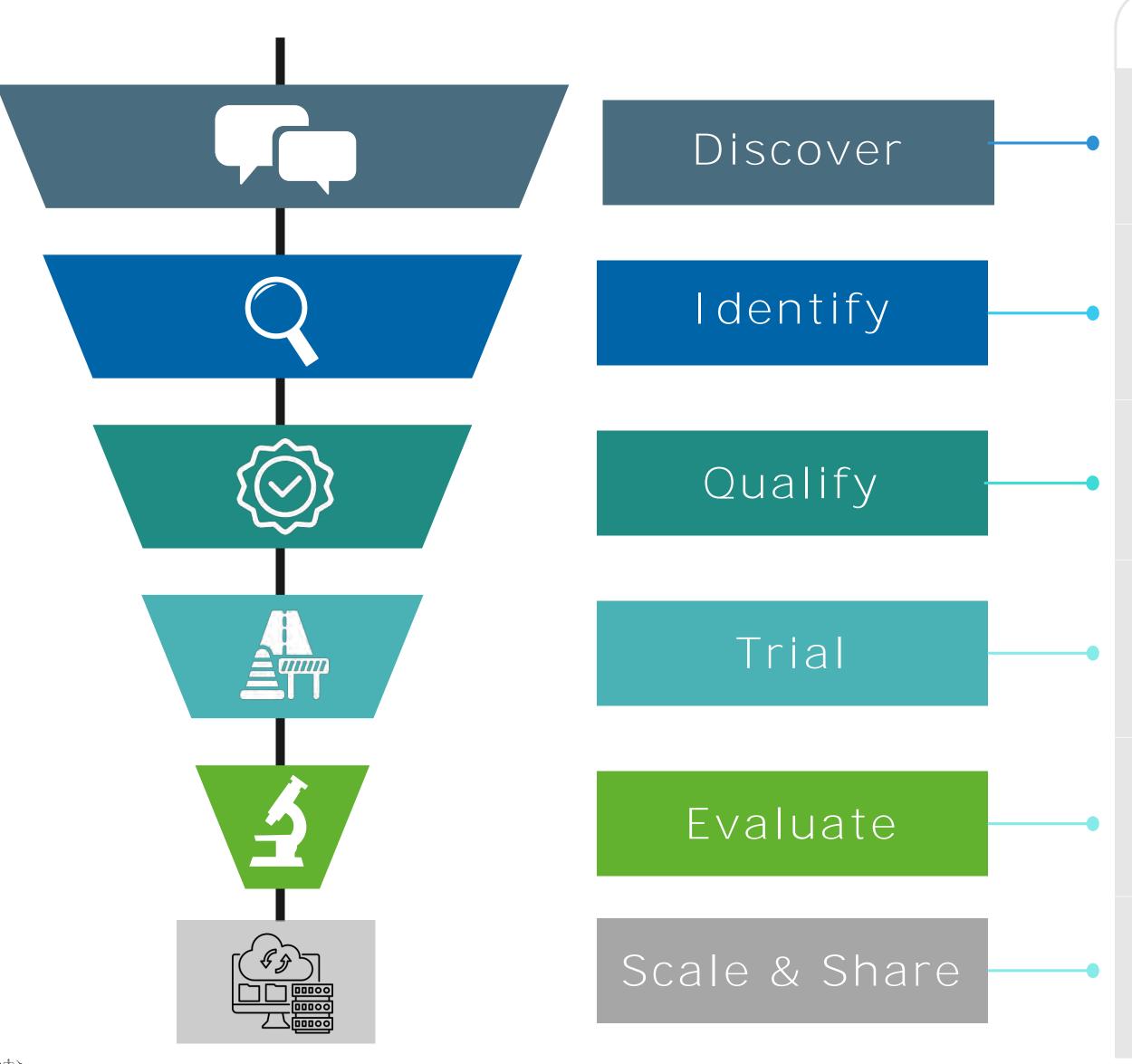








The Innovation Funnel



Objective

Discover challenges to decarbonisation

Identify leading lowcarbon materials

Pre-qualify materials

Trial on NLC and West Midlands roads

Technical, carbon and scalability evaluation

Embedding in BAU and knowledge bank

Progress

- LA questionnaire
- Behavioural research
- Innovation Log with 200+ materials
- CPC global market scanning ongoing
- 3 innovation scorecards completed
- 12 trials across NLC and TfWM
- Carbon profiles created for first trials in FHRG Carbon Analyser
- Monitoring & Evaluation of first trials underway













Our First Step:

Carbon Baseline of NLC

Calculated for financial year 2022-2023 for all NLC local road services to baseline future carbon savings of the project and identify carbon hotspots

Accounting for carbon emissions across Scopes 1, 2 and 3 for sites & premises, staff & contractors, vehicles & plant, and purchased products & services

Key insights:

Although material carbon is significant, energy transition will be necessary to significantly decarbonise















Our First Step:

Carbon Baseline of TfWM

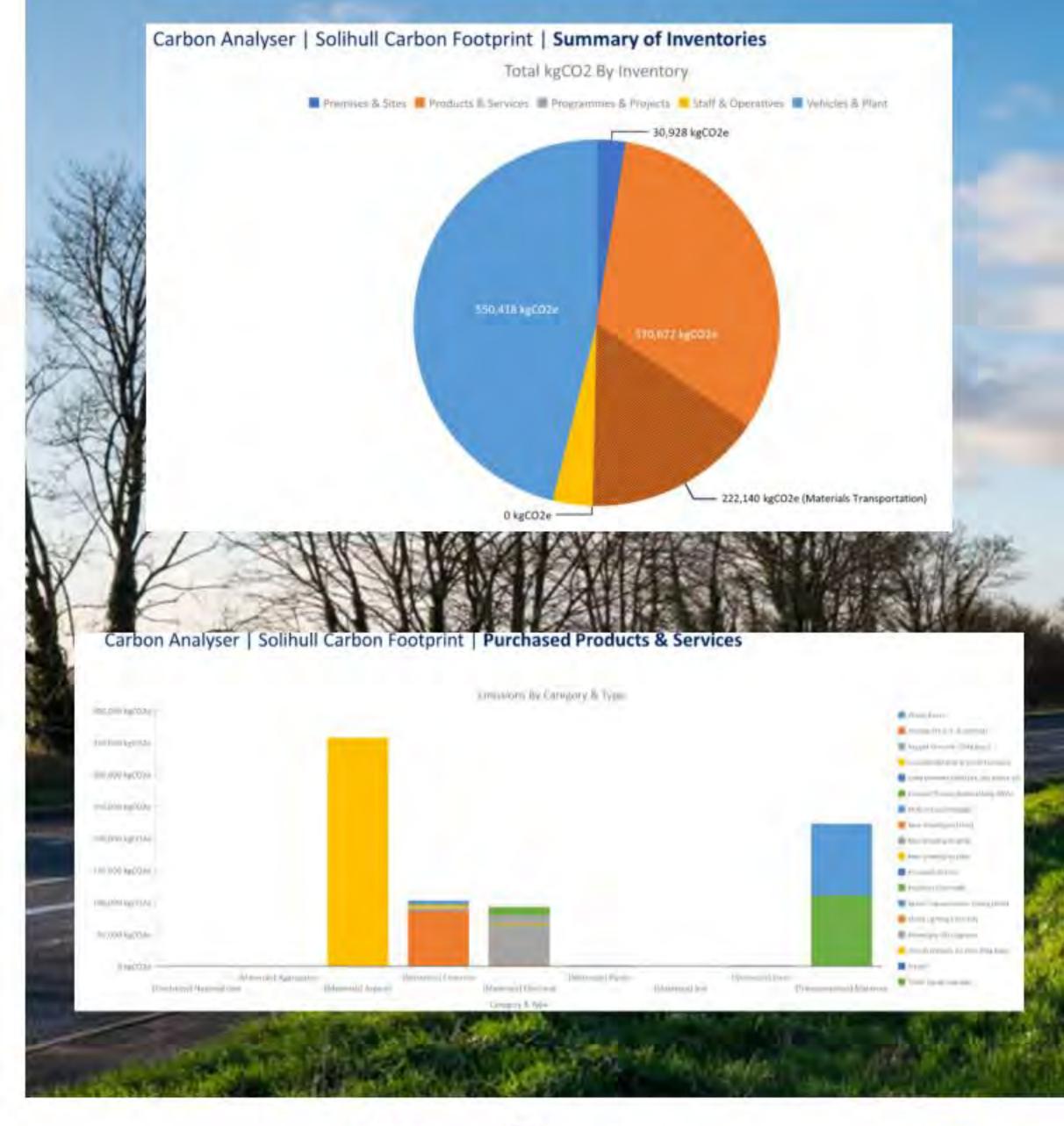
Baselining to be carried out with 6 local authorities of the WMCA, around 70% complete - Authority emissions baselined, but supplier data lagging

The key challenge for the West Midlands is lack of funding in small MBCs to provide WOMSs for general data collection

If carbon data is a requirement, specific funding should be made available to improve the data systems for small authorities

















Initial Results

Carbon: est. 37.5% saving for GreenPatch

Technical: expected increased longevity from 3 out of 4 materials





Next Steps

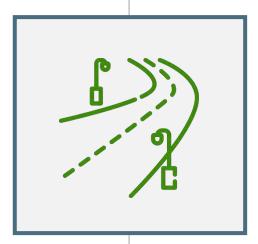
- Monitoring and evaluation of repair performance over the next 7 years
- Full carbon profiles in Carbon Analyser
- Transition to best performing materials as BAU in NLC

Approach



Materials Trialled

- Degafloor Degafill (MMA-based cold-mix)
- Roadmender Elastomac (mastic asphalt)
- FM Conway GreenPatch (cold-mix with RAP)
- Meon Permafyx (MMA-based cold-mix)



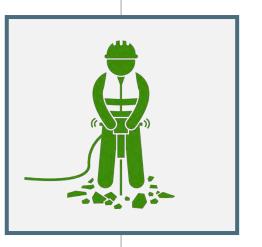
Trial Methods

- A, B, and C road sites in NLC
- 27-28th February and 11th 12th April 2024
- Creation of 18 simulated potholes and 18 patches 2m apart on 'Amber' roads



Control and Benchmark

- Benchmark solutions: HRA and standard coldmix material (Viafix)
- Applied on the same road, same size potholes, same operatives, and same weather



Operative Feedback

- Health & safety implications of hot-mix mastic asphalt
- Openness and interest in MMA solutions
- GreenPatch is a simple switch from BAU







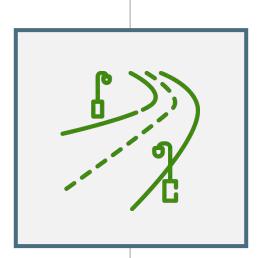


Approach



Materials Trialled

12 materials and methods demonstrated. including the same materials as the North Campus, as well as Colpatch, Roadpatch, and Velocity Patching and Thermal Road Repair



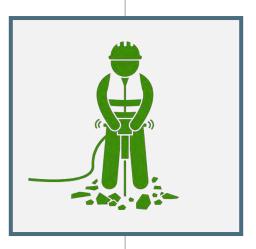
Trial Methods

- A, B, C and old/new residential road sites across 6 combined authorities in West Midlands
- March April 2024
- Tested on 'normal' potholes



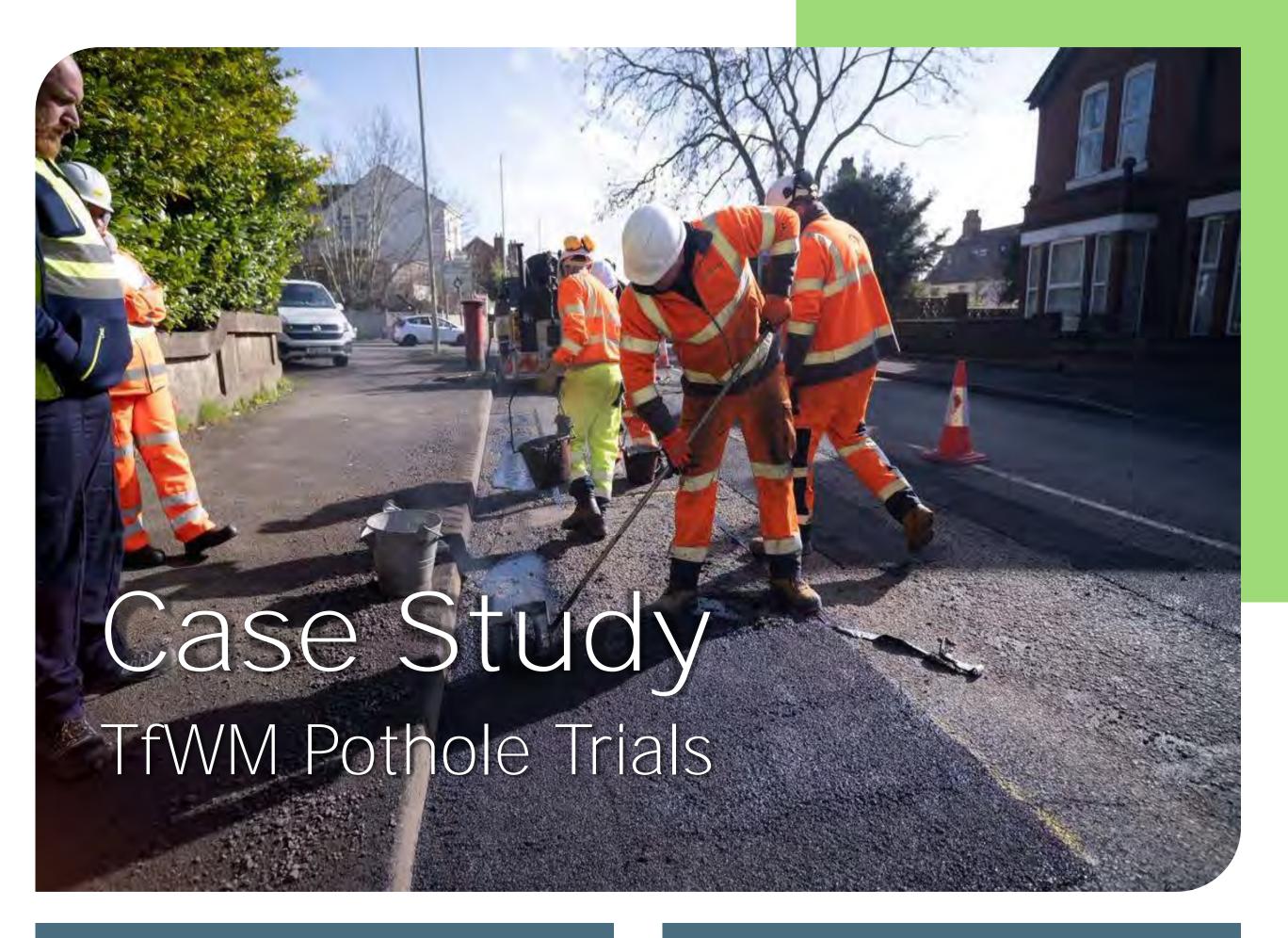
Control and Benchmark

Applied on similar road types, in similar weather, and with oversight from core team



Operative Feedback

Ease of use and application, manual handling improvements, unpleasant odours from some solutions



Next Steps

- Monitoring and evaluation of repair performance over the next 7 years
- Full carbon profiles in Carbon Analyser
- Transition to best performing materials as BAU in TfWM LAs

Phase 2

- Returning in Summer for phase 2
- Lessons learned from phase 1 will be incorporated into the methodology for phase 2
- More robust data collection required









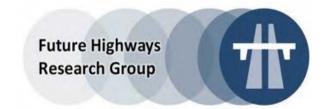




Aston University

Evaluation Approach

Carbon Support





Cores and Performance Data

FHRG Carbon Analyser Profiles

Pavement Design Analysis

Triangulation with Other Carbon Calculators

Lifecycle Asset Analysis

OPERATIONA

LIVE TRIAL

EVALUATION

Carbon Statements and EPDs

Photography and Videography

Contextual Data and Operational Feedback













The Knowledge Bank

Key tool for the Centre of Excellence to drive collaboration, reduce siloes, and disseminate trial data and evaluations.

