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INDUSTRY REPORT

The state of energy and sustainability in the UK Material Handling Industry

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WELCOME!

UKMHA is delighted to partner with Consultus with the creation of our industry report which examines current energy use and sustainability within the UK material handling industry. Highlighting, both the challenges businesses face and the opportunities for improvement, this report is a first of its kind focusing squarely on the needs and feedback from UKMHA members.

"Rising energy costs remain a critical concern"

Rising energy costs remain a critical concern, with prices still significantly higher than pre-2021 levels and respondents rating their level of concern at an average of 8.05 out of 10. Despite this, many organisations lack robust energy monitoring practices, with 84% reporting no energy management system in place and over half yet to implement efficiency measures.

While sustainability is widely recognised as important, there is a clear gap between intent and action. Only a minority of businesses have defined net zero targets, and many lack the resources, expertise, or clarity needed to implement meaningful change. Key barriers include budget constraints, limited internal capacity, and uncertainty around available solutions.

"...the report demonstrates a strong business case for action."

However, the report demonstrates a strong business case for action. Energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives can deliver cost savings, operational resilience, competitive advantage, and improved access to investment.

To address these challenges, the report recommends a phased approach: improving measurement and data visibility, implementing low-cost efficiency measures, and scaling up to renewable technologies and strategic decarbonisation. Collectively, these steps will enable businesses to reduce costs, enhance sustainability performance, and future-proof operations.

I hope you find this document informative, thought-provoking and engaging.

THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE

There's a phrase we use a lot when talking to our clients: you can't manage what you don't measure. It sounds simple. But this report suggests that for much of the material handling industry, even that first step remains a challenge.

Only 4% of respondents said they track energy use well enough to identify where problems actually are, with just 21% having net zero targets in place. Yet concern about rising costs is significant and more and more customers are demanding sustainability criteria. The frustration is understandable, but the solution is simpler than many businesses may think.

What holds most back isn't budget, it's uncertainty. Confusion about what's available, scepticism about ROI, and a sense that sustainability is something that can be tackled at a later date. In our experience, once businesses take that first step - whether that's submetering, energy audits, or simply understanding their consumption and emissions - the path forward becomes far clearer.

That is exactly what this report is designed to provide. Working with the UKMHA, our aim has been to give the material handling industry an honest picture of where it stands, and a practical, phased route forward. Whether you are yet to take your first step on the energy and sustainability journey, or looking to build on measures already in place, there is something here for you.

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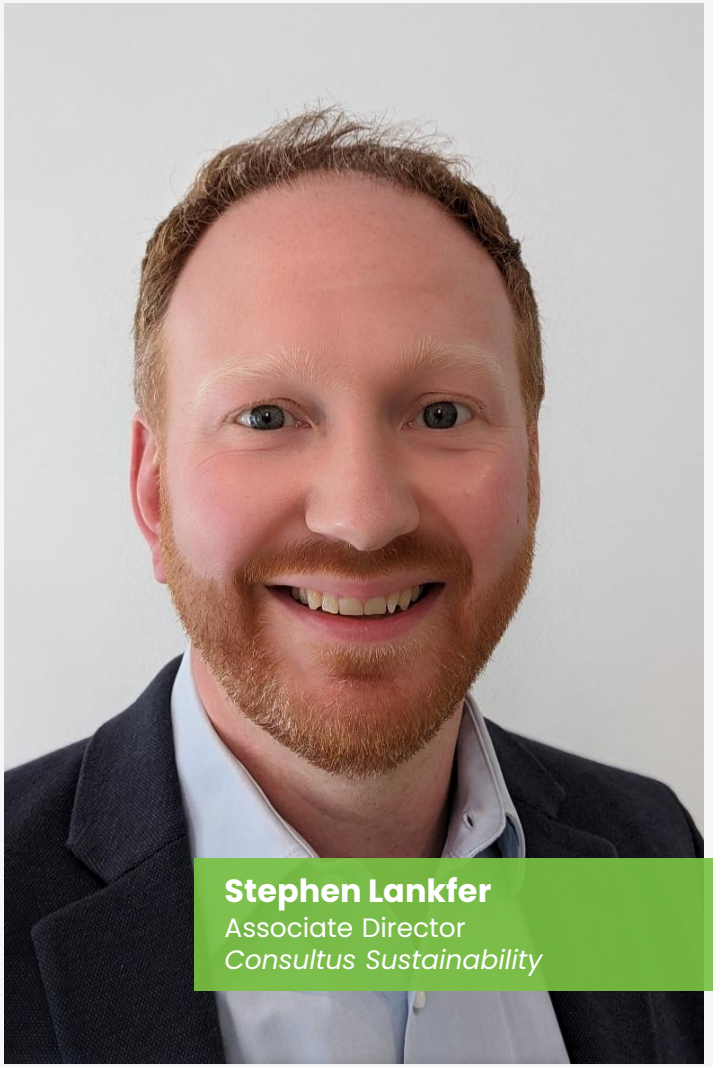
Sustainability is no longer a matter of environmental conscience alone. It is a commercial necessity; a way to reduce costs, manage risk, attract investment, and future-proof operations in an unpredictable world. The key is to act, and to start now.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this survey. I hope you find this report both informative, and more importantly, useful.



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BACKGROUND

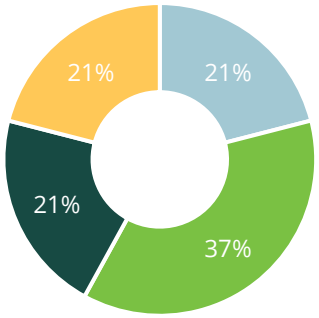
This report has been created by Consultus Sustainability in association with the UK Materials Handling Association, to capture the current state of energy and sustainability across the material handling industry. Our aim was to highlight the current challenges faced and promote awareness of the measures businesses in the industry are implementing.

Our survey was sent out to all members of the UKMHA, with respondents spanning multiple business types and sizes within material handling.

The majority of our respondents fell into the 10-50 employee category (37%), and described themselves as manufacturers (32%), dealerships (42%) or 'other' (26%).

This report will analyse the responses received, presenting back our findings with additional insight and recommendations for the industry.

