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# UK Net Zero plans

Beyond blah blah blah

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# Agenda

1. What needs to happen on the path to Net Zero?
2. How is the UK planning to achieve it?

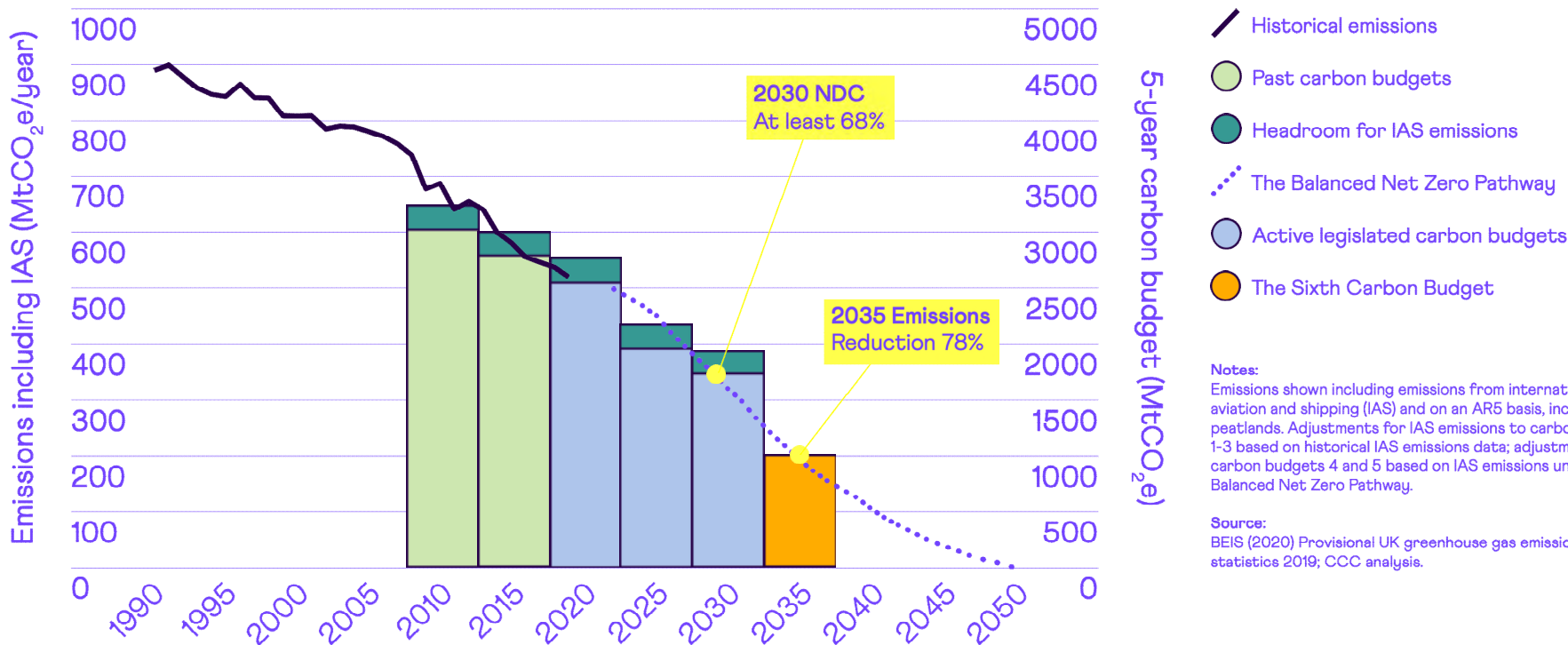


# CCC recommended path

*“a decisive transition”*

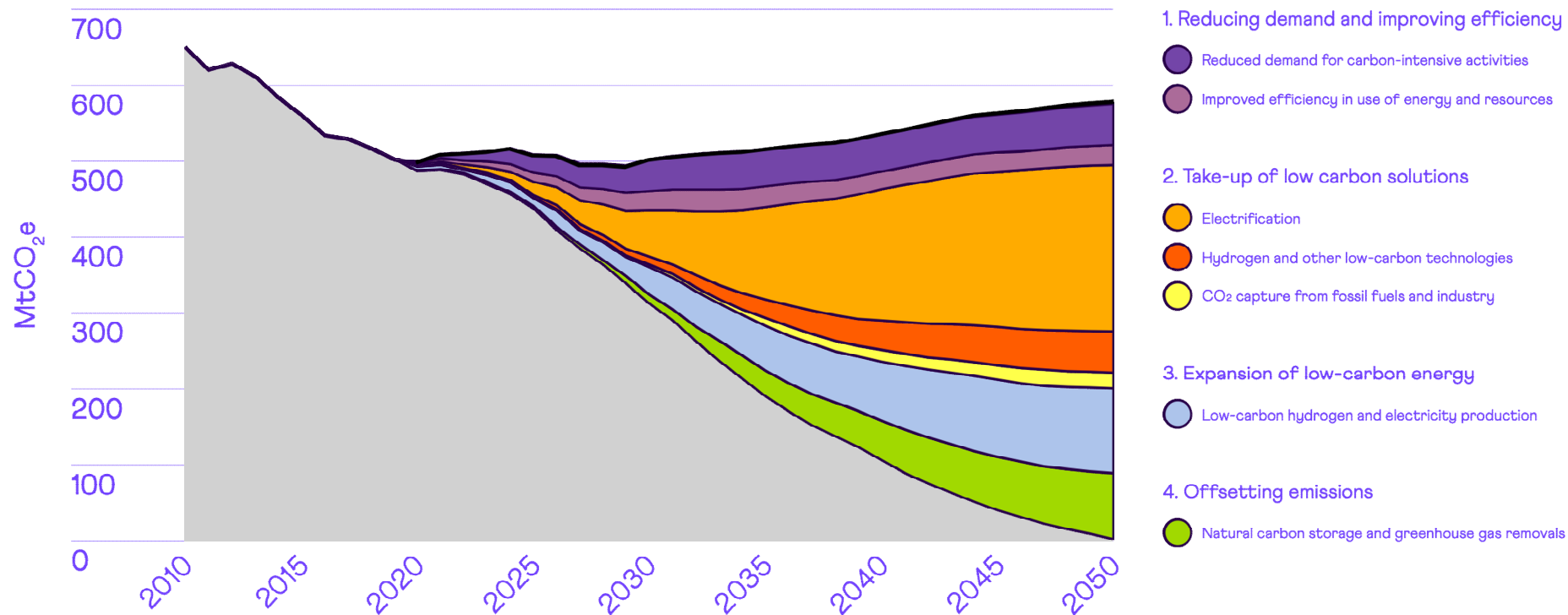
## Our recommended path

### The recommended sixth carbon budget and 2030 NDC



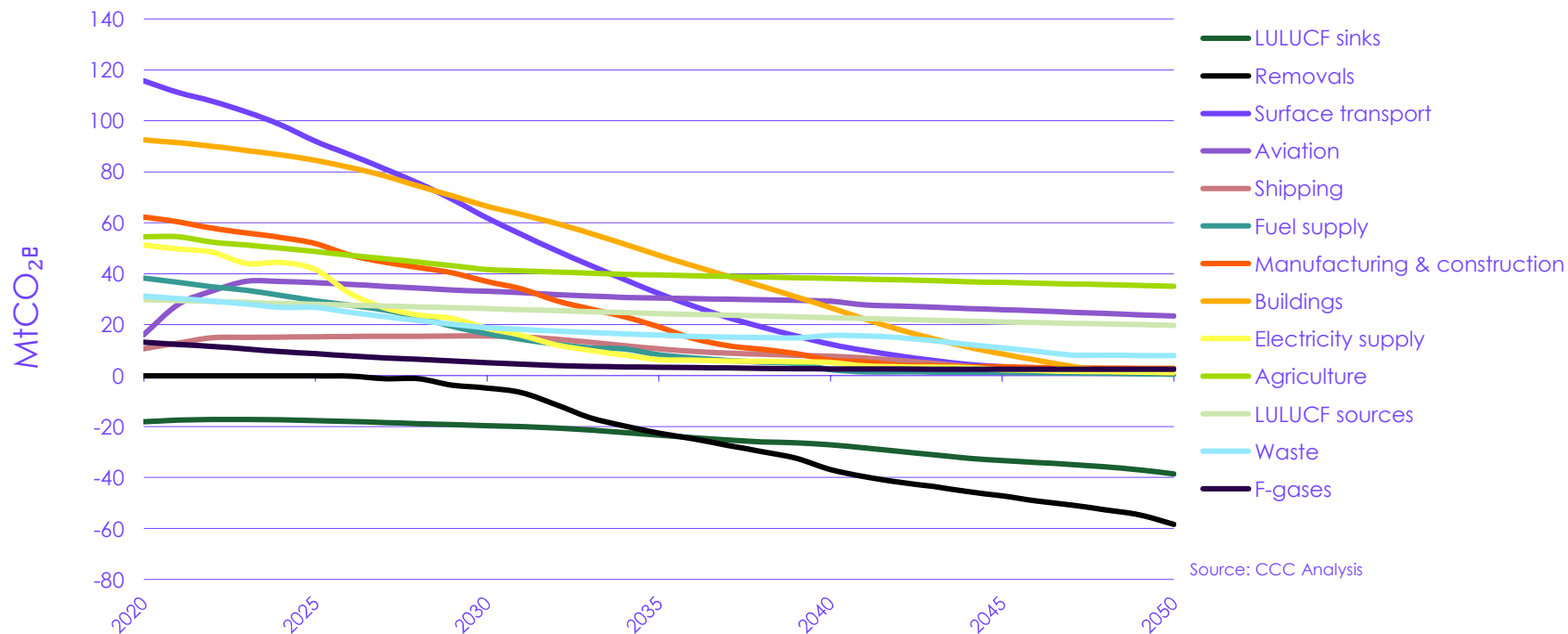
## Emissions abatement

Meeting the Sixth Carbon Budget requires actions across four key areas



# Emissions reductions on the path to Net Zero

## Sectoral contributions



Source: CCC Analysis

## The path of least disruption

### A real-world constraint: asset lives

Sector	Asset	Lifetime
Transport	Light Vehicle HGV	14 years (average) 8 – 13 years
Manufacturing and Construction	Combustion (Boilers, furnaces, mobile machinery, generators, kilns, compressors, dryers, heaters, ovens, Other process assets.	10-35 years