End-user requirements and high-level wireframes

completed, with support from behavioural science consultancy,

Thinks Insight.

Next steps:

Supplier selection, onboarding and initial prototyping. Launch at the end of 2024.















Next Steps

Key milestones in 2024

Market Scanning & Trials

- Signage: signposts and signfaces
- Resurfacing and surface treatments
 - Concrete solutions

Material Evaluations

Full carbon and technical evaluations of materials, with support from University of Nottingham, Aston University and FHRG

Industry Playbook

Creation of best practice and guidance for LAs to identify, trial and evaluate low-carbon materials, with support from Connected Places Catapult

Knowledge Bank

Launch of the knowledge bank at the end of 2024, ready for LAs to use













How Can You Get Involved?

Join the UK-wide movement to decarbonise road materials

Get in touch to partner with us, share your innovation experiences and get first access to the knowledge bank

- Share innovations for materials testing, gaining access to sector leaders and live trial sites
- Complete our survey for local authorities so we can provide the most value for the sector through our live trials





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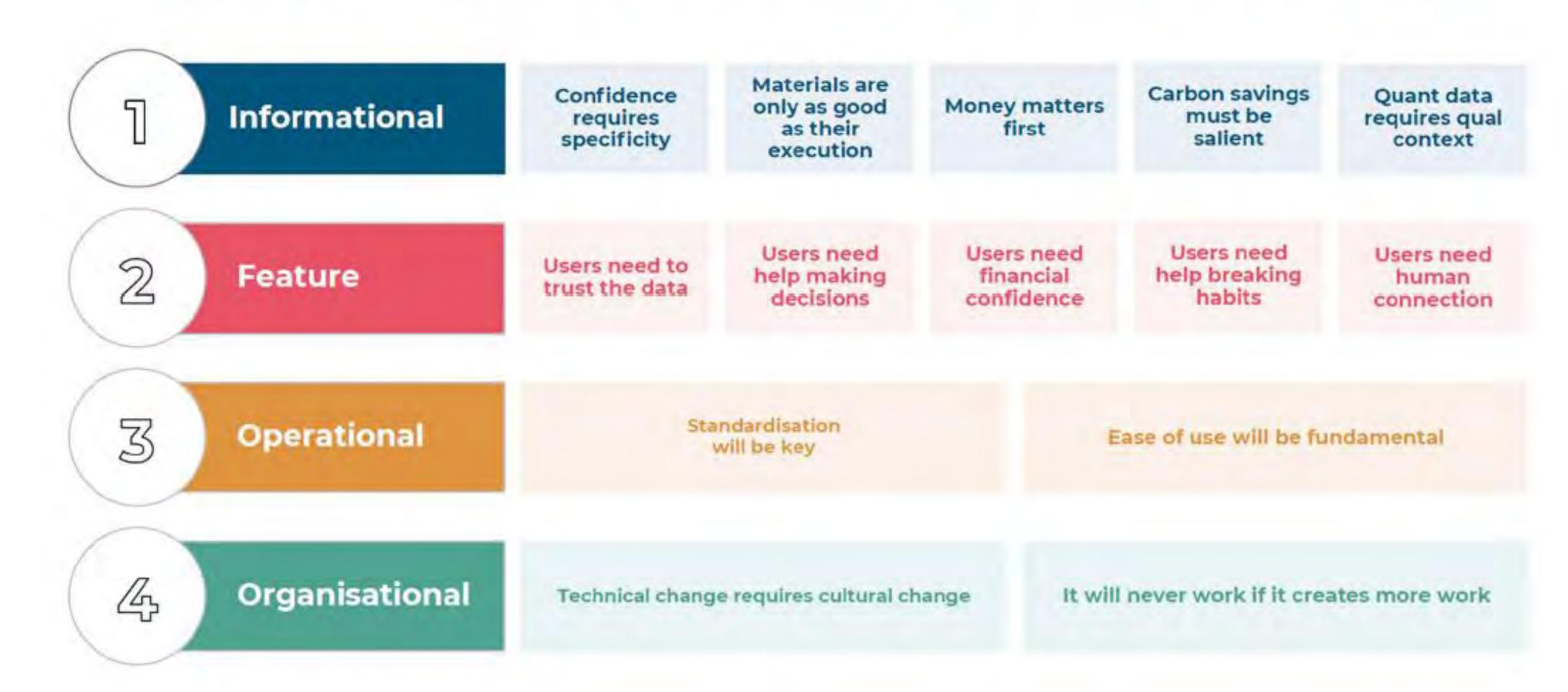








End-User Requirements















Behavioural Change

How we are leveraging behavioural science to design a fit-for-purpose knowledge bank

10 qualitative, end-user interviews held with LAs across Scotland and England

Identification of individual, social and material influences on LA behaviour when identifying and adopting material innovations

Operational, informational, organisational, and functional requirements identified for the knowledge bank development based on LA feedback

Full behavioural research report available on our website www.decarbonisingroads.co.uk



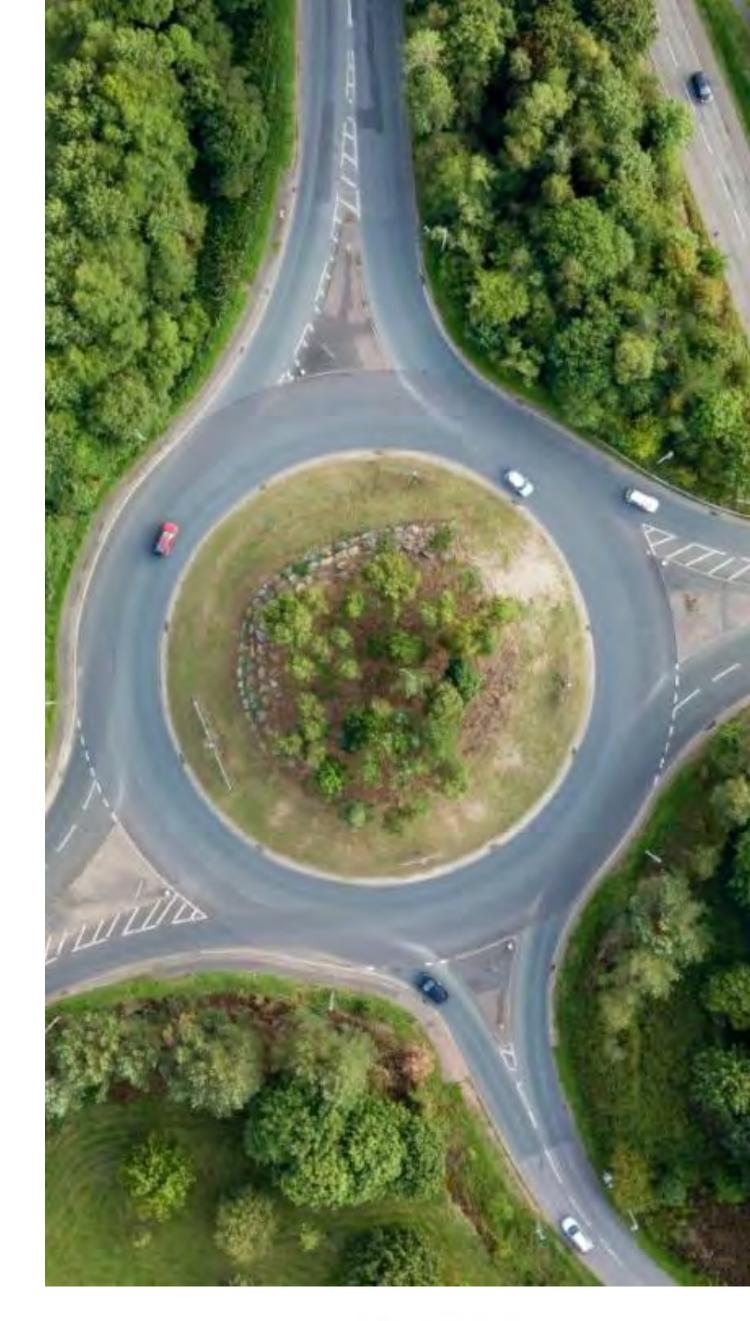






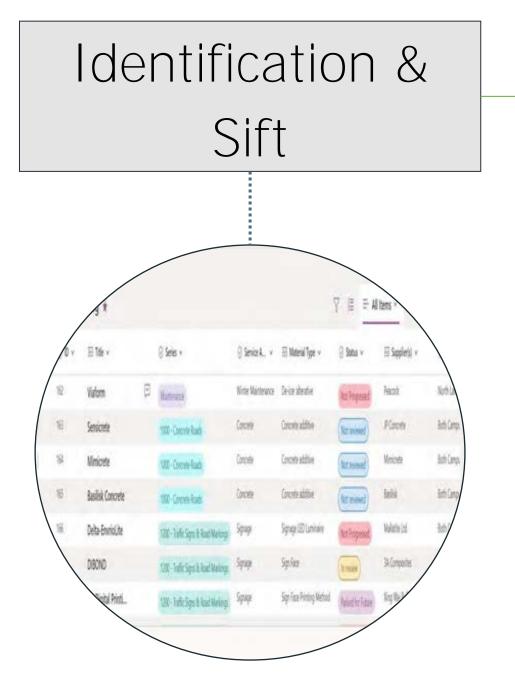




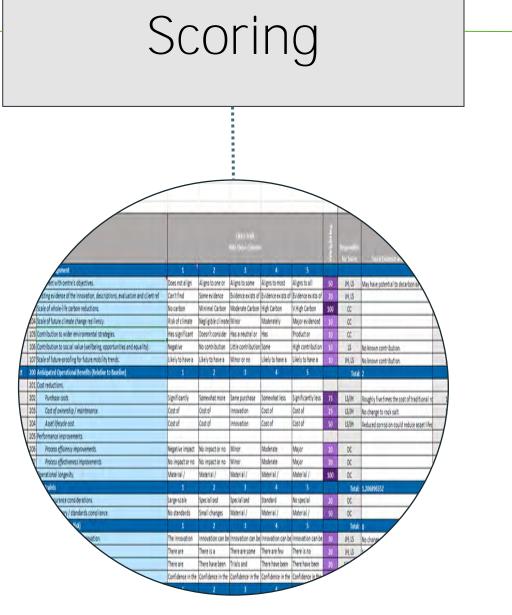


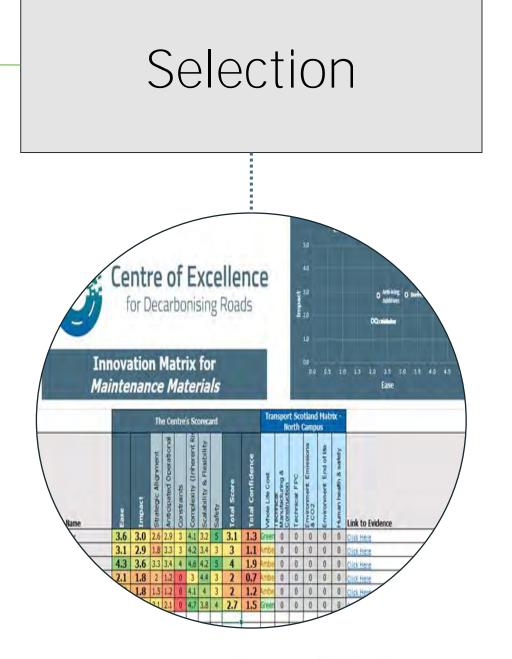
Case Study

Maintenance Materials























Innovation Process



Scale & Share

Reviewing opportunities to

scale-up innovations and

share with wider industry.

Discovery

Exploration and identification of challenges facing lowcarbon innovation adoption.



Sector Engagement



Expert Groups



Behavioural Science

Ideation Engaging in both structured and unstructured activities to identify lowcarbon materials and processes. **Events** Industry





CPC Scouting

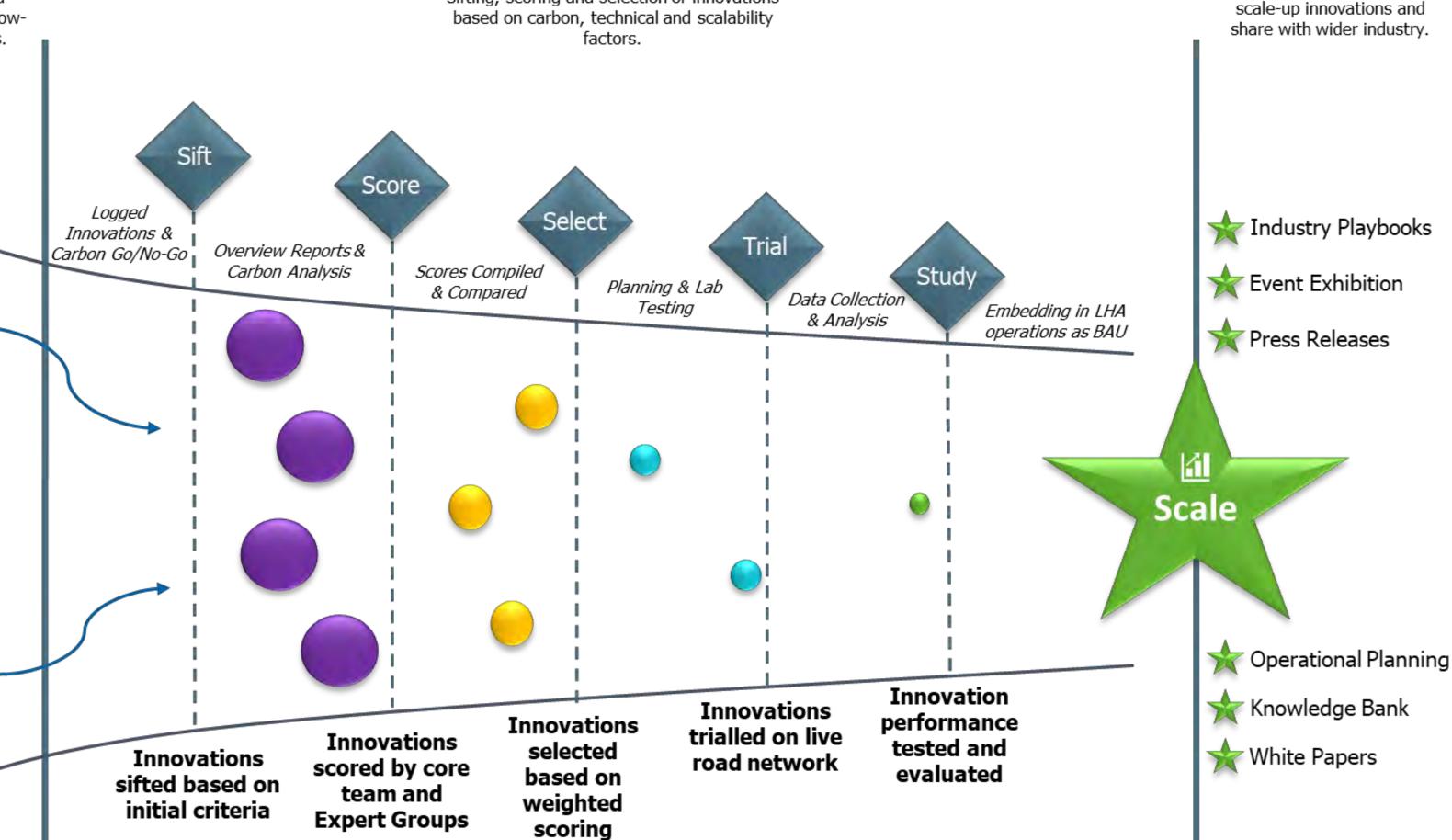








based on carbon, technical and scalability factors.