Business size by employees



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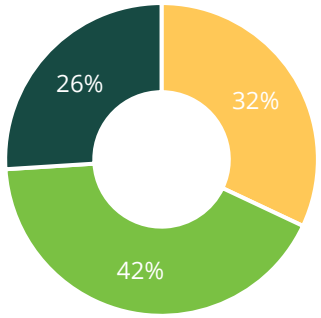
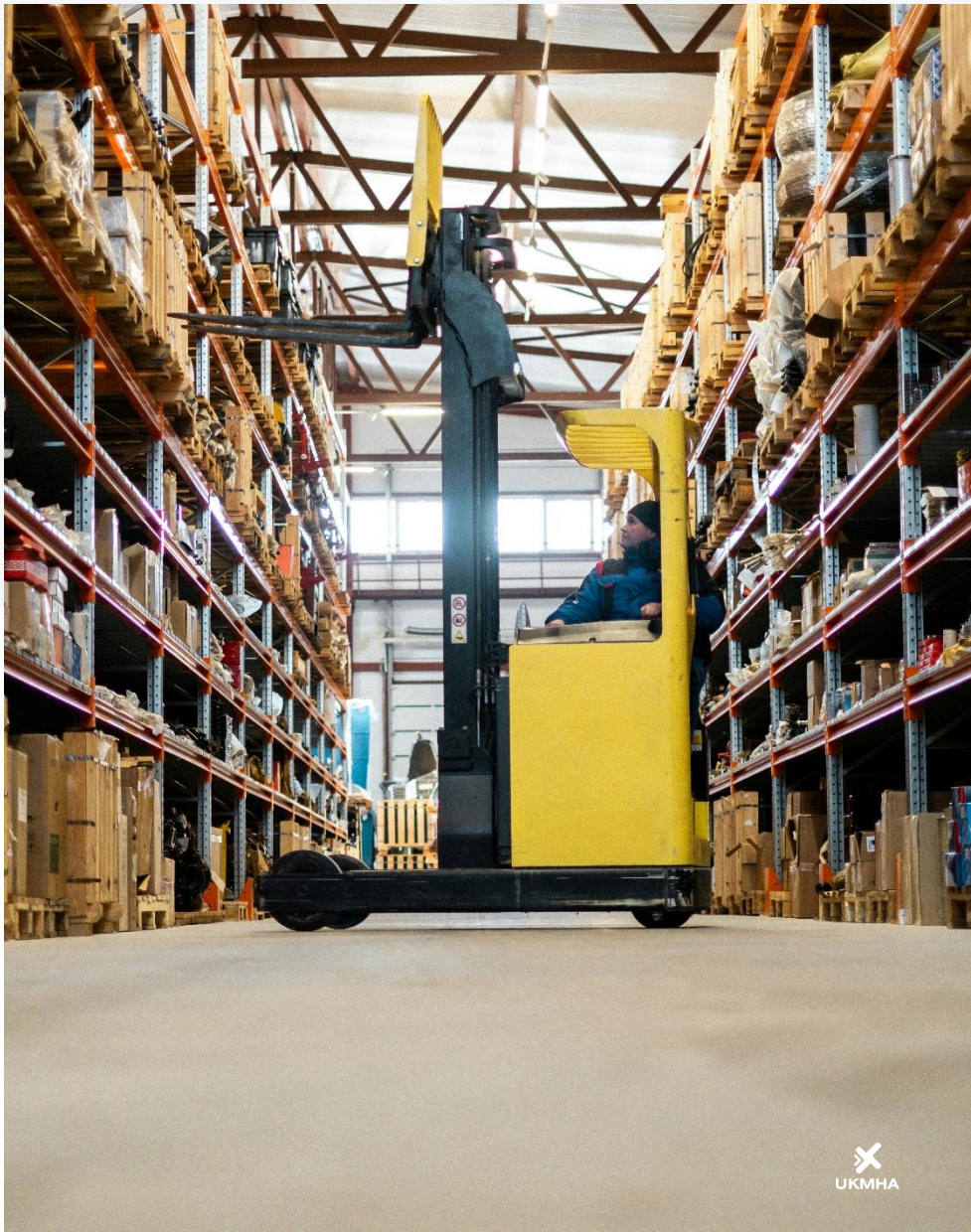




RISING ENERGY COSTS

In a volatile energy market, rising costs have become a significant concern for businesses in the UK Material Handling Industry.

Energy costs for the UK Material Handling Industry have remained high following the 2022 energy crisis. Although wholesale prices have eased from their peak, they still hover at around 75% higher than at the start of 2021, resulting in electricity costs for the industrial sector being among the highest in the EA (International Energy Agency).

Source: ONS

As an energy-intensive sector, this is a significant cause for concern for many material handling organisations. When asked about their level of concern regarding rising energy costs, on a scale of 1-10, survey respondents scored an average 8.05, indicating that rising costs are a critical issue requiring attention and strategic action.

On a scale of 1-10 (10 being extremely concerning and 1 being not at all concerning) how much of a concern are rising energy costs?

Average score: 8.05

Why Are Energy Costs Rising?

Energy costs are driven by a number of factors such as supply and demand, geopolitical tensions and conflict and fluctuations in global fuel markets, with disruption to supply chains and changes in government policy further contributing to price volatility.

In recent years, we have seen several significant global events which have pushed the energy market into flux, including the Russia and Ukraine war, followed by the energy crisis, as well as ongoing tensions in the Middle East.

For the material handling sector, these rising costs come with serious challenges including higher operating expenses for lighting, equipment operation, and increased costs in their supply chains.

Water Bills and Operational Costs

Rising costs are not limited to energy, as we have also seen increases in water costs. Although dependent on region, wholesale water costs have seen some of the biggest price hikes since the privatisation of the water industry. These increases are being driven by factors such as infrastructure investment and environmental regulations. As prices rise, so too do the costs associated with production, maintenance, and compliance.

Source: Ofwat

4%

Believe their company tracks energy use ‘very well’ and can identify hotspots and issues

64%

Said they only had a rough idea of energy consumption or did not track energy use at all

84%

Of respondents said they do not use an energy management system

RISING ENERGY COSTS continued

How is the UK Material Handling Industry Responding to Rising Energy Costs?

Energy costs are rising and many Material Handling businesses are struggling to adapt and implement measures to mitigate these increases.

