Network Rail runs, maintains and develops Britain's rail tracks, signalling, bridges, tunnels, level crossings and many key stations. This Environment Policy sets out our approach to environmental management which is key to achieving our company Vision – “A better railway for a better Britain”.

As part of this vision we will improve our environmental performance and leave a sustainable environmental legacy for future generations. We believe that outstanding environmental performance is a central part of being a responsible and successful company and will help us to protect and enhance the UK's environment.

We expect everyone who works for and with Network Rail to apply the following key principles agreed by the Executive Team to guide our work activities:

- We will as a minimum comply with all relevant environmental legislation, standards and requirements set by our stakeholders
- We will identify our significant environmental impacts and take action to prevent pollution to air, water and land which may occur as a result of our operations
- We will buy and use natural resources in a responsible and sustainable manner
- We will reduce the amount of material we use and minimise the amount of waste we produce
- We will manage our land sustainably and engage with our neighbours and lineside community
- We will become more energy efficient and reduce our carbon emissions
- We will make our network resilient to weather impacts and future changes in climate
- We will provide employees with the relevant competence and training to enable our policy
- We will continually improve our environmental performance
- We will implement and maintain an environmental management system that follows the principles of ISO 14001:2015
- We will set objectives and targets to monitor our environmental performance

The Executive Team will ensure that Network Rail operates an effective environmental management system.

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Chief Executive Officer
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