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Corridor and place-based decarbonisation

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Corridor & Place Based Decarbonisation Theme

A382 MAJOR ROAD NETWORK SCHEME: Devon Live Lab

A carbon negative highways construction project across the whole life-cycle of the scheme.



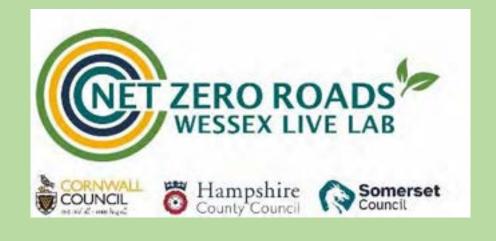
HIGHWAYS ECOSYSTEM: Liverpool Live Lab

Scalable low carbon optioneering and full lifecycle decision-making.



NET-ZERO ROADS: Wessex Live Lab

Pioneering net zero emission roads in Somerset, Cornwall and Hampshire in nine 'Net Zero Corridors', which will act as a proxy for maintenance on all highways.

















One Theme: Three Different Scales





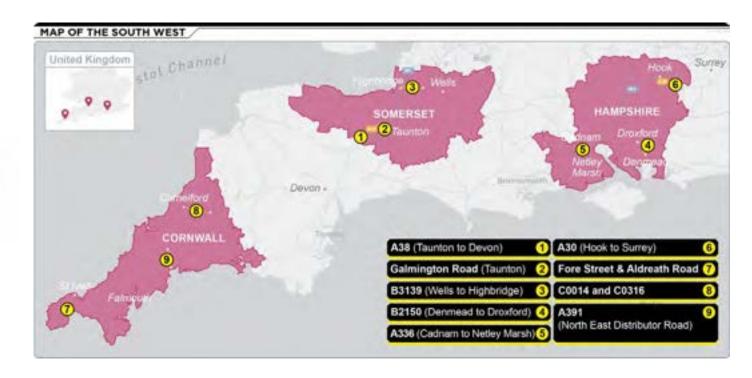












One Site, One Road

Multiple Sites, **One City**

Multiple Sites, **Multiple Counties**















Live Lab Synergies

Devon Live Lab Liverpool Live Lab Wessex Live Lab Carbon baselining, reporting and whole-life measuring Learning circle Shared testbeds for innovation collaboration Maintenance-based learning Bespoke carbon tool Collaborating with Proving Services on carbon analyser tool Inter-urban/rural maintenance New scheme construction City maintenance Carbon lens ECI LEAN carbon reviews Recycling hub FHRG doughnut economics Carbon reduction in design and throughout construction process Materials Sector/geographic doughnut













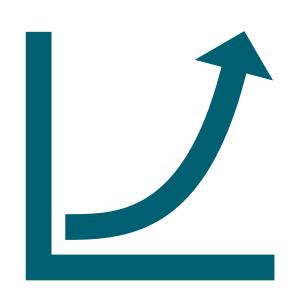




Shared Progress to Date



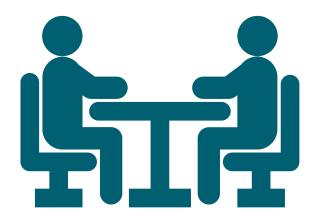
Shared approach to innovation identification and scoring



Maximising scaling-up opportunities with other Live Labs e.g. biochar



Establishing learning circles on key topics e.g. exploring doughnut economics and shared toolkit



Quarterly Thematic
Group meetings to
ensure cross-learning

















DEVON LIVE LAB - Carbon Negative Road

- A382 Major Road Network (MRN) improvement scheme is aiming to improve traffic congestion into Newton Abbot:
 - 2.5 km of improvements (new dual carriageway, widening, realigning)
 - An additional 0.4 km new build link road
 - 3 new roundabouts
- Live Labs 2 funding is being used to fund carbon-reducing innovations on the scheme
- Aiming for carbon negative across the whole-life cycle of the construction project
- A baseline of 10,279 tonnes of CO2e has been calculated



























DEVON LIVE LAB - Innovations Overview

















































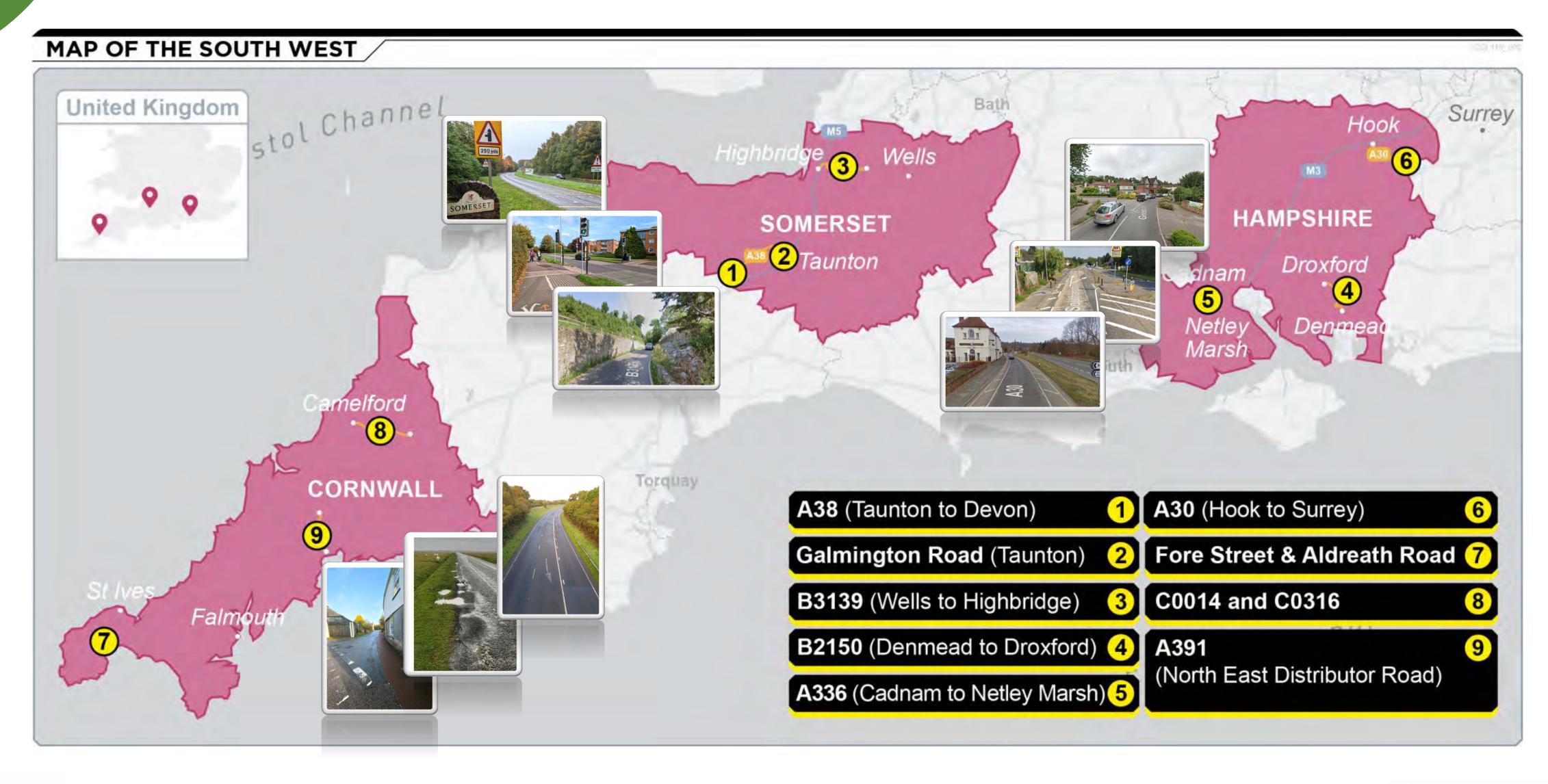








WESSEX LIVE LAB – testbeds for innovating, pioneering, transforming









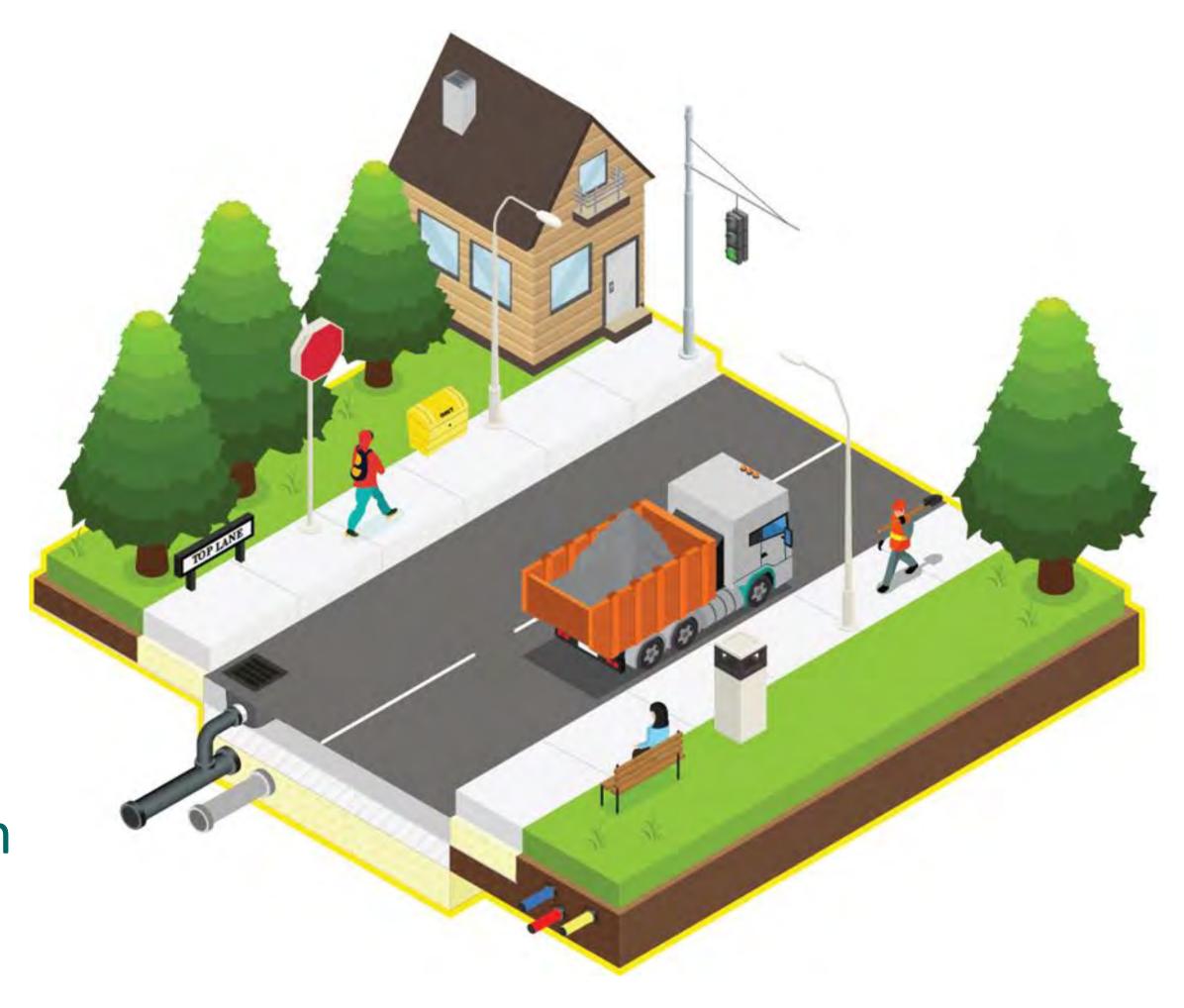






WESSEX LIVE LAB – the whole service & changing business as usual

- The materials we use
- The products we use
- The plant we use
- Mow we deliver services
- When and where we deliver them









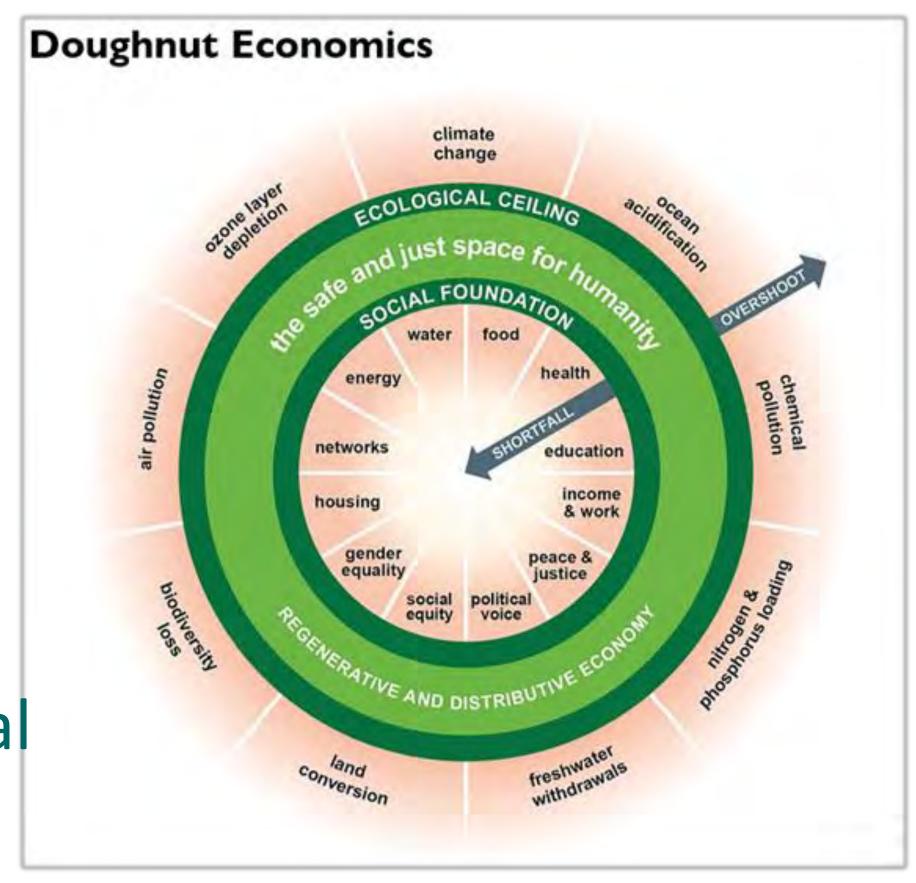






WESSEX LIVE LAB - using a new lens to look at everything we do

- Data-led decision-making using Carbon Analyser
- Research & development of carbon budgeting & future scenario planning
- Underpinned by Doughnut Economics (impact on wider environmental and social sustainability)















LIVERPOOL LIVE LAB - Our Approach



Partnership across:

- Local Authorities
- Academia/ Research
- Industry Specialists
- Expert Panel

Using experience/ lessons learnt from across the wider Live Labs cohort

We are not just considering products and operational processes, but also the enablers for new ways of working, policies and behaviour change