Measuring and Tracking Energy Use

When asked about their energy use and how this is measured and tracked, just 4% felt that they tracked their energy use ‘very well’, indicating they are able to identify hotspots of high usage through regular tracking.

A further 32% stated that they track how much energy their site uses well but could not identify issues. The remaining 64% said they either had a rough idea how much energy they used but felt there was room for improvement or did not have any active energy tracking processes in place.

This shows that whilst some businesses have implemented active energy efficiency measures and are monitoring their usage to a certain extent, many still recognise the need to adopt a more detailed approach to tracking and analysing their energy consumption.

Energy Management Systems

An Energy Management System (EMS) enables users to analyse and optimise energy use across their business. These may include a range of software and hardware systems such as smart meters and submeters or specialist software that collects data across different sites and operations.

When asked if they had an energy management system in place, 84% of respondents said they did not.

RISING ENERGY COSTS continued

Why is Energy Tracking and Management so Important?

Having a comprehensive energy tracking and management system or procedures in place is essential for material handling businesses with significant energy consumption, particularly during periods of high energy costs. Beyond simply understanding how much energy is being used, these systems provide insights into when and where energy is consumed across operations.

This level of insight enables businesses to identify inefficiencies, reduce waste, and make informed decisions about improvements. Effective energy tracking can highlight peak demand periods and uncover opportunities to make adjustments to usage which can result in financial savings.

Energy Efficiency Measures

In the last twelve months, 53% of respondents stated that they had not implemented any energy efficiency measures, despite rising costs presenting significant challenges.

Implementing energy efficiency measures is an effective way for businesses to combat rising energy costs, by reducing their overall usage. This can range from upgrades such as LED lighting to investing in renewable self-generation technology.

Of the 47% of respondents that said they had some energy efficiency measures in place already, the most common examples given were LED lighting, solar panels, and optimised charging schedules for electrical equipment such as forklifts.

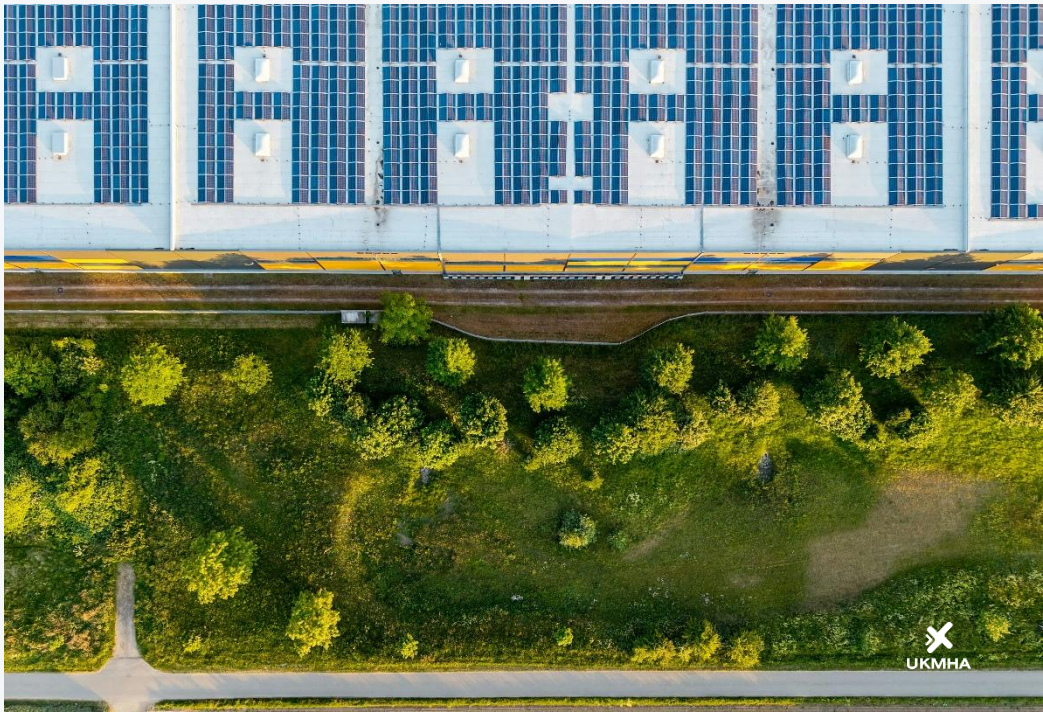
However, 53% of respondents stated that they do not currently have any plans in place to improve energy efficiency in the next 12 months, a surprising statistic when taking into account the number of respondents concerned about rising energy costs.

Most common efficiency measures in place by those who have already implemented them:

29%
LED lighting upgrades

21%
Solar panel installation

14%
Optimised charging



SUSTAINABILITY

Although an important consideration for many, sustainability remains uncharted territory for many material handling businesses.

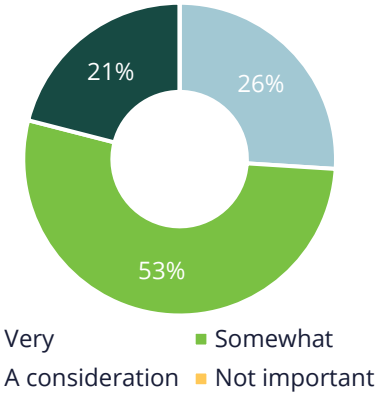
How important is sustainability for businesses?

With 79% of respondents saying sustainability is 'somewhat important' or higher, it is clear that businesses increasingly recognise environmental responsibility as a key to long-term success.

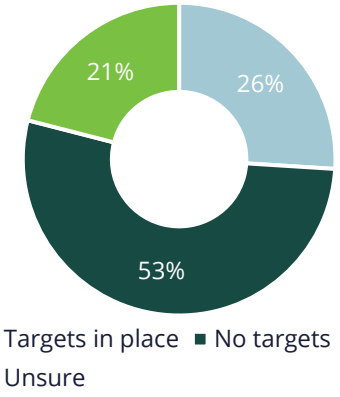
However, despite this, only a quarter of respondents currently have net zero targets in place. Of those without net zero targets, half also said that they have no plans to set any. And for those with net zero targets, many (40%) stated that there is no clear strategy to reach those targets.

This disparity suggests that whilst sustainability is widely acknowledged as important in principle, many businesses are still struggling to translate it into concrete, measurable commitments.

How important is sustainability?



