

Environmental Policy

Branston has three potato packing sites, situated in Lincolnshire, Somerset and Scotland. The factories grade, wash, process, pack and distribute potatoes for retail and wholesale customers. This includes the packing of core potatoes and sweet potatoes in Lincoln. Four further factories are also situated on the Lincoln site including:

- Prepared and B2B foods factory producing ready-to-cook products for retail and food service customers.
- Mash high care facility, built for the manufacture of chilled ready-to-reheat vegetable meal accompaniments including mash potato.
- Protein factory, built to extract protein powder from potatoes. Intended for use as an ingredient in the food manufacturing industry with special focus on the growing plant-based products, vegetarian and vegan markets.

With a total handling capacity in excess of 400,000 tonnes per year, we recognise that our operations impact on the environment in a number of ways, and we are committed to reducing these impacts whenever practically possible.

In particular we will:

- Lead from the top, with directors and senior management providing leadership by actively engaging and supporting the Environmental Policy.
- Create a transparent approach to environmental management and openly communicate with all interested parties.
- Comply with legal and other requirements applicable to environmental aspects.
- Integrate environmental management into business operations.
- Aim to achieve continuous improvement in environmental performance by improving our Environmental Management System (EMS) and focus on areas of significant impact.

- Systematically review and measure our performance against key performance indicators and formulate environmental objectives to facilitate improvement.
- Demonstrate understanding of the expectations of interested parties by ensuring employees, customers, suppliers and contractors engaged by Branston are aware of how they can affect the organisation's environmental performance. Where we can influence their environmental performance, we will do so in a positive and collaborative manner.
- Audit operations on a regular basis to identify risks and opportunities and to highlight actions required to prevent recurrences of poor performance.
- Employ and empower a Sustainability Manager to coordinate the programme, supported by the Technical Director who together, provide regular board updates to the wider leadership team.
- Maintain the multi-disciplined EMS team who will provide governance for the process.
- Routinely measure our Scope 1,2 & 3 CO₂e emissions and have a plan to actively reduce these emissions.
- Commit to SBTi principles on carbon emissions reduction.

This policy has been devised by the EMS team and is fully supported by the Board of Directors of Branston Ltd.



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