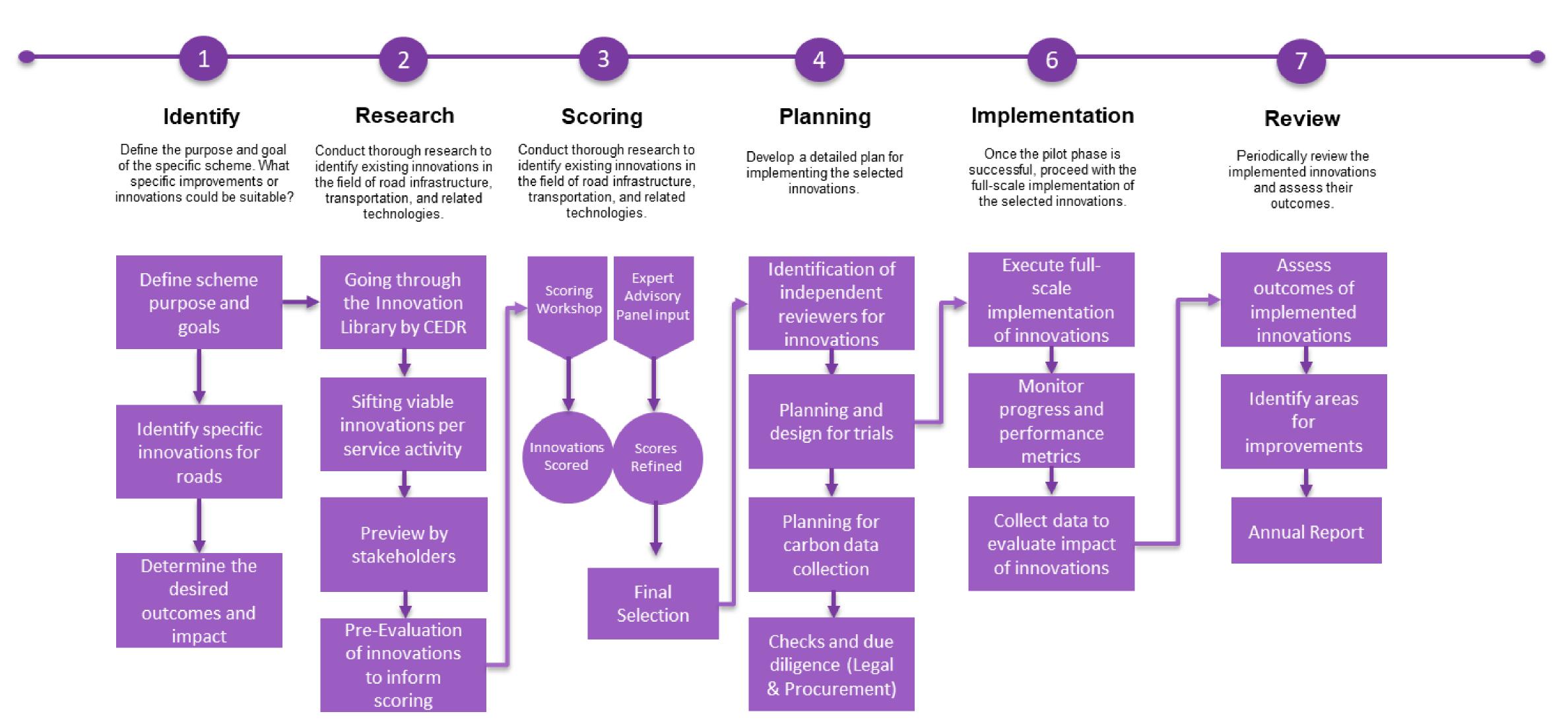








LIVERPOOL LIVE LAB - Innovation Process









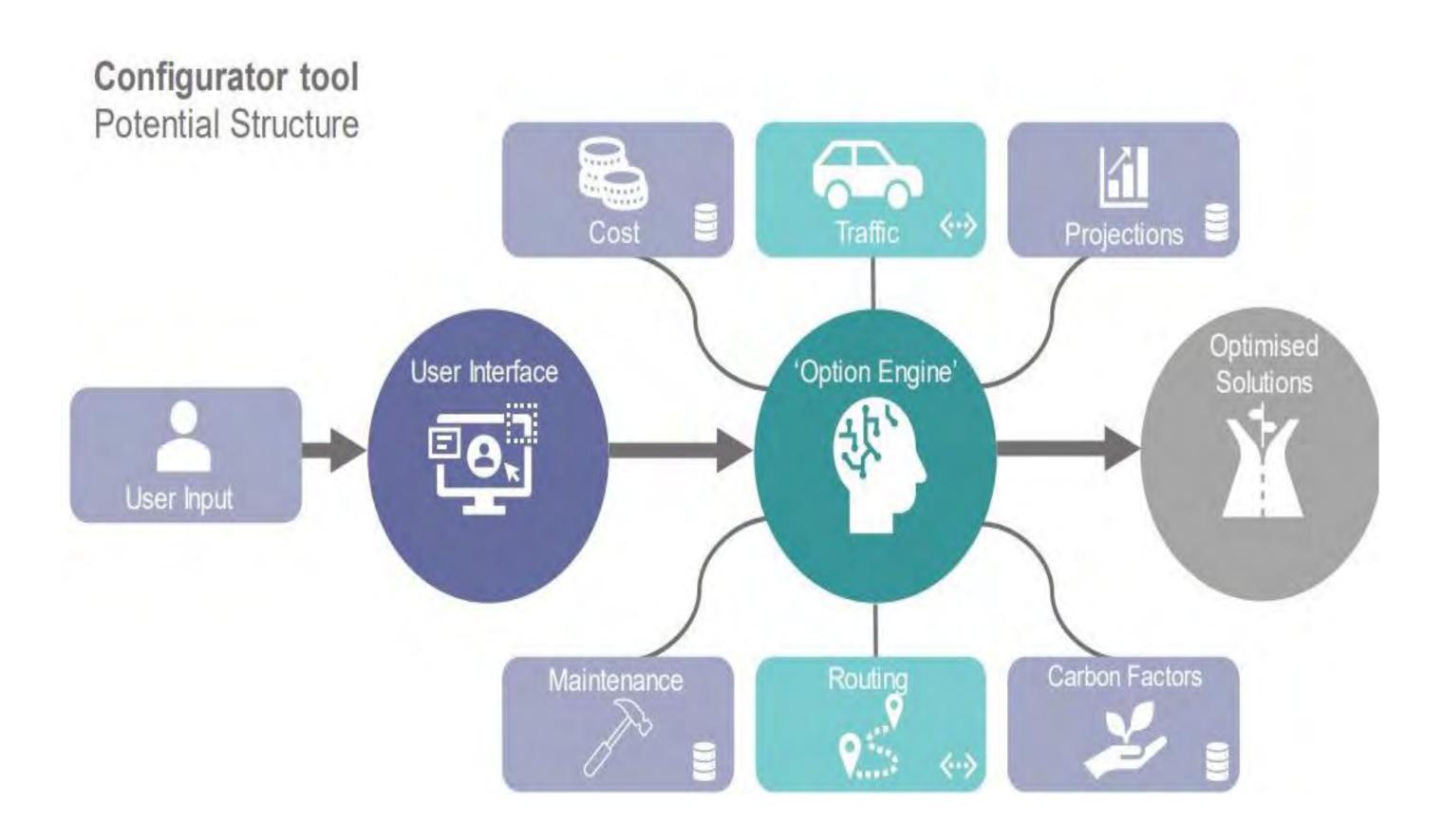








LIVERPOOL LIVE LAB - 'Options Configurator' Tool



Working with industry specialists to develop a proof-of-concept tool for Options Analysis, Optimisation & Prioritisation to be called the 'Options configurator'

The 'Options Configurator' will enable Liverpool City Council Highways Team to develop and prioritise scheme options utilising new low-carbon innovations; evaluating costs, operational performance, risks, and resource demands prior to any significant investment.

This new approach to optioneering will allow new policies, specifications and materials to be simulated.





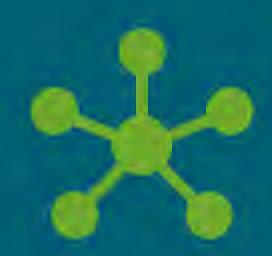












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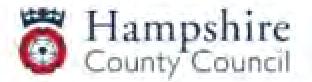
















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A green carbon laboratory

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Associate Director Highways Transport and Planning

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Greenprint

A green carbon laboratory examining the role that the highways non operational 'green' asset can play in providing a source of materials and fuels to decarbonise highway operations









Delivering climate action

What it will look like...



















Delivering climate action

'A carbon negative systems model for green infrastructure management'

South Gloucestershire Council and West Sussex County Council and partners in scope including:

















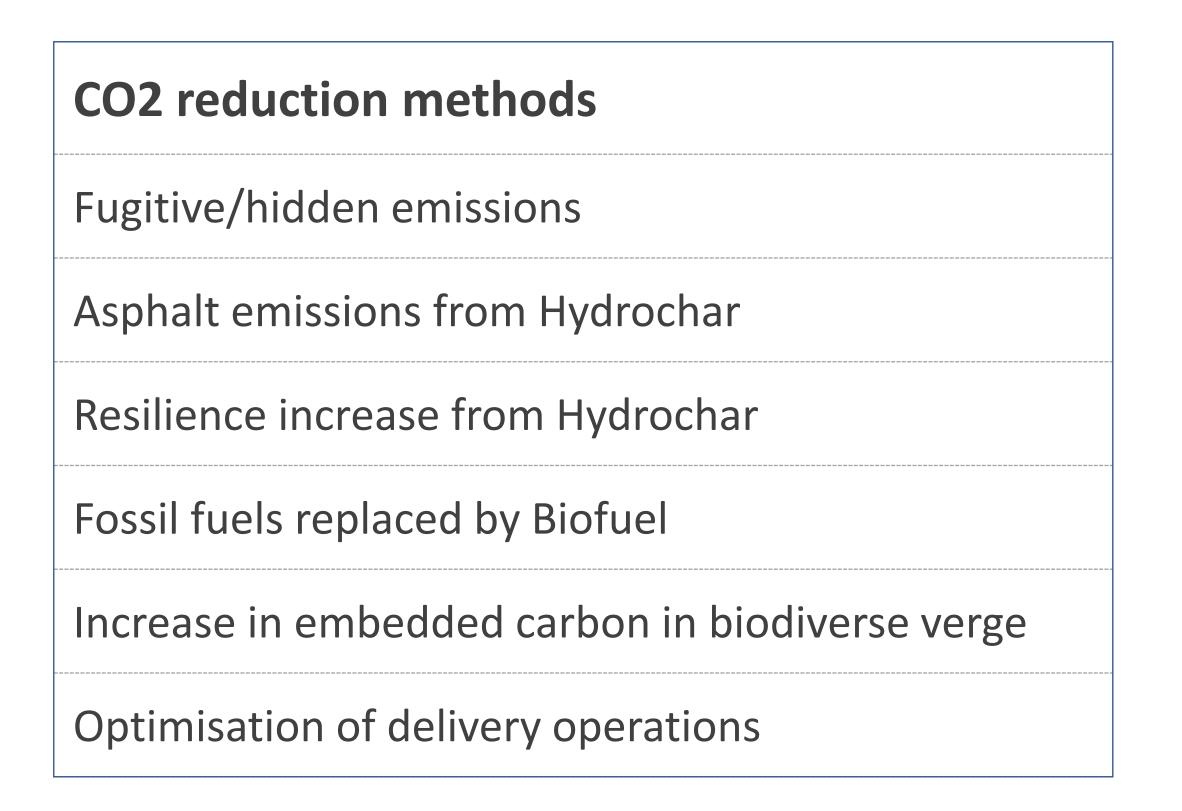
Four key challenges we face:



Greenprint will unlock, transform and harness this value

Carbon monitoring and value assessment

The project removes carbon emissions in **six** ways – each of these have distinct measurement and data collection strategies





The live-lab is built with **replication**, **scale** and **financial viability** as the focus from start



- The Greenprint is a 'how to guide' and business case for zero-carbon green estate management
 - Replicable across diverse councils
- Building green skills, jobs and tech
- Scaled across **FIVE** more councils in lab
- Regular engagements and knowledge share

It's all about the carbon...





CO2 reduction method	(Tonnes CO2e)	(Tonnes CO2e)
Fugitive/hidden emissions	3,240	540,000
Asphalt emissions from Hydrochar	40	6,360
Resilience increase from Hydrochar	300	16,666
Fossil fuels replaced by Biofuel	260	43,200
Increase in embedded carbon in biodiverse verge	300,000	30,000,000
Optimisation of delivery operations	1000	160,000

Total reduction in tonnes

304,840

30,766,266



Like removing **67k** cars from the road

Like removing **6.7m** cars from the road or **5%** of the entire UK fleet!

... Greenprint delivers so much more

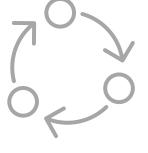




re-define the business case for local authority waste processing investment



transform the narrative around waste to value within the public sector



We will

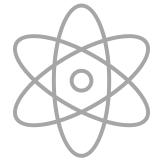
deliver measurable increases to biodiversity



enable a step change in crosssector decarbonisation strategies



apply data to make decisions around decarbonisation at board level



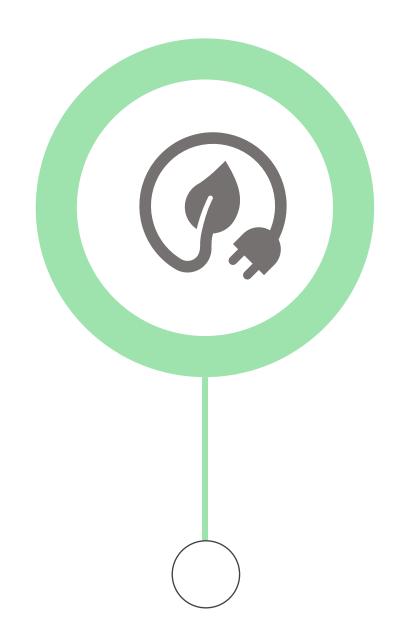




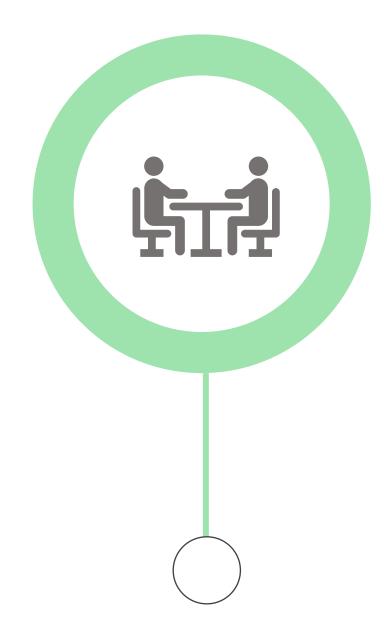




Why us — why now?