% businesses with net zero targets



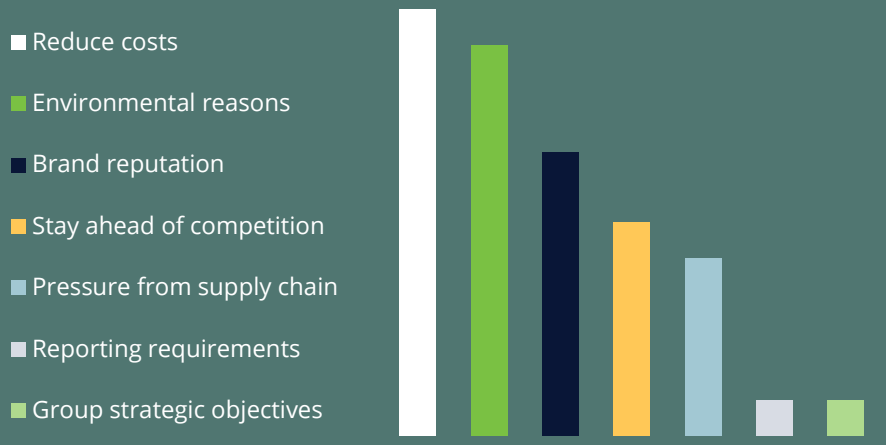
Why do businesses want to be more sustainable?

Sustainability has a number of benefits for businesses across all sectors, and it is evident that many businesses recognise this. The most common reasons given for wanting to implement sustainability measures include cost reduction, environmental reasons, and brand reputation.

Reducing energy use, waste, and inefficient processes is recognised as a direct way to lower operating costs, whilst improving environmental performance helps businesses meet growing expectations from customers and stakeholders. Strong sustainability credentials can also improve brand image, helping companies differentiate themselves in competitive markets.

Supply chain pressure and reporting requirements ranked much lower on the priority list for many businesses. This suggests that, at present, sustainability is being driven more by internal motivations and perceived business benefits rather than external compliance demands.

Main drivers for implementing sustainability measures



SUSTAINABILITY continued

What are businesses currently doing for sustainability?

Despite clear indication that sustainability is important for businesses, a lack of dedicated resource could be stunting progress in this area, with only 10% having a dedicated sustainability manager and 37% saying they do not have anyone looking after sustainability at all.

Instead, responsibility is often spread across existing roles which can limit the time and expertise dedicated to sustainability.

However, when asked about sustainability expectations from customers, 68% of respondents said that customers are now asking for sustainability criteria when bidding for work. This suggests that sustainability is becoming more of a commercial requirement as more companies use environmental performance as part of their supplier selection process.

These findings highlight a clear gap between the resources material handling businesses have and the changing expectations from stakeholders and customers.

68%

Said customers are asking for sustainability criteria

37%

Do not have a dedicated sustainability manager

19%

Need to complete some form of compliance reporting

Sustainability and carbon reporting

Carbon reporting is becoming an increasingly important aspect of sustainability for businesses, particularly for larger organisations with higher energy use and more complex operations. Survey findings indicate a mixed level of engagement: whilst 57% of respondents do not currently have to complete compliance reporting, 19% are subject to mandatory requirements, with a further 24% unsure of their obligations.

For eligible organisations, it is essential to have robust, well-structured processes in place to accurately and consistently collect data and ensure compliant reporting.

Two of the most significant energy reporting frameworks in the UK are the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) and the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR). ESOS applies to large UK undertakings and requires businesses to carry out regular energy audits to identify opportunities for energy efficiency improvements. SECR requires eligible large organisations to disclose their energy use and carbon emissions as part of their annual reports.

Although these schemes mainly apply to larger organisations, it is good practice for smaller businesses to stay on top of energy monitoring and data collection internally. Doing so enables them to respond more effectively to client and supply chain requests and prepares them for potential regulatory changes. It also supports future business growth, as sustainability expectations continue to increase across sectors.

Without established reporting processes, businesses may struggle to provide emissions data or sustainability metrics when required, especially given the percentage of respondents being asked to meet sustainability criteria during bidding processes.

BLOCKERS AND BARRIERS

A lack of sustainability and energy efficiency measures in businesses often stems from practical barriers rather than reluctance.

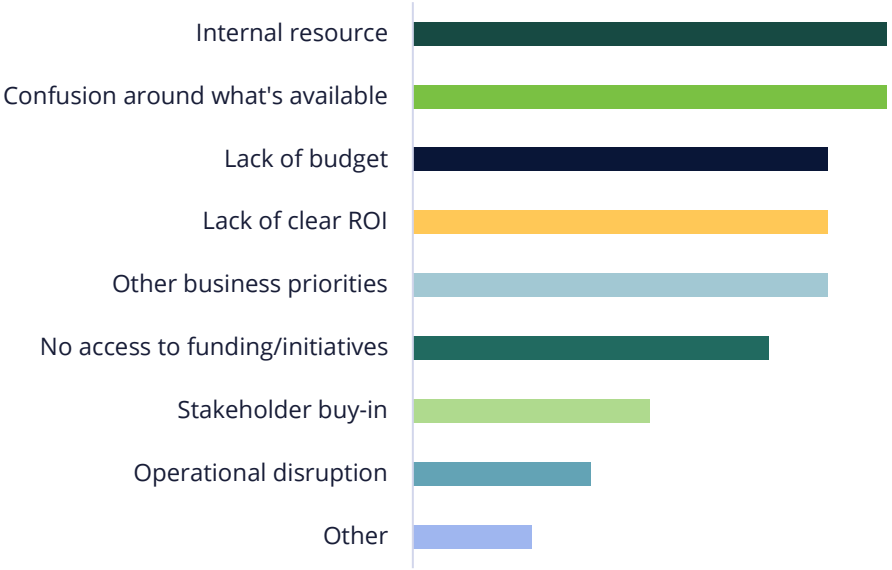
It is clear that many UK Material Handling businesses have a desire to introduce efficiency and sustainability measures but are facing blockers preventing them from getting started.

The most common blockers amongst respondents were a lack of internal resources and confusion around available options. This highlights a real need for greater guidance and practical support to help businesses navigate the range of solutions available.

Budgetary concerns, lack of clear ROI, lack of funding access and other more pressing business priorities were also given as barriers preventing uptake.