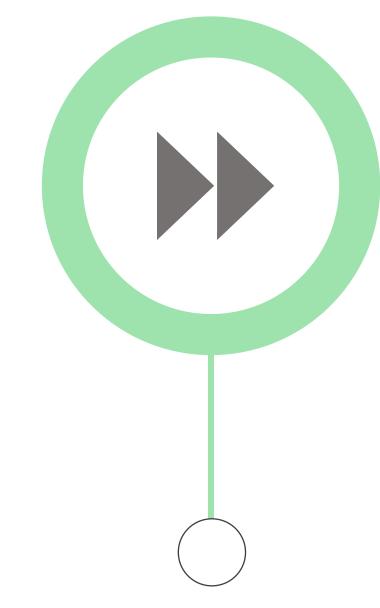
Key technologies have matured, that mean this is the right time to invest



You're getting the
experts in the field – both
councils and their partners sit at the
leading edge of this area of
innovation



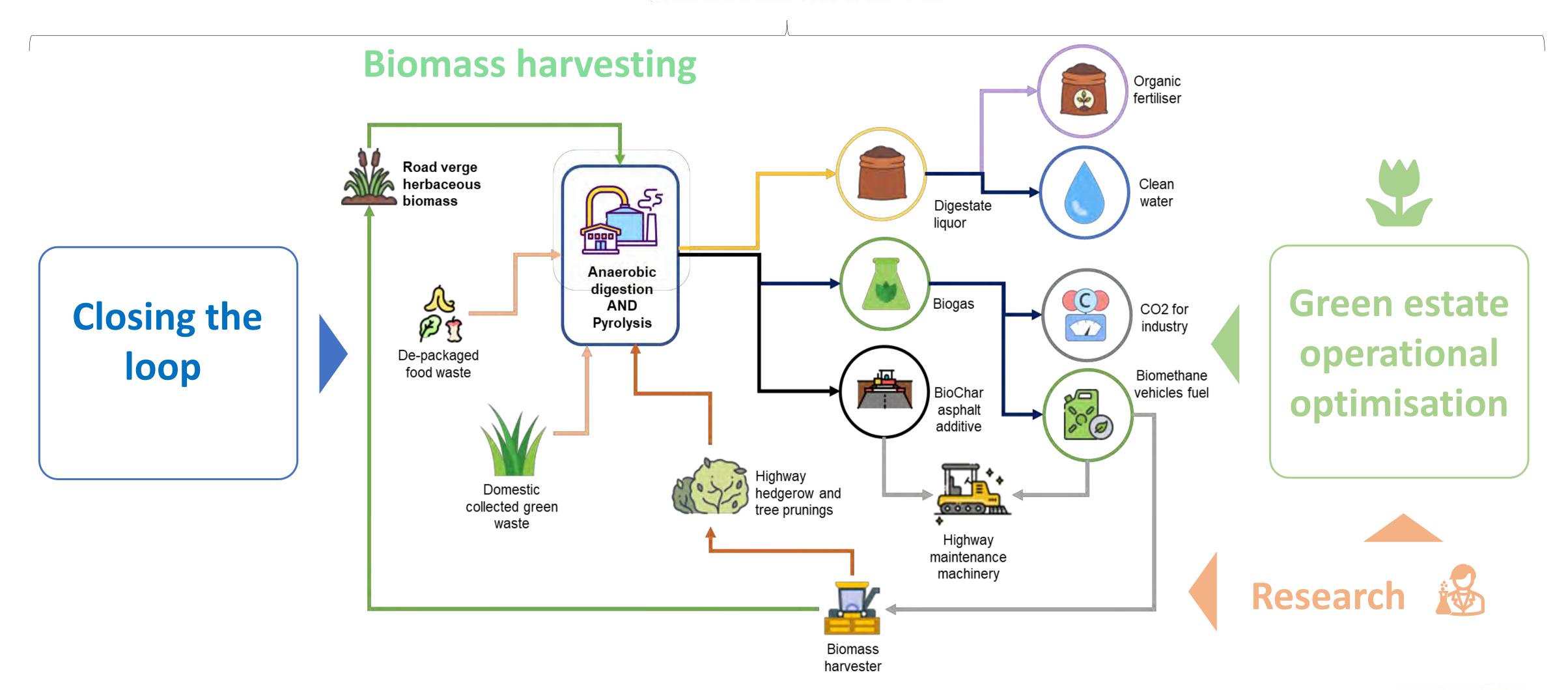
The differing environments of SGCC and WSCC, alongside the Western Gateway presents the perfect testing environment



Live-Labs will enable
rapid acceleration of this
model at a velocity not considered
previously possible

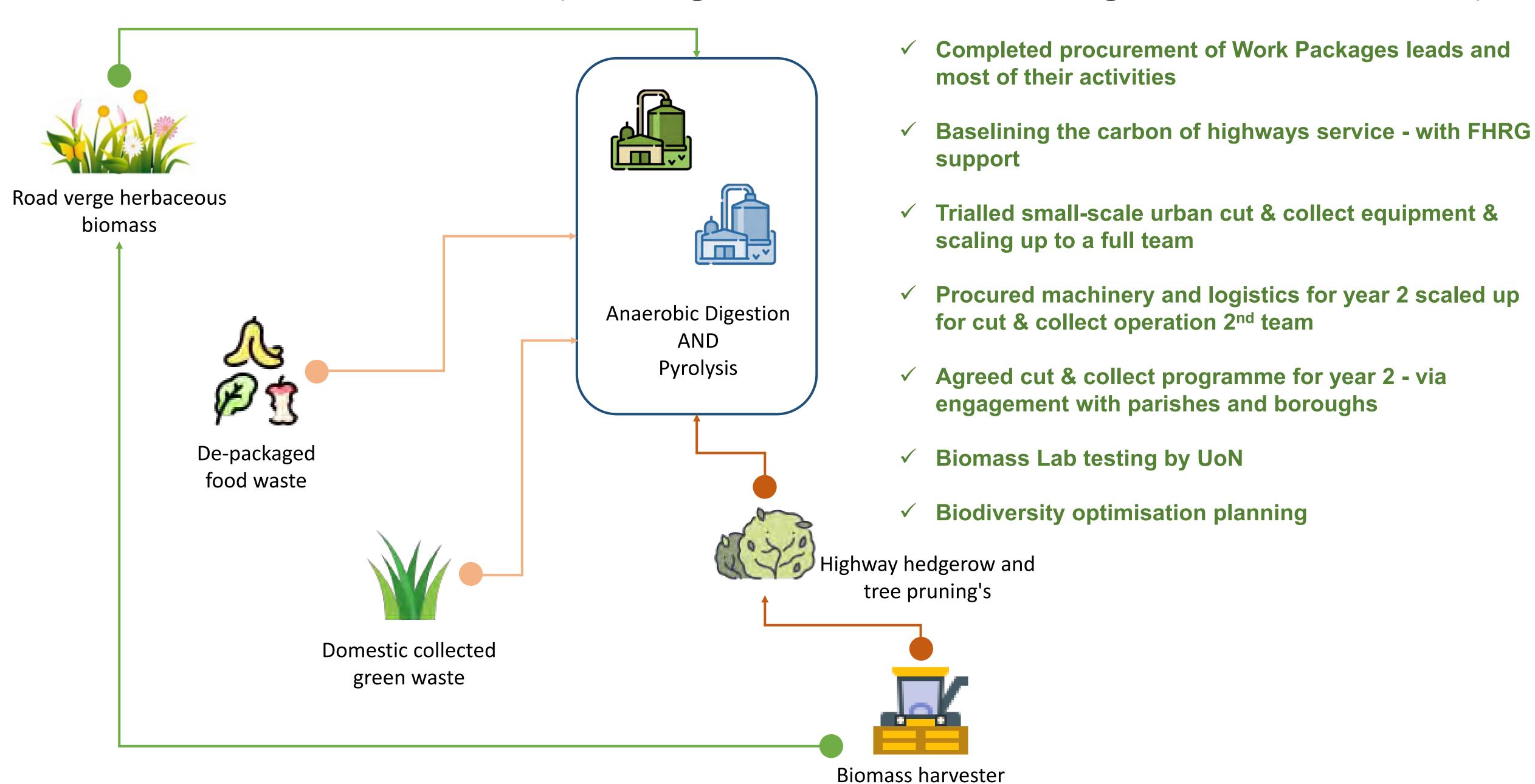
A unified programme across both councils



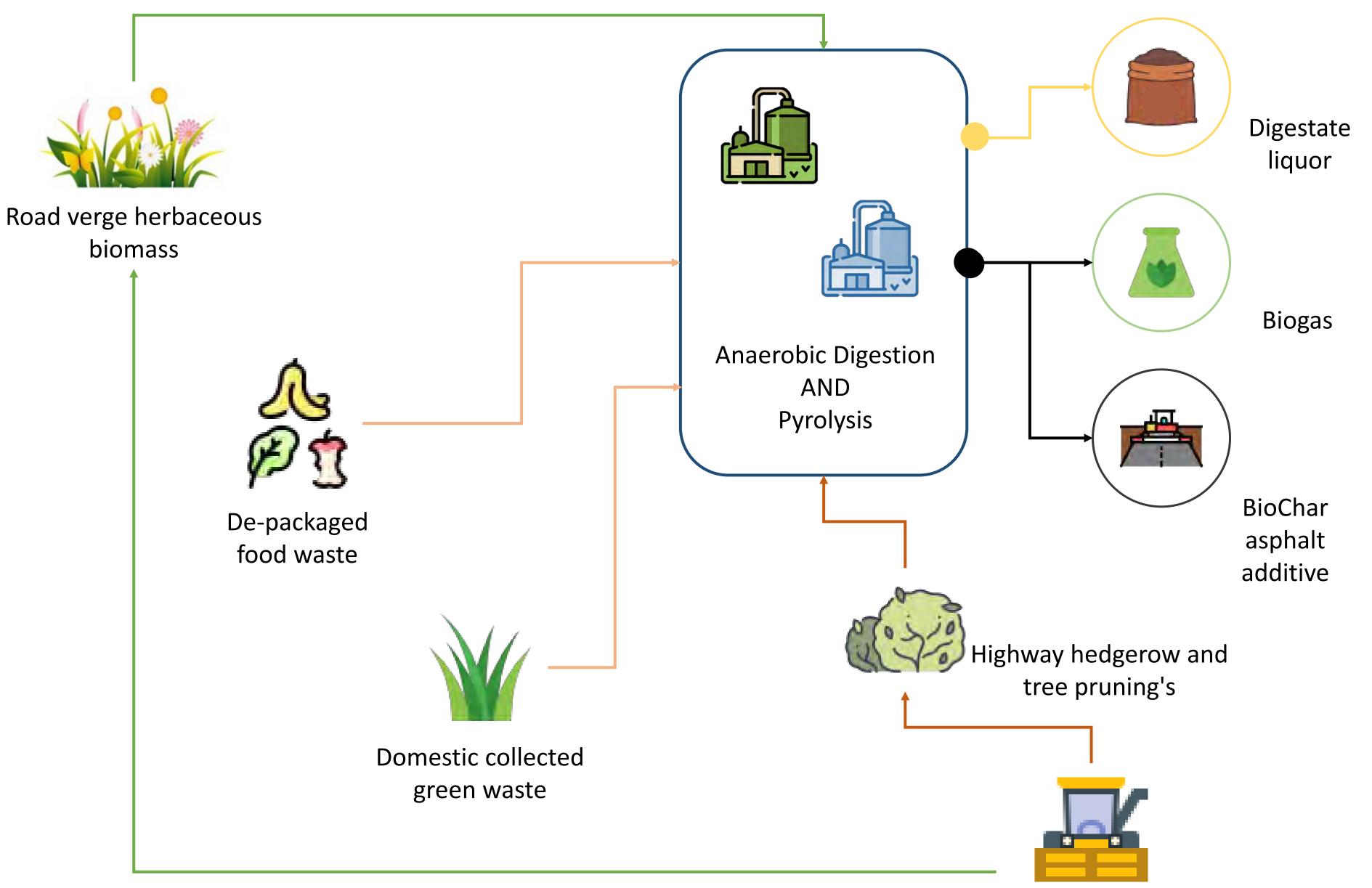




Phase 1: INITIATION STAGE (Investigations/Research/Design/Small Scale Trials)



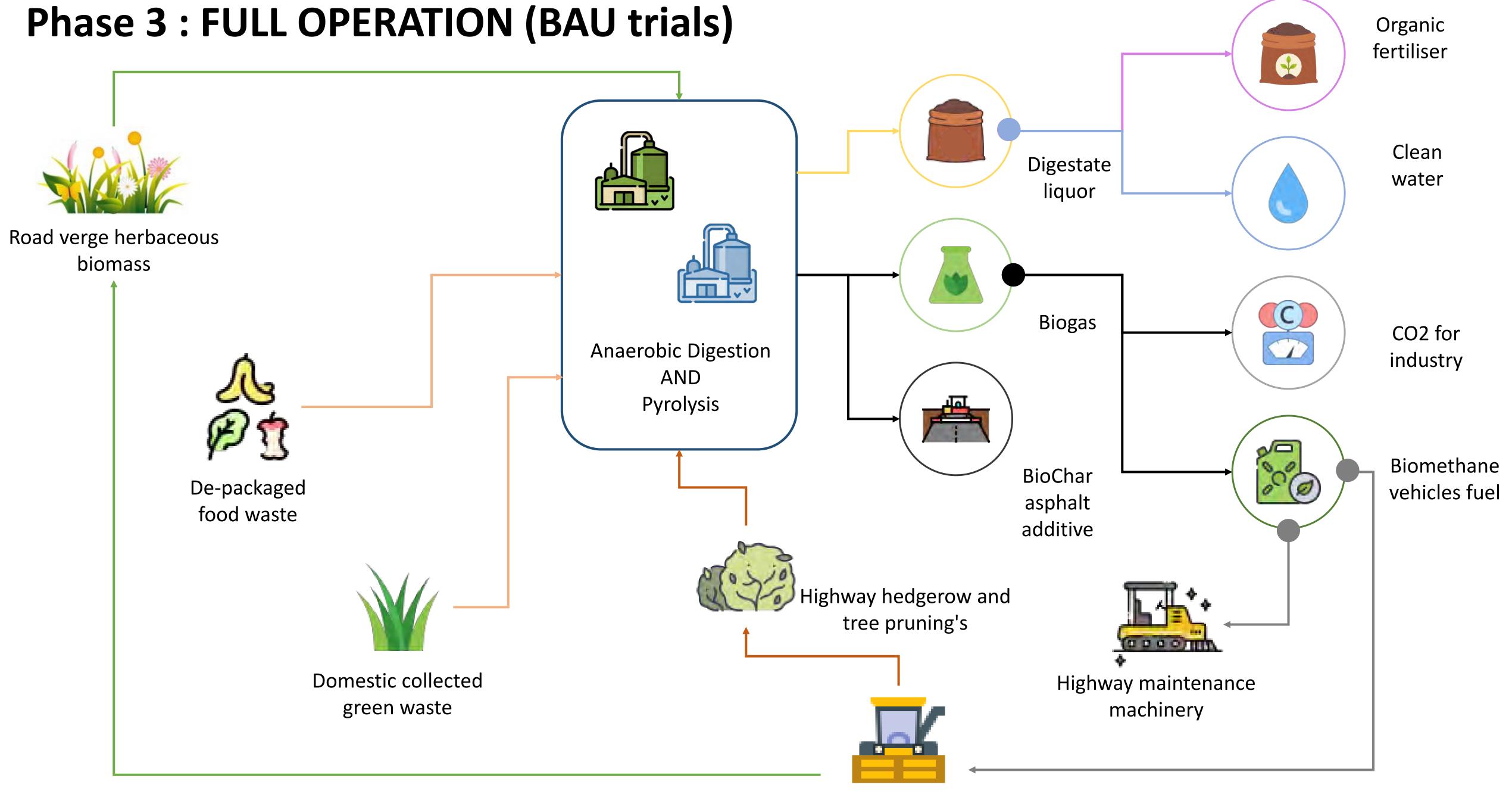
Phase 2: SCALE UP STAGE



Biomass harvester

- Test scaled-up urban cut & collect equipment and logistic
- Procurement of University of Nottingham / Invica Industries tests
- Lab scale biomass processing for hydrochar & biochar characterisation
- Commercial scale biomass processing

 tonne quantities of hydrochar & biochar
- Asphalt test programme & road trial
- Assessment of biochar applications
- Full Life Cycle Analysis
- Bio-diversity analysis and optimisation
- Wider engagement with parishes and external local authorities
- Benefit Realisation assessment