Increasing awareness of funding opportunities, alongside clearer evidence of proven best practices and measurable outcomes, would help reduce perceived risk and strengthen the business case for sustainability and energy efficiency.

What are the major blockers in implementing sustainability or energy efficiency measures?



Return on Investment

What some businesses may not realise is that implementing sustainability and energy efficiency measures can actually reduce costs in the long term, freeing up budgets to be used in other areas of operation. Many technologies can be installed with a fully funded solution, providing immediate savings with no upfront outlay. Examples of return on investment for common sustainability and energy efficiency measures include:

LED lighting

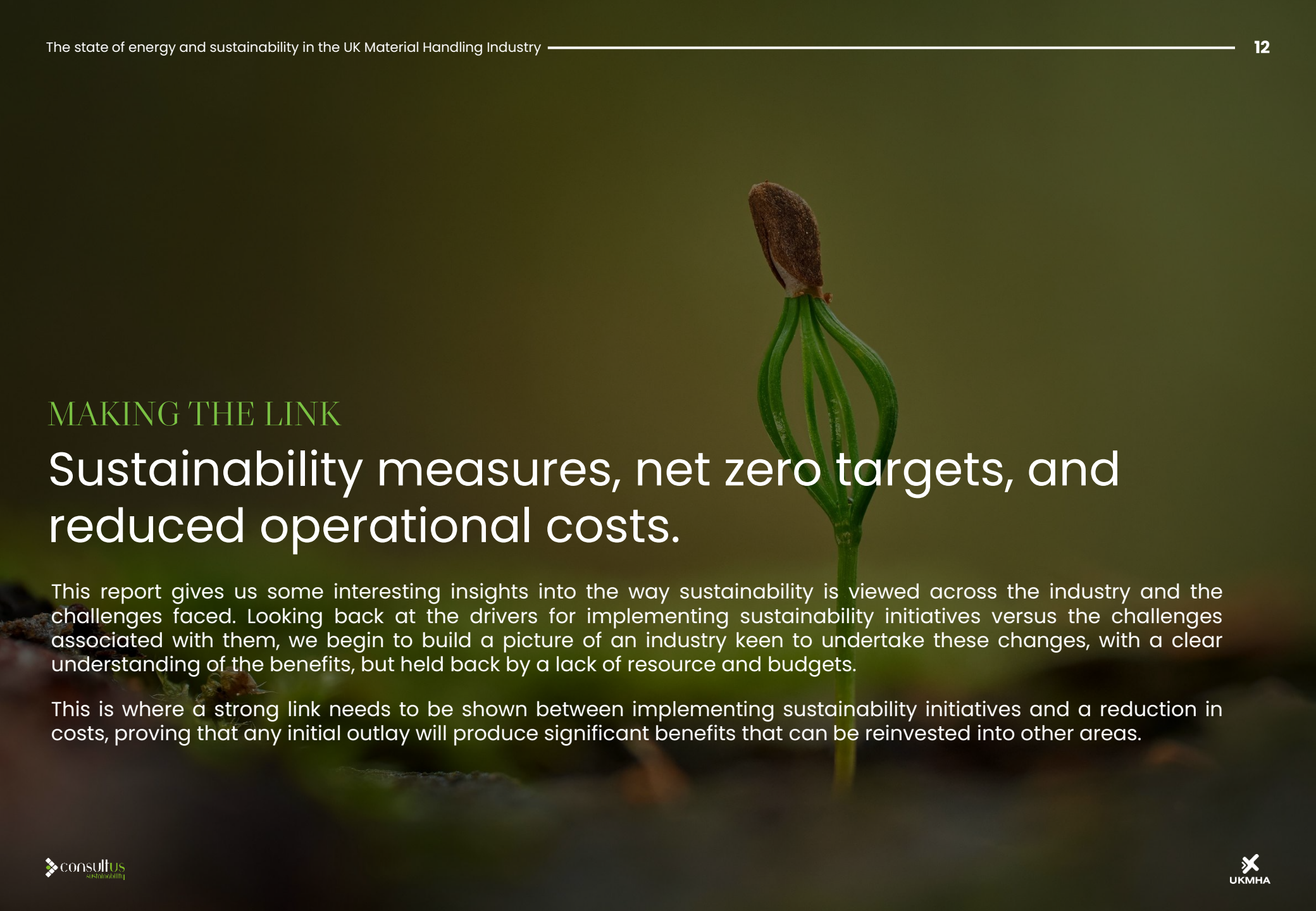
LED lighting can reduce energy consumption by 50–75%, directly lowering utility bills when compared with fluorescent or incandescent lighting. They also typically have a longer lifespan and payback period of one to three years.

Solar PV systems

With an average 25-year lifespan, solar panels offer a strong return on investment with a payback period of three to ten years. For businesses with high energy demand, this payback period may be even shorter.

High-Frequency Chargers

HF chargers for electrical machinery, equipment and vehicles have relatively short payback periods of around two to four years and may be as much as 15-30% more energy efficient.



MAKING THE LINK

Sustainability measures, net zero targets, and reduced operational costs.

This report gives us some interesting insights into the way sustainability is viewed across the industry and the challenges faced. Looking back at the drivers for implementing sustainability initiatives versus the challenges associated with them, we begin to build a picture of an industry keen to undertake these changes, with a clear understanding of the benefits, but held back by a lack of resource and budgets.

This is where a strong link needs to be shown between implementing sustainability initiatives and a reduction in costs, proving that any initial outlay will produce significant benefits that can be reinvested into other areas.

THE CASE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability measures are often pushed to the bottom of priority lists, seen as an unnecessary investment in times of rising operational costs and financial uncertainty. But that needs to change.

According to recent reports by the International Energy Agency, around 70% of companies surveyed reported a return on investment of over 10% for energy efficiency measures that had been implemented over the last five years. Adding to this, almost 80% of respondents believed that energy efficiency would provide a competitive advantage to their business over the next five years.

With energy costs rising, and a number of geopolitical events creating volatility in energy markets over recent years, implanting energy efficiency measures is increasingly becoming a strategic move to better manage risk. In the IEA report, nearly 40% of respondents indicated that energy efficiency is their first line of action against rising energy costs.

Whilst we talk about 'energy efficiency measures', these measures are a subsection of wider sustainability initiatives, with the aim of many sustainability measures being to reduce energy consumption, thus reducing carbon emissions and, in turn, costs.

But outside of reducing energy costs, implementing sustainable practices and working toward net zero goals can actually improve a business' prospects and increase revenue.

Source: IEA

Seeing sustainability as an investment

Source: IEA

>10%

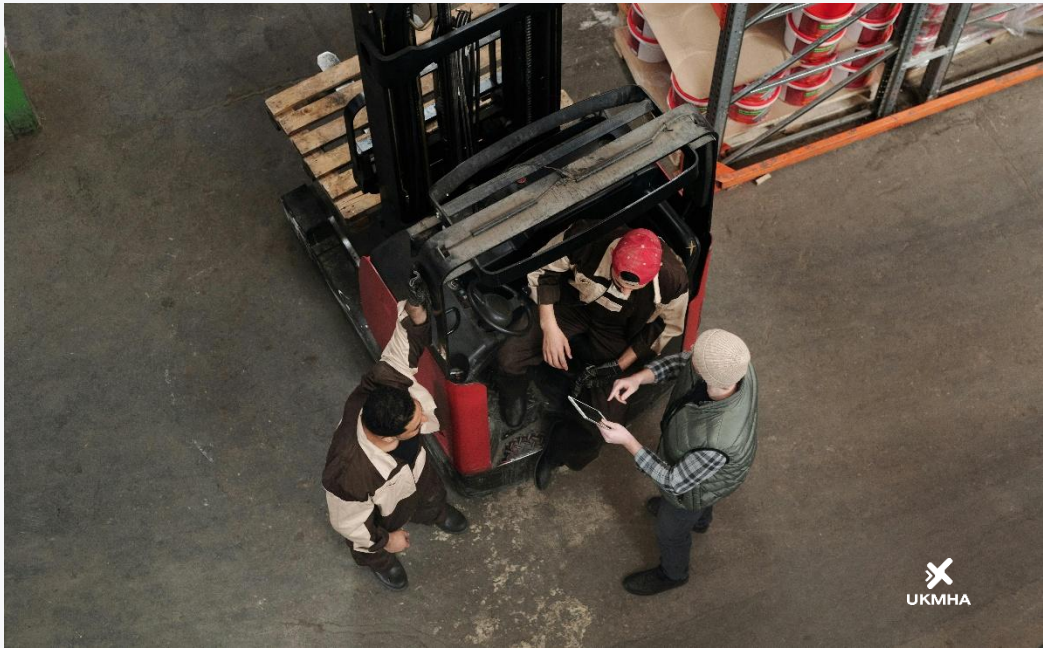
Return on investment reported by 70% of companies on energy efficiency measures

80%

believed that energy efficiency would provide a competitive advantage in the next 5 years

40%

stated that energy efficiency is their first line of action against rising energy costs



7.1%-11.6%

Premiums commanded by green-certified offices

79%

Of investors say management of ESG risks and opportunities is an important factor in investment decision making.

2x

Financially successful companies that incorporated ESG priorities into their business strategies were twice as likely to generate a 10% increase in revenue.

THE CASE FOR SUSTAINABILITY continued

Increased revenue and access to investment

For those businesses renting out property or considering investment, research by JLL shows that green-certified offices command premiums of 7.1% to 11.6%, whilst a report by PWC found a large majority (79%) of investors say the way a company manages ESG risks and opportunities is an important factor in their investment decision making. This report also found that 49% of investors are willing to divest from companies that aren't taking sufficient action on ESG issues.

Further to this, a report by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) shows that active investors explicitly incorporate sustainability factors (such as climate transition readiness, biodiversity exposure, or workforce practices) into cash flow forecasts, asset values, and cost of capital assumptions. Where sustainability risks are unmanaged, investors may downgrade valuations, increase required returns, or avoid investment entirely.

On the other hand, companies that that generate meaningful revenue from sustainability aligned products or services (such as electrification, clean water or biodiversity solutions) can qualify for inclusion in certain funds, unlocking new sources of capital.

When looking into revenue increases, a report by McKinsey found that financially successful companies that incorporated environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) priorities into their business strategies were twice as likely as their peers to generate a 10% increase in revenue. This increase is likely driven by a combination of reduced costs increasing profit margins, and an appetite from consumers for more sustainable products.

Sources: JLL, PWC, WBCSD, McKinsey

THE CASE FOR SUSTAINABILITY continued

Removing the barrier of upfront costs and limited resource

One solution driving the uptake of sustainability initiatives and implementation of technology, is the availability of funding for solutions such as solar, wind and energy efficiency measures. With a multitude of funding options available, businesses are able to initiate net zero recommendations without the worry of investing significant upfront capital.

These solutions can include Power Purchase Agreements, Hire Purchase, Energy as a Service and Supply Contract Integration, though different installers will offer various solutions. It's an avenue many businesses find valuable to explore, removing cost barriers to sustainability projects. By choosing a funded solution, businesses benefit from savings from the minute their technology is turned on, with integrated repayment and electricity costs often much lower than current grid rates.

On limited resources, there are numerous options available. Many businesses start small, implementing a 'sustainability council' consisting of peers from across the company, reducing workloads when compared to sustainability responsibilities being added to an individual's role.

Another route to explore, especially for those with limited inhouse expertise, is the appointment of a sustainability consultancy to undergo much of the work and prioritise recommendations. When working with the right consultancy, businesses see a range of benefits including reduced workloads, better organisation, and increased inhouse knowledge. The dedicated expertise of a company can save significant time, effort, and costs relating to sustainability reporting and implementation, with ROI outweighing initial investment.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

The technologies and services available to reduce costs and carbon.

Based on the outcomes of this report, and our best practice for any business looking to implement energy reduction and sustainability measures, we would recommend the following actions.

As ‘Confusion about what options are available’ was stated as a blocker for many looking to implement solutions, these recommendations are designed to raise awareness of the technologies and services available. These actions comprise of both physical and behavioural changes, which combined lead to significant cost reductions and wider benefits.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Start by measuring, then managing

You cannot manage what you do not measure. It's something we regularly speak to our clients about when starting any sustainability or cost reduction journey. In order to ensure any solutions you implement are effective, you need to have good data to benchmark from.