Biomass harvester





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A future lighting testbed

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Project Overview

- Testing standards and entrenched beliefs
- Focussing on lighting in areas where it is deemed a safety mitigation
- 9 Local Authority partners assisting with trials
- Seeking alternative road layouts providing visual information required
- Appropriate lighting for non carriageway users





Key Areas of Work

- Test bed segmentation and assessment
- Condition baselining
- Driver behaviour baselining
- Carbon baselining and assessment
- Driver behaviour and safety monitoring
- Urban lighting test beds

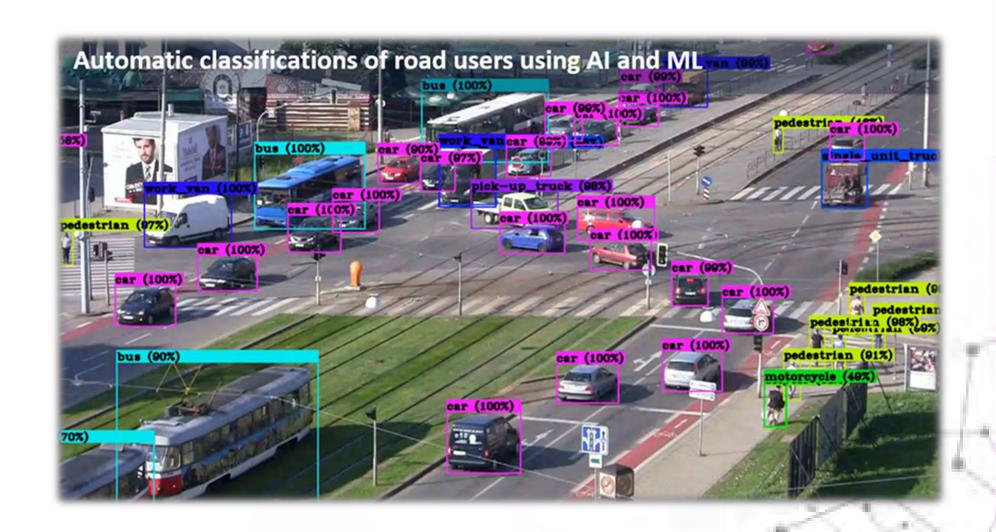






Behaviour Baseline

- Driver baseline is extremely crucial data
- Multiple types of data to be collected
- Current systems limited to lit environments
- New innovation of system able to collect data in total darkness using thermal imaging
- Al evaluation of CCTV recordings







Carbon Assessment

- Principal element of the program
- Created in conjunction with Leeds University
- Assessment and evaluation tool to assist with design, capital investment and replacement decisions
- Complete by September 2025
- Reliant on accuracy of manufacturers data, EPD's and ISO1400025





Initial Test Beds

- Three test sites already installed
- Sites identified from capital resurfacing programme
- Sites were in non lit areas but have had illuminated studs and higher reflectivity lining applied along with higher reflectivity signs







Upcoming Activities

- Full test bed implementation
- Progressing carbon assessment tool
- Driver behaviour baseline and post intervention assessment
- Communication and public engagement
- Urban and night time economy assessment
- Street lighting product development
- Further visual asset surveys





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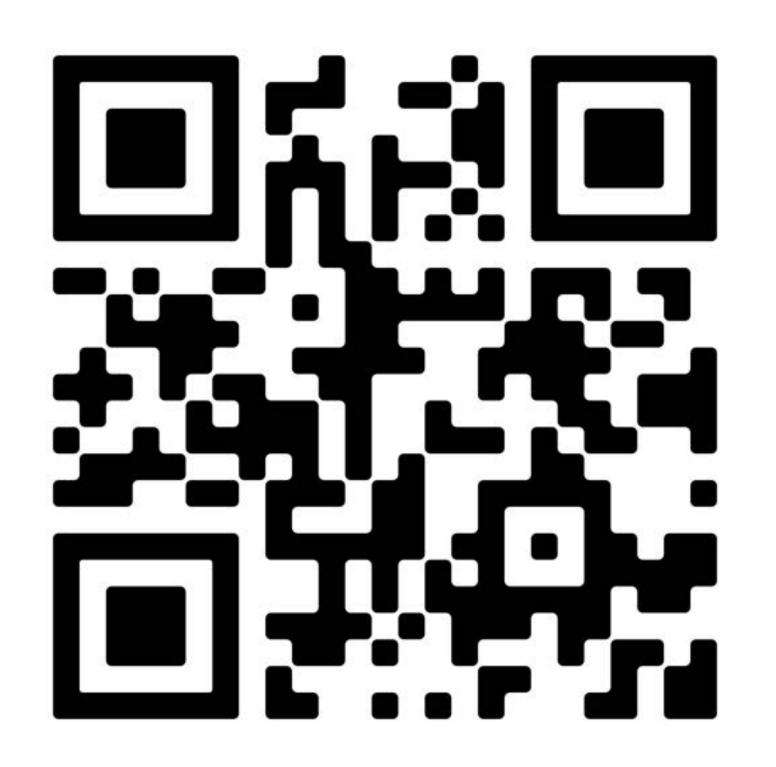


Baselining, measuring and reducing carbon

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Livelabs2: Carbon Baselines

Dr Jane Anderson,

Carbon Lead, Livelabs 2 Commissioning Board

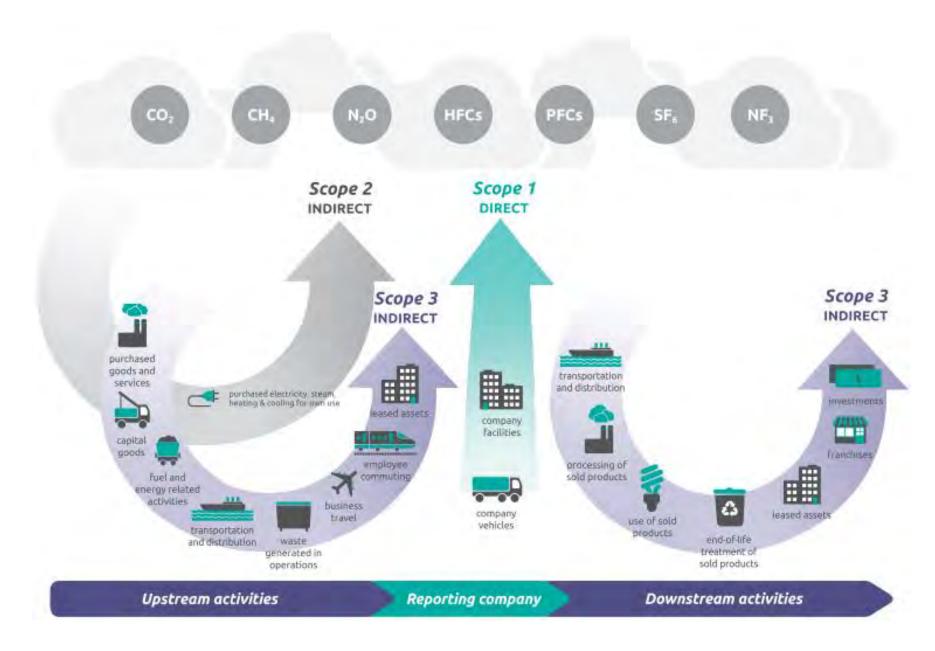
Top down findings

- Really good to see the engagement of the project teams
- Great consistency with many of the Livelabs using common tools, datasets and methodologies
- Agreement on the importance of including scope 3 embodied impacts
- Really interesting how the different projects have different hotspots

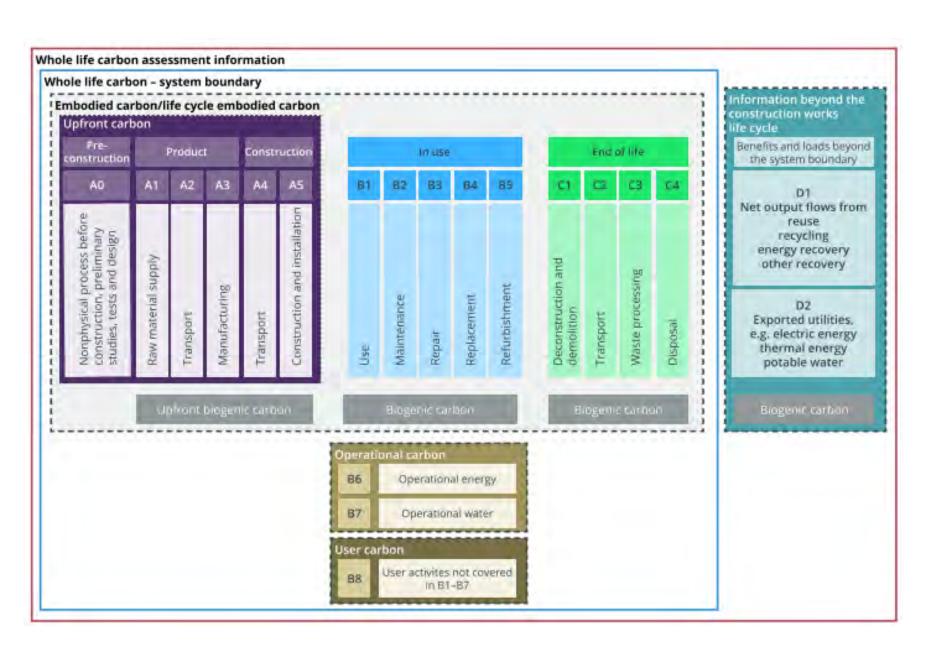
Top down findings

- ► GHG reporting v Whole Life Carbon reporting
- Methodological questions
 - ► Biogenic carbon and avoided impacts
 - Electricity
- Data questions
 - Sourcing data
 - ► Manufacturer claims and EPD

Types of Assessment



GHG Protocol and Scope 3 Emissions over 1 year



EN 17472 and the RICS Professional Statement on Whole Life Carbon v2 over 120 years

Methodological questions

Treatment of biogenic carbon storage

- Timeframes
- System boundary for avoided impacts

Methodological questions

Electricity

- Location-based or market-based approach to emissions
- Decarbonisation of the grid

Data Questions

- Sourcing Appropriate Data
- Hierarchy of data sources from the RICS Professional Standard v2 using the Carbon Data Quality Matrix and Data Confidence Scores
- Encourages specific data from manufacturers where it is robust
- Discourages use of EPD data as "proxy" data generic data should be used if specific data is not available

Data Sources

- Manufacturer claims need to be interrogated
- Do they follow EN 15804 when they provide LCA or embodied carbon data?
- Where are the system boundaries?
- Is there double counting of benefits
- Do they include avoided burdens
- ► Do they include permanent biogenic carbon storage?
- ► Have their claims been peer reviewed or verified?



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Baselining, measuring and reducing carbon

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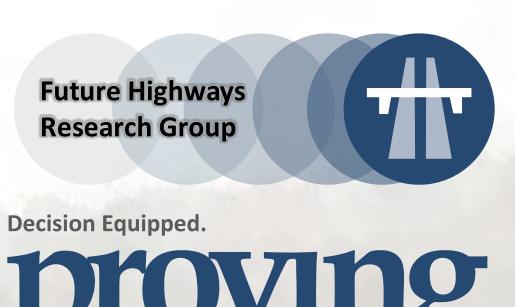
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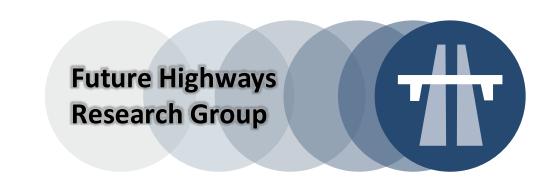
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Inventory-Based Carbon Accounting vs Activity-Based Carbon Analysis

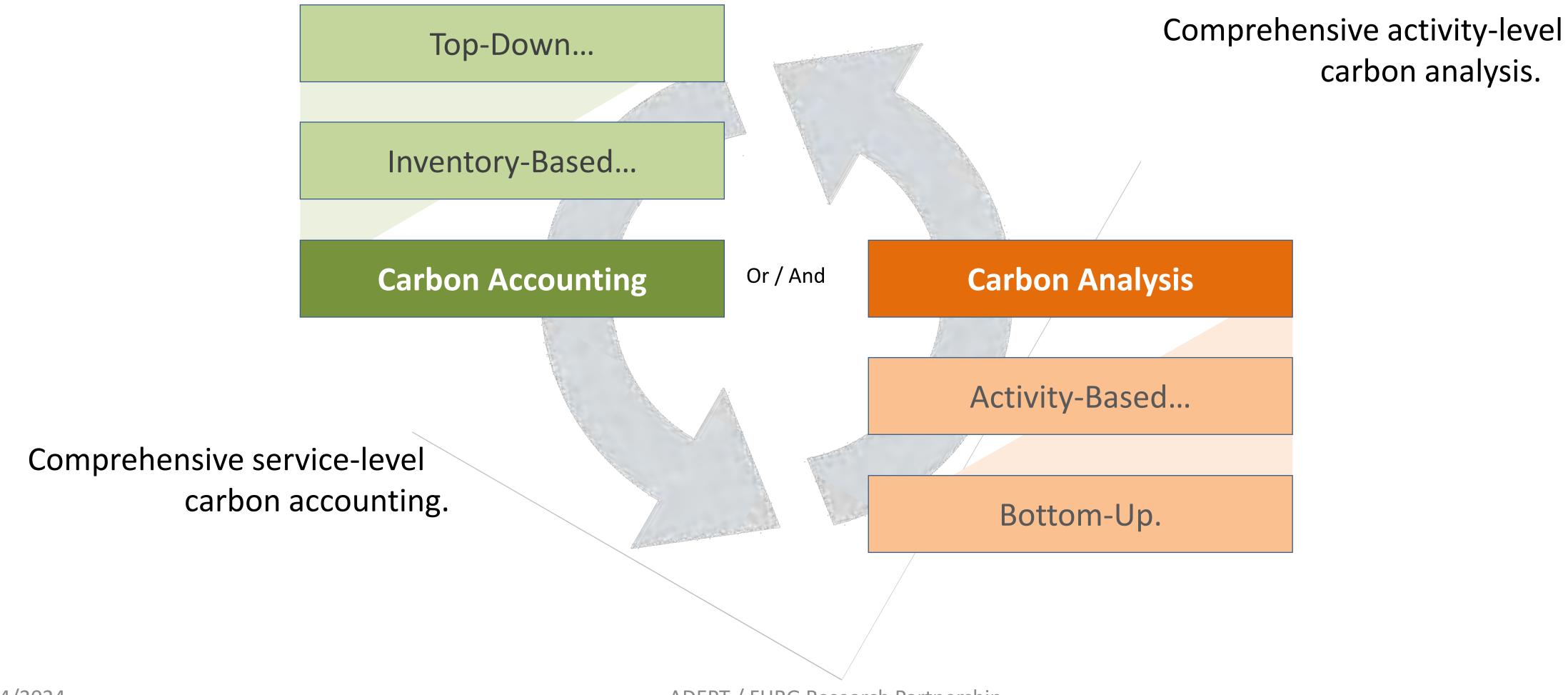
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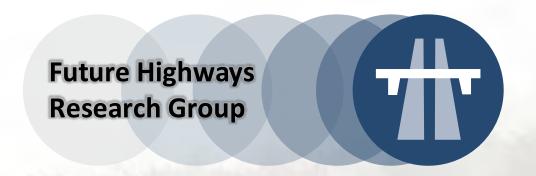
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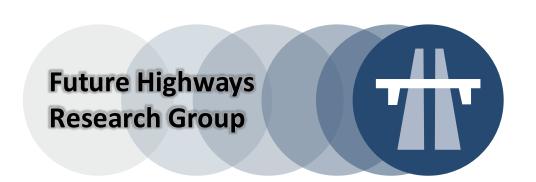