Submetering and Virtual Energy Management

Submetering is becoming increasingly popular, especially in businesses with large premises with multiple areas of operation. By implementing submetering, businesses can see exactly where energy is being consumed, identify issues, and gather data such as usage patterns.

This can be taken a step further with Virtual Energy Management, a service which consists of a consultant reviewing your energy data, interpreting patterns, and producing recommendations, alongside giving commentary. Your consultant essentially acts as your energy manager, with in-depth knowledge that helps businesses make strategic changes.

Site Energy Audits

Once you have started to collect data better, an onsite energy audit can help identify further opportunities to make improvements. An expert auditor will assess your buildings, reviewing everything from HVAC systems and building fabric, to operational practices and equipment. This will then be translated into a full report, with a list of actions, recommendations on priority, and indication of costs. Energy audits form a strong foundation to begin any implementation work.

Historic Bill Validation and Cost Recovery

Historic bill validation services paired with cost recovery audits can deep dive into your energy billing, past and present, and find inaccuracies and overpayments. A team of experts can analyse supplier bills against parameters discussed and agreed with you, including checking meter and site data, contract and tariff data, and consumption. You are then provided with monthly discrepancy reports, identifying overpayments which can then be investigated and recovered.

Net Zero Snapshot

Looking outside of energy consumption, a Net Zero Snapshot provides an overview of your current carbon footprint, serving as an initial step towards understanding your organisation's baseline emissions and identifying key areas for improvement. These reports provide some basic insights into additional areas such as waste and operations, allowing you to identify opportunities for cost savings that go further than just your energy consumption.

RECOMMENDATIONS continued

Move onto small implementations

Once you have started to measure and manage your existing energy consumption, the next step is to start implanting smaller changes. This allows you to start making savings with minimal outlay, with the option to reinvest savings into larger implementations in the future.

Energy efficiency upgrades

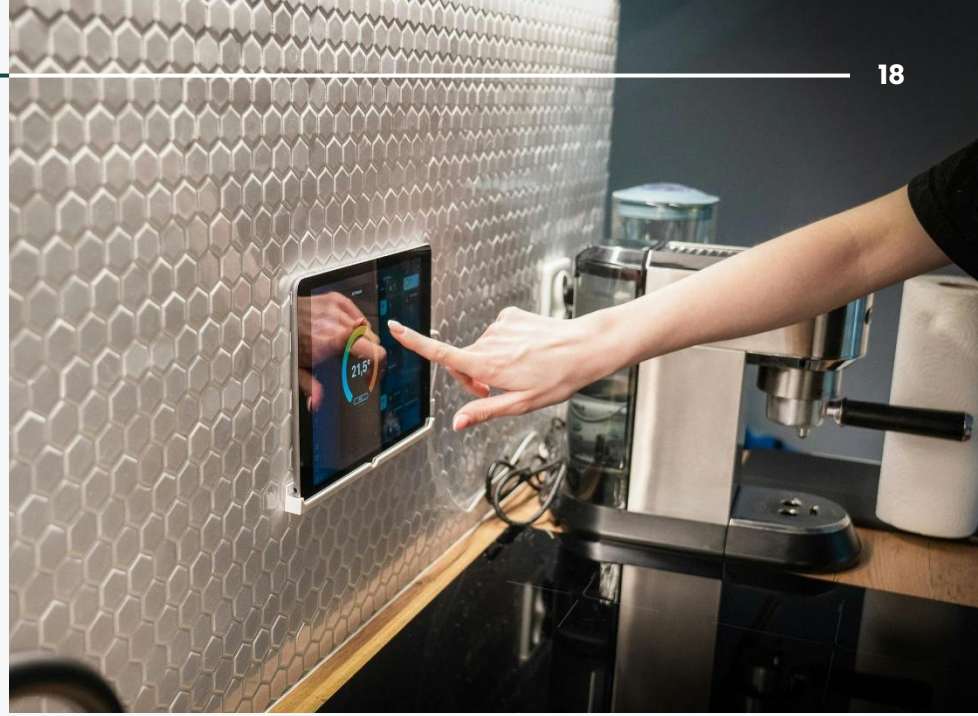
There are numerous energy efficiency upgrades that can benefit businesses and the best ones to implement will depend on your site and the highest consuming operations. As shown in this report, many businesses start by upgrading to LED lighting, due to lighting being one of the biggest energy consumers.

HVAC optimisation should also be a strong consideration, with heating and cooling being another large energy consumer in business premises. HVAC systems can be retrofitted with controls that react to real-time conditions and can even predict the weather. The right optimisation system can reduce HVAC energy use by up to 25%.

Many commercial buildings are already using, or have explored, simple systems such as motion sensors for lighting. But building management systems and smart controls go much further than this, with smart heating controls, lighting controls, air conditioning management, and plug socket controls all managed with one central system. With a well-designed system, you can monitor and control your building's energy use from your phone or computer, wherever you are, giving you greater control of your consumption and costs.

Cultural Engagement

Educating employees is a large part of reducing costs and becoming a more sustainable business. From simple measures such as lunch and learn sessions and interactive workshops, to investing in cultural engagement tools that form part of onboarding and staff training, empowering your employees is a significant part of any cost reduction or sustainability strategy.



RECOMMENDATIONS continued

Tackling larger implementations

To start to see a bigger impact on costs, larger implementations should be considered and reviewed for viability. Feasibility studies and consultancy services can help ensure investments are made in the right places.

Solar panels and renewable technologies

One of the implementations some respondents reported already having in place, was roof mounted solar panels. For businesses with physical premises, especially larger premises, rooftop solar can see energy costs reduced to a lifetime value as low as 5-6p/kWh, with a payback period of as little as 4 years.