Inventory-Based Carbon Accounting

Carbon Calculation & Accounting Standard and Carbon Analyser

Inventory Based Carbon Accounting

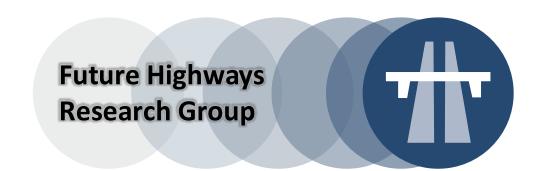
Step 2: Premises & Sites Inventory



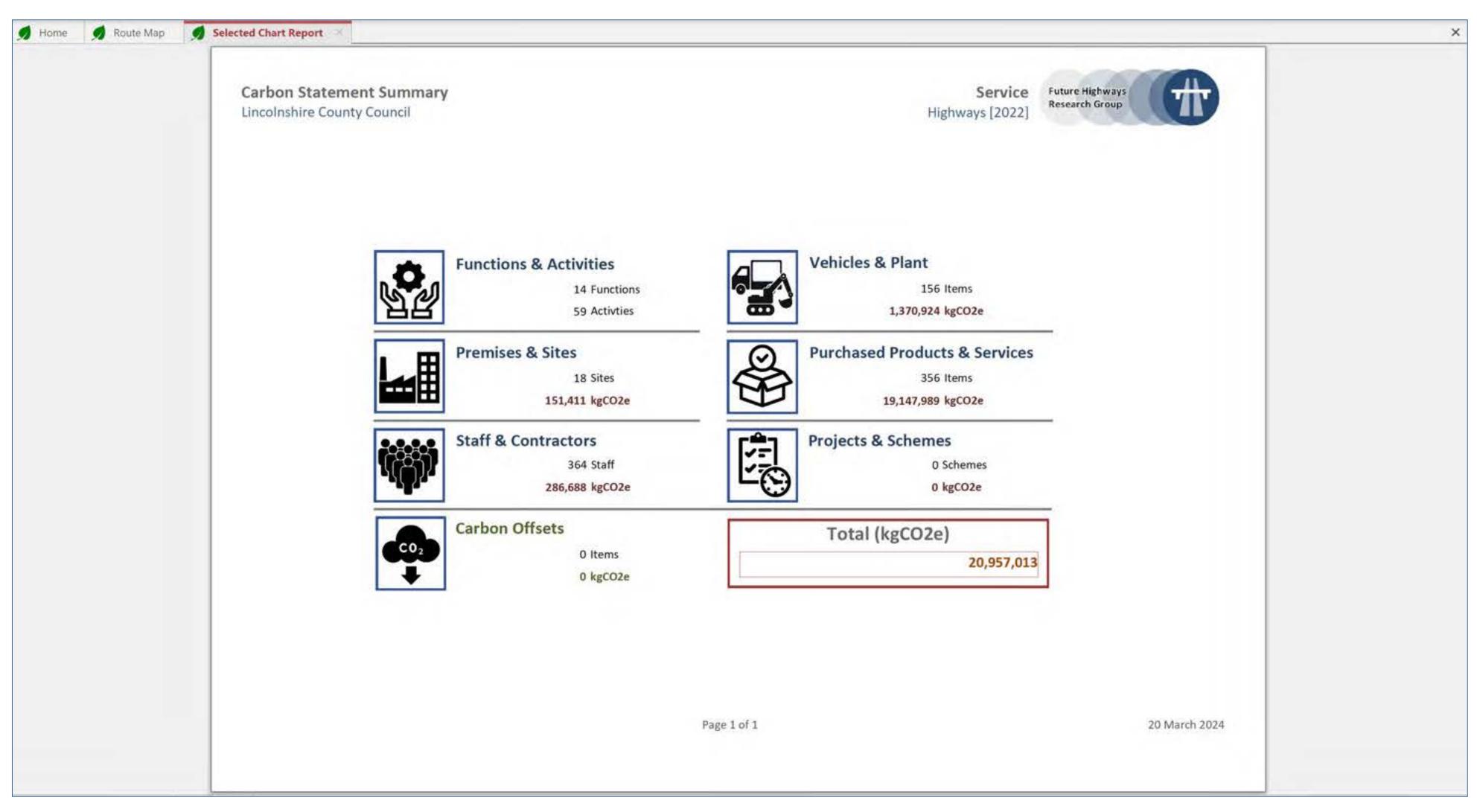
Premises & Sites	Staff & Contractors	Vehicles & Plant	Products & Services
Gas Usage	Number of Commuting Days	Vehicle / Plant Type	Materials
Electricity Usage	Number of Home Working Days	Engine Size	Waste
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Water & Sewerage	Vehicle Type	Litres or Miles	Combusted Fuels
Site Fuel Store Usage	Fuel Type	Itemised or Totalled	Professional Services
Multiplied By Share Of Site	Business (Grey Fleet) Miles		Electrical Assets
	Survey or Averages		Itemised or Totalled

Carbon Footprint Statement

Carbon Analyser



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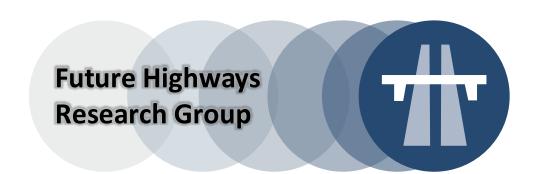


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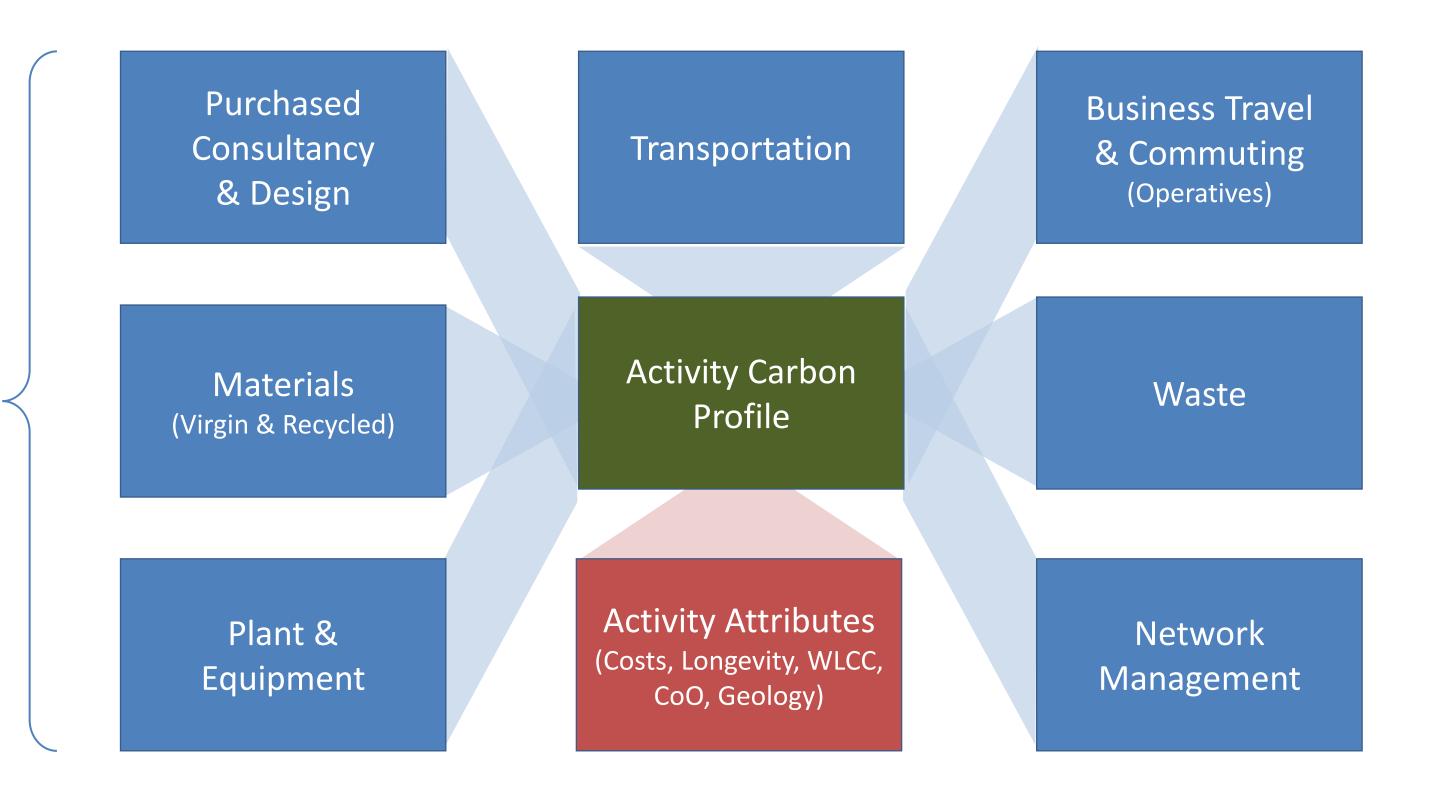
Activity Based Carbon Analysis

Assessing Carbon & Costs at Activity Level

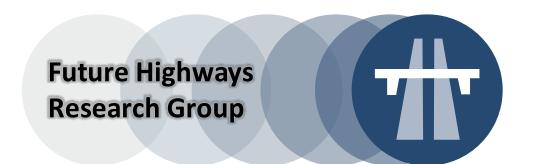


Defined Unit of Work

(Per Shift, Per Week, Per Month, Per 500m2, Per Cut...)

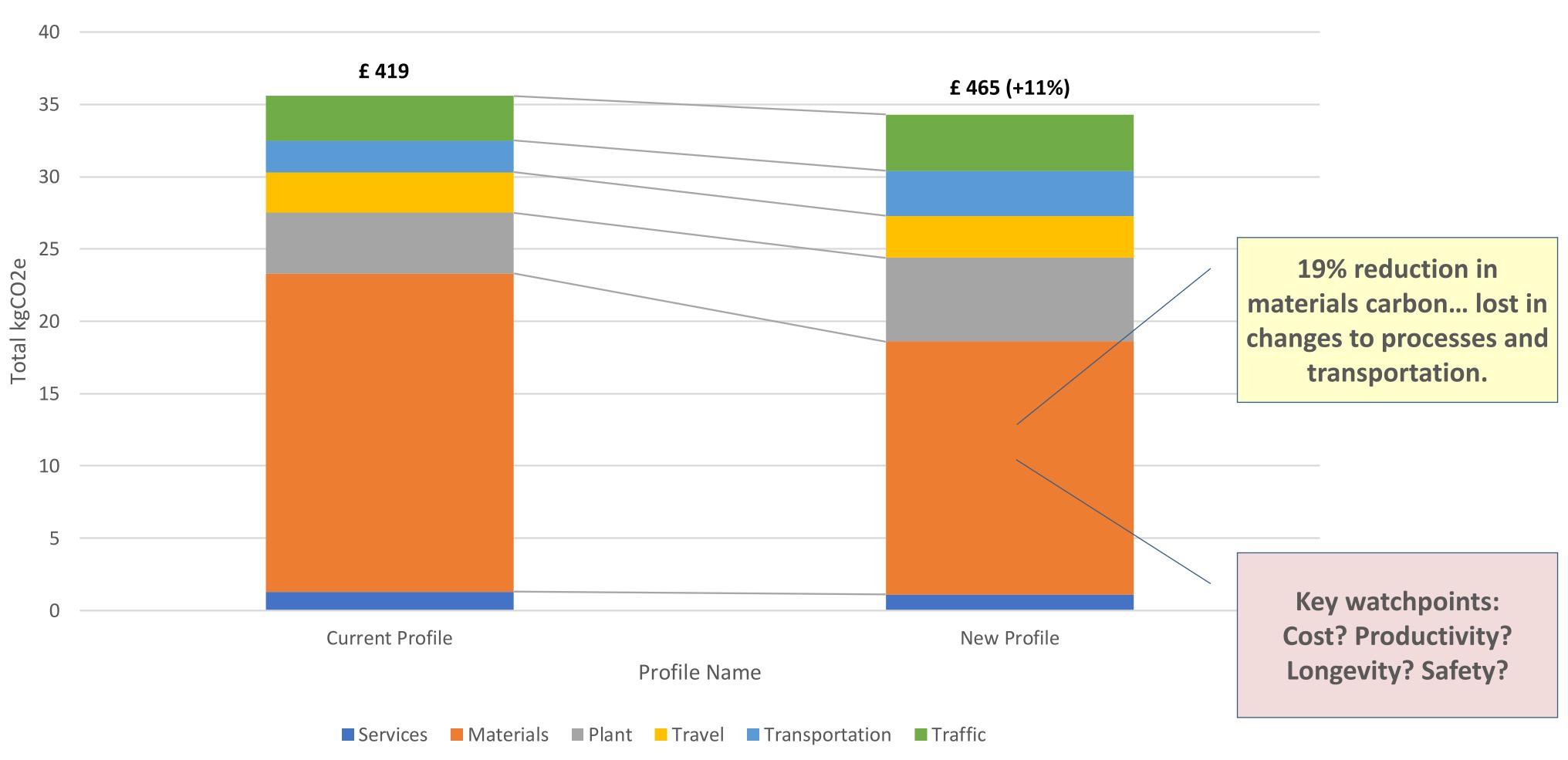


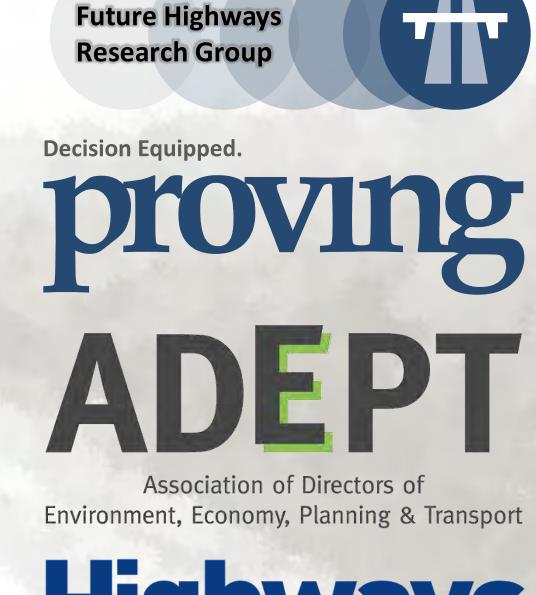
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Sample Activity (Per Shift)





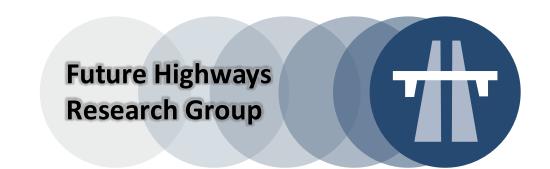
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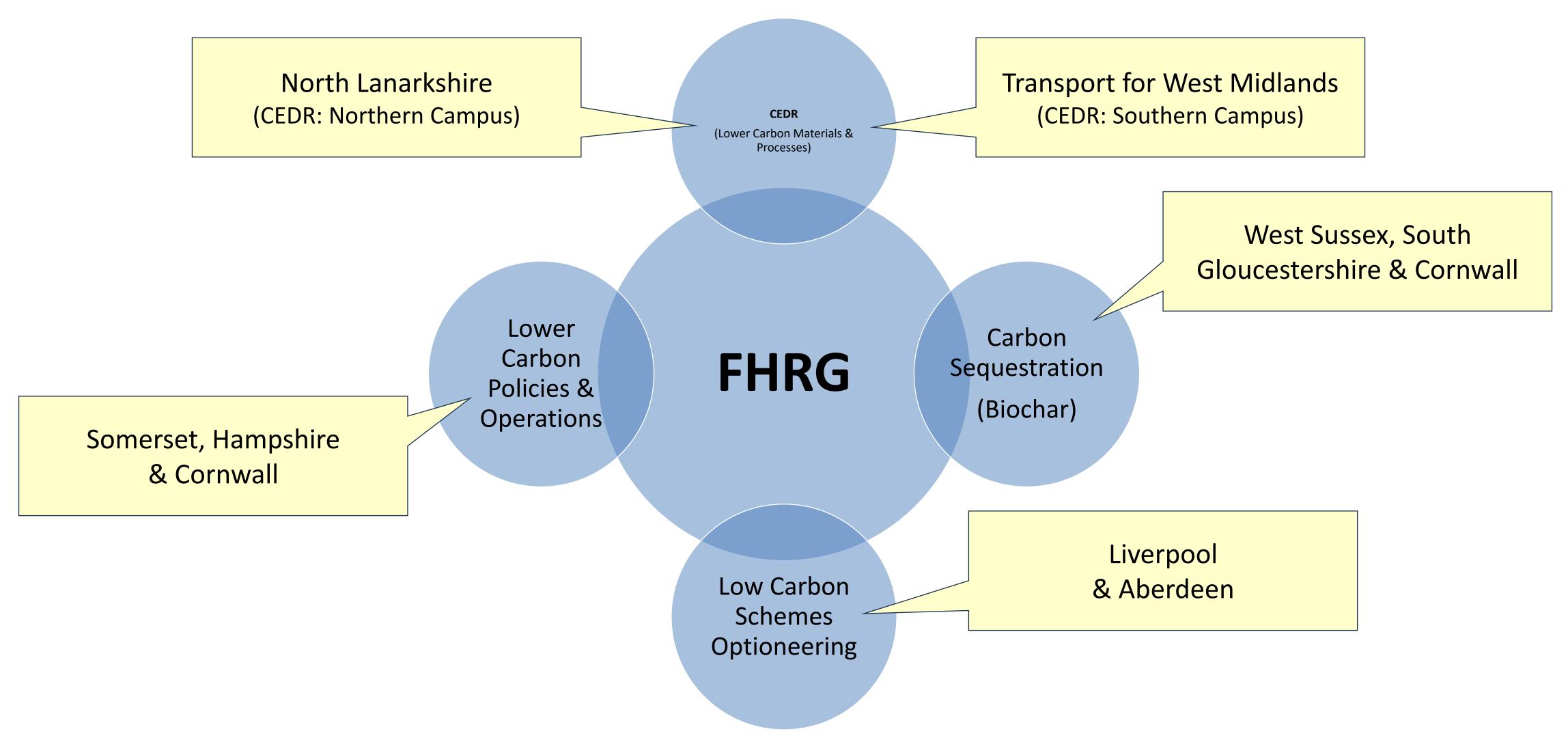
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Supported Programmes: Consistency & Coherence

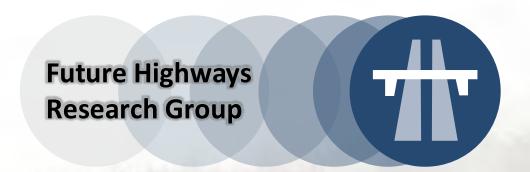


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CCAS & Carbon Analyser: Live Labs II Support Programme

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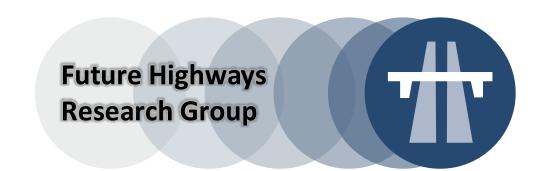


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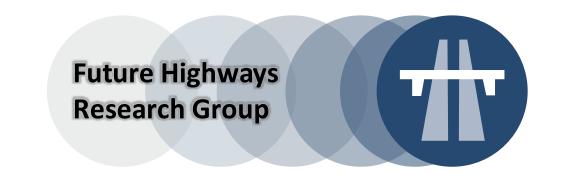
Current activity carbon assessment. (policy, process, method or

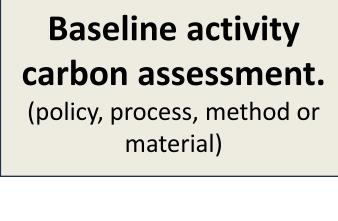
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Service-level carbon footprint.

(carbon context)

Live Labs II: project-level carbon assessment.



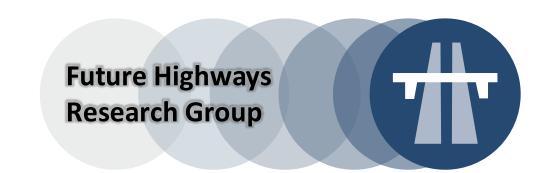


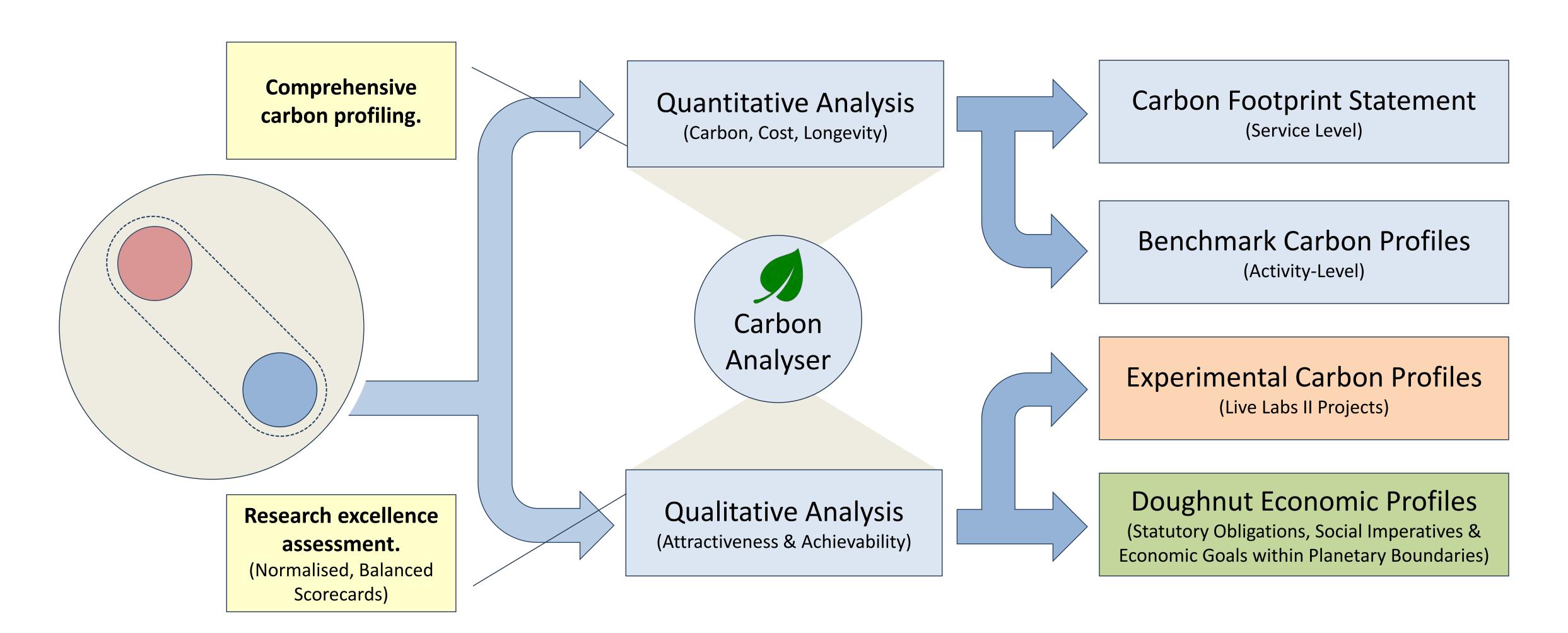
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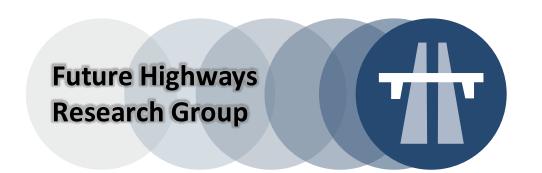
Not applicable where an activity is novel.

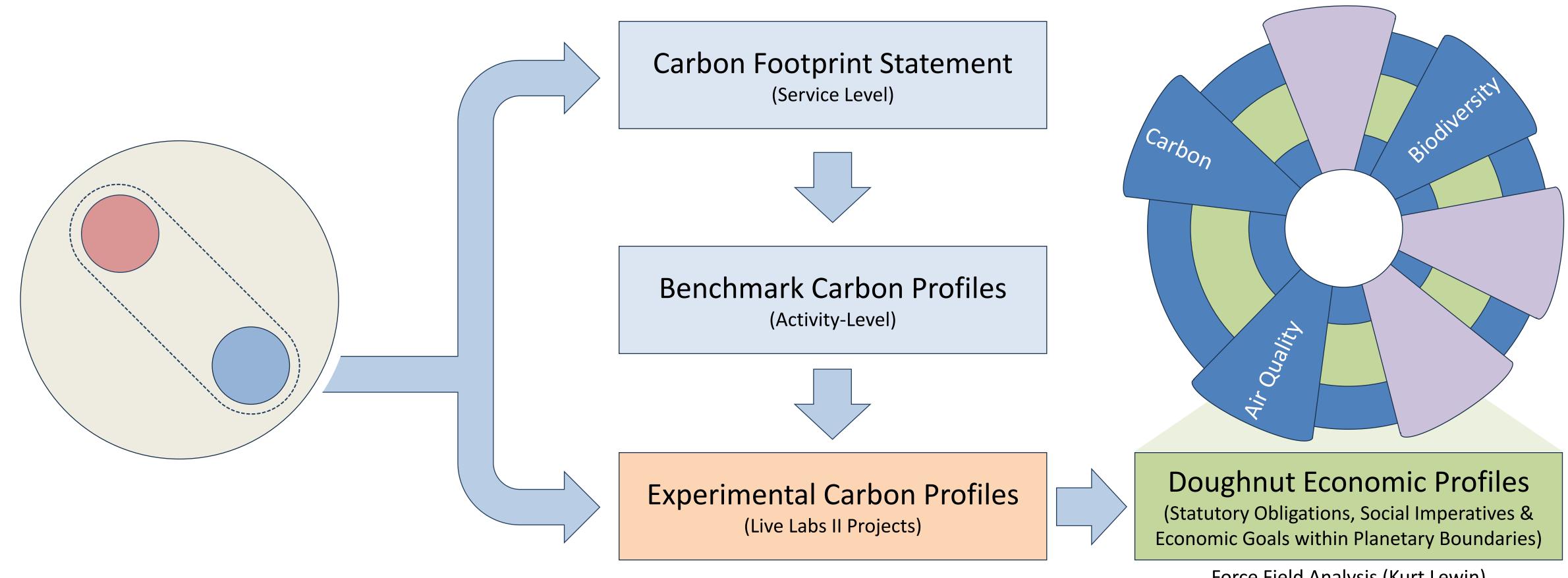
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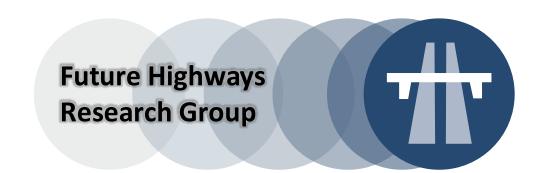
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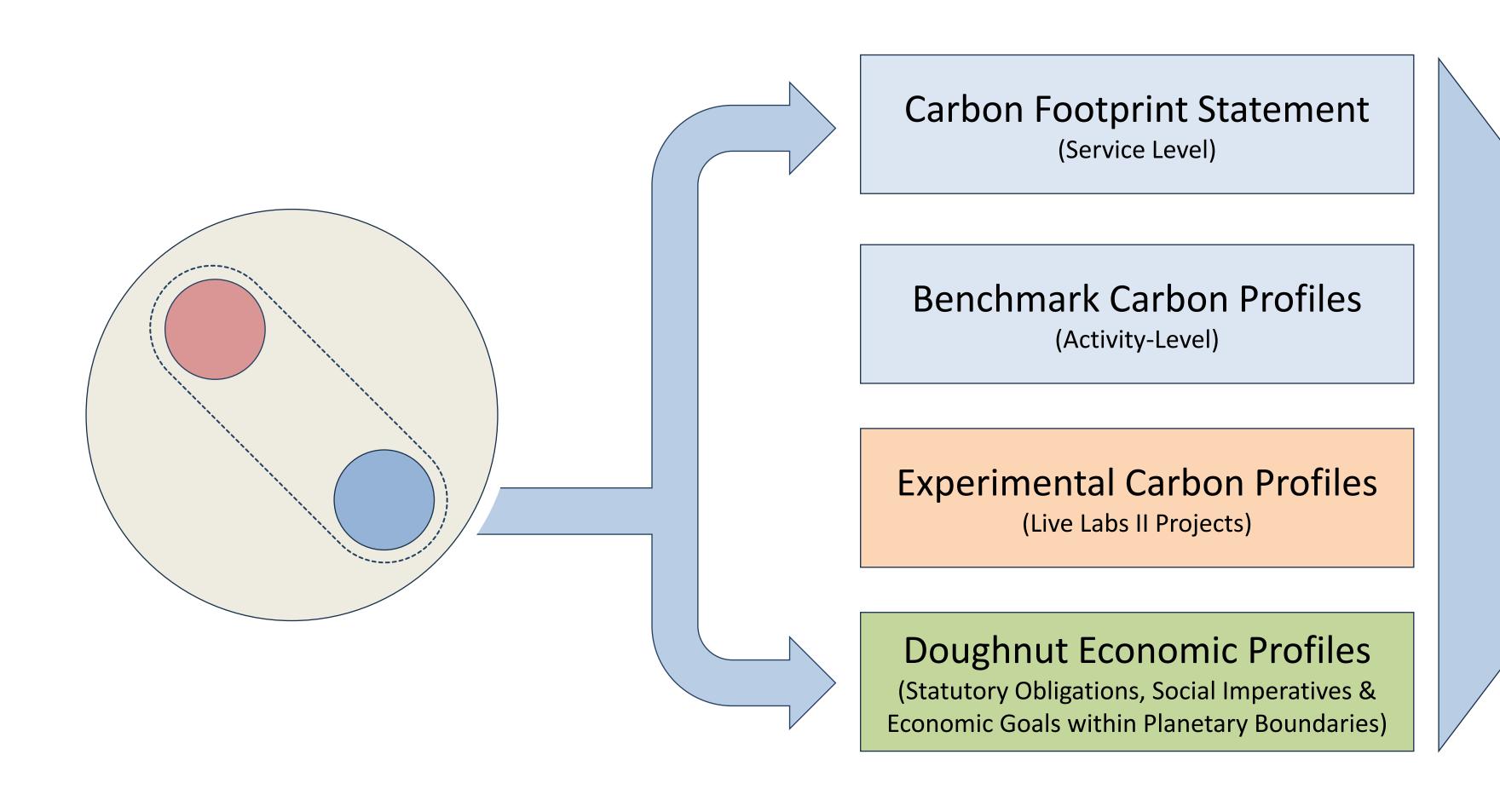




Force Field Analysis (Kurt Lewin)

Sector Impact Assessment





Sector Impact Assessments

Extrapolations for FHRG, ADEPT and Supply Chains



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