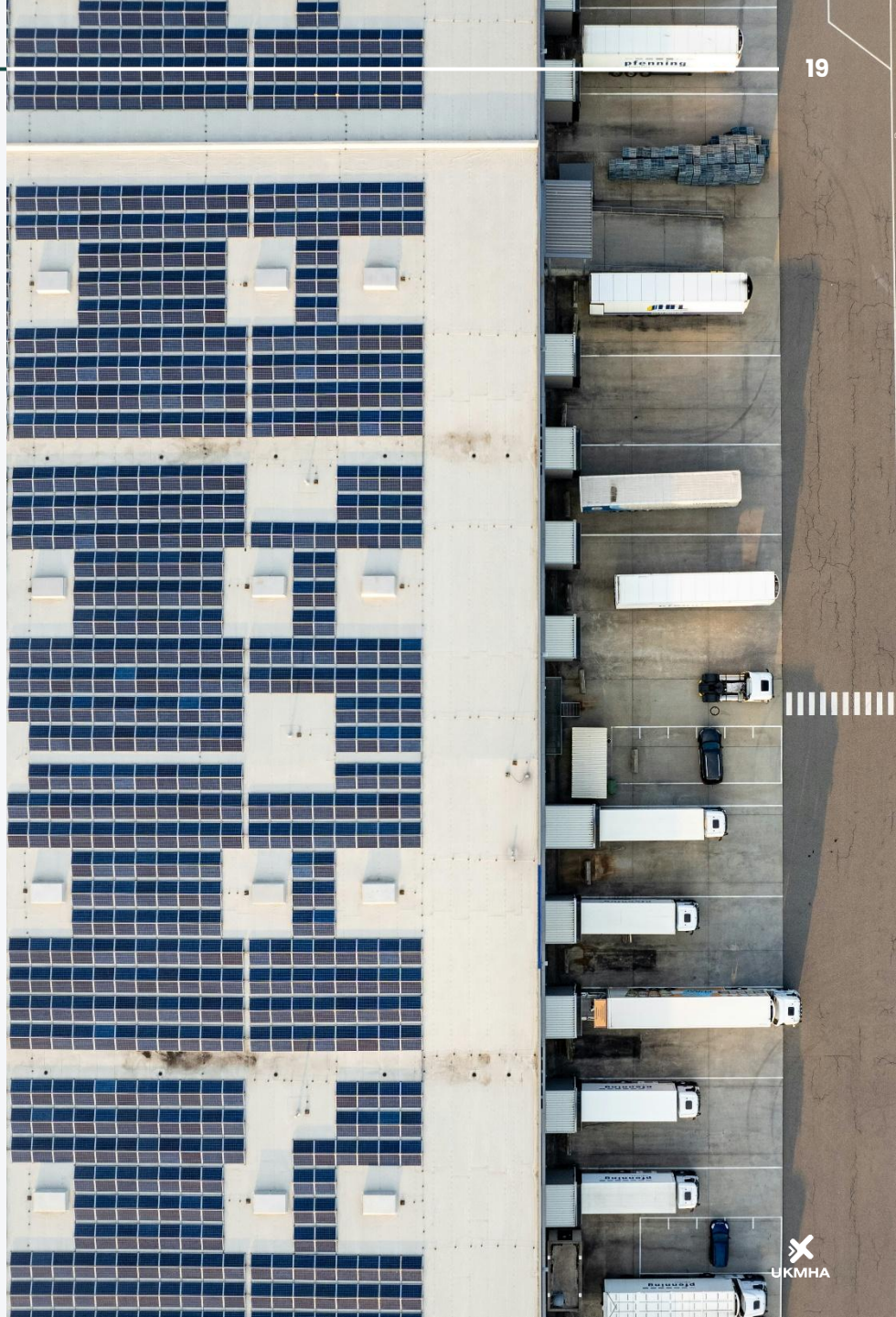
Solar energy not only reduces energy costs, but reduces your reliance on grid energy, in turn reducing risk of price volatility to your business. In sustainability credentials, solar also reduces scope 2 emissions.

Bigger premises with large solar arrays may also benefit from battery storage, allowing energy to be stored and used at times of low generation. For businesses with sites located in more rural or open spaces, wind generation can also be explored, to complement existing solar arrays.

Energy procurement and risk management

Reviewing your energy procurement and risk management strategy is crucial to ensuring you are paying the best price and receiving the best service. If you start to implement measures that reduce your overall consumption, you need to review any conditions of your existing contracts and may be able to negotiate lower rates.

A comprehensive risk management strategy will help you buy energy at the right time, saving thousands against market highs, and protecting your business against market volatility. For businesses without energy risk expertise inhouse, working with a consultancy can offer numerous benefits and provide security.



RECOMMENDATIONS continued

Future proofing your business

To ensure you maximise your cost savings potential whilst also reaching sustainability goals, there are further steps you can take for a more comprehensive solution.

Site Decarbonisation Strategy

To achieve significantly lower carbon emissions and reduce energy use, a full Site Decarbonisation Strategy is often required. Experts will audit your site and create a site-specific roadmap that covers renewable generation, energy efficiency, and thermal decarbonisation. Your tailored strategy will assess the suitability of all technologies and the optimal mix of solutions, designed to deliver the biggest carbon reduction savings.

Net Zero Pathway and Scope 3 Reporting

Those businesses wishing to maximise cost and carbon savings across their entire portfolio and operations may want to consider a full Net Zero Pathway service. These services review a number of areas across your business, focusing on Scope 1 and 2 emissions. This includes your operations, waste management, energy consumption, company culture, and much more.

By adding on Scope 3 reporting services, businesses can gain a fully holistic view of their carbon emissions. These services create a full roadmap to reduction, collecting data, creating strategies, liaising with stakeholders, and working to achieve your business goals.

Emissions reporting can be incredibly overwhelming for many businesses, so working with a trusted consultancy who have dedicated expertise in each of the emissions scopes, and can link sustainability measures back to commercial goals, can significantly reduce time and pressure.

CONCLUSION

Whilst the current state of the energy market and its impact on businesses can seem bleak, this report shows that many businesses are aware of, and keen to implement, measures that can reduce their costs whilst also increasing resilience and sustainability credentials.

Whilst resource, budget, and awareness remain critical blockers to the adoption of sustainability and energy efficiency solutions, drivers such as reduced costs, brand reputation, and pressure from clients, should put emphasis on the need to act sooner rather than later.

Where sustainability has historically been considered an unnecessary expense, purely there to reduce environmental impact, businesses are beginning to realise the true value and impact of embedding sustainability in day-to-day operations. The key now is to act.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to the UKMHA and its members who contributed to the research used to create this report. At Consultus Sustainability, we believe thorough, comprehensive research is the foundation for strong strategy. Engagement with our partner communities allows us to shape these reports and share our research with the wider industry.

For more information about Consultus Sustainability or the UKMHA, please see the back page.

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