Buildings	Fossil fuel boiler Air Source Heat Pump Ground Source Heat Pump Loft and cavity insulation Solid wall insulation New build home	15 years 15 years 20 years 42 years 36 years 60 years
Power generation	Gas plant Offshore wind Nuclear plant	25 years 30 years 60 years
Aviation	Aircraft	30 year technical
Shipping	Ships	30 years technical

Sector	Asset	Lifetime
Fuel Supply	Offshore platforms, flaring, compressors, generators Biofuel plants BioH2 plants Biogas, biomethane plants Waste to jet plants	25-35 years 30 years technical 30 years technical 20 years technical 20 years technical
Wastes/Bio	Refuse collection vehicles Landfill methane capture and biocovers Waste water treatment equipment Composting equipment	8 years technical 20 years technical 25 years technical 20 years technical
Removals	DACCS Biomethane displacing natural gas  Wood in construction BECCS	25 years technical 20 years technical Set by buildings sector Set by asset lifetimes in each sector



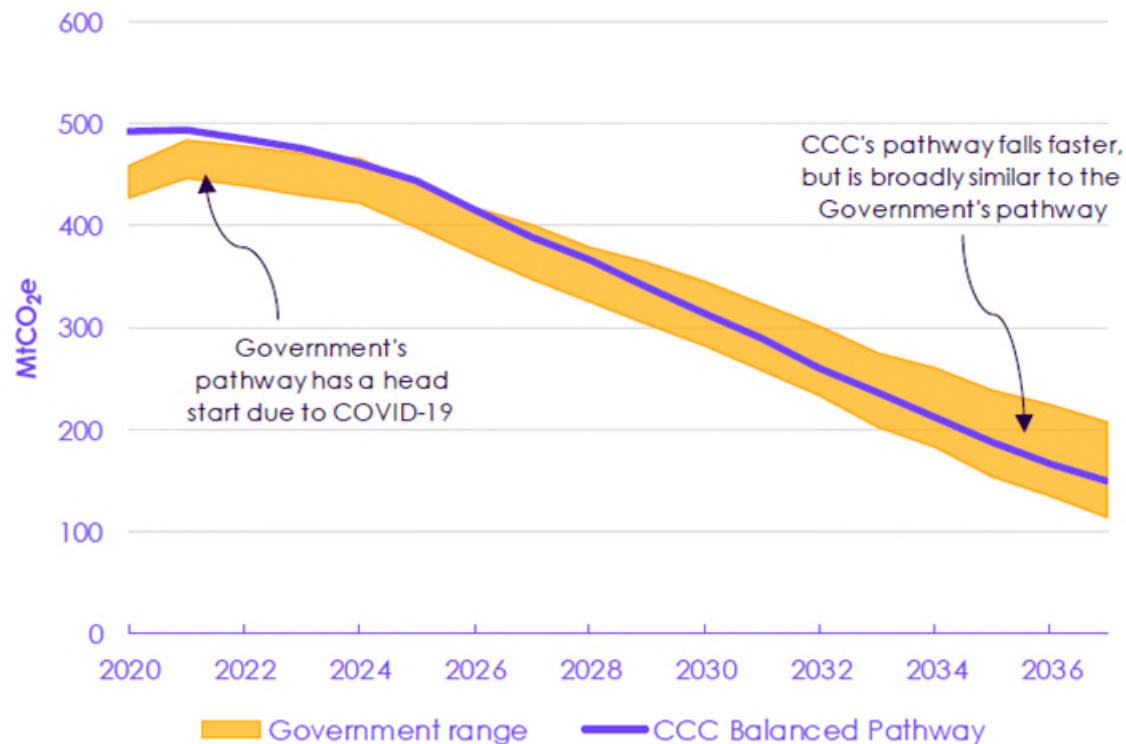
## Managing asset turnover

Key UK-wide phase-out dates for high-carbon activities to avoid early scrappage

Phase-out dates of high-carbon activities under the Balanced Pathway		
Technology/behaviour	Phase out date (sales)	Backstop date (operation)
New fossil-fuelled cars and vans	2032	2050
Gas boilers	2033 (in residential homes) 2030-33 (in commercial properties)	2050
Oil boilers	2028 (in residential homes) 2025-26 (in commercial properties)	2050
Gas power generation (unabated)	2030 (no new build of unabated gas plants)	2035
HGVs (i.e. trucks)	2040	Beyond 2050
Biodegradable waste sent to landfill	N/A	2025 ban on all municipal & non-municipal biodegradable waste going to landfill
Unabated energy-from-waste plants	From today, new plants and extensions should be built with CCS or CCS ready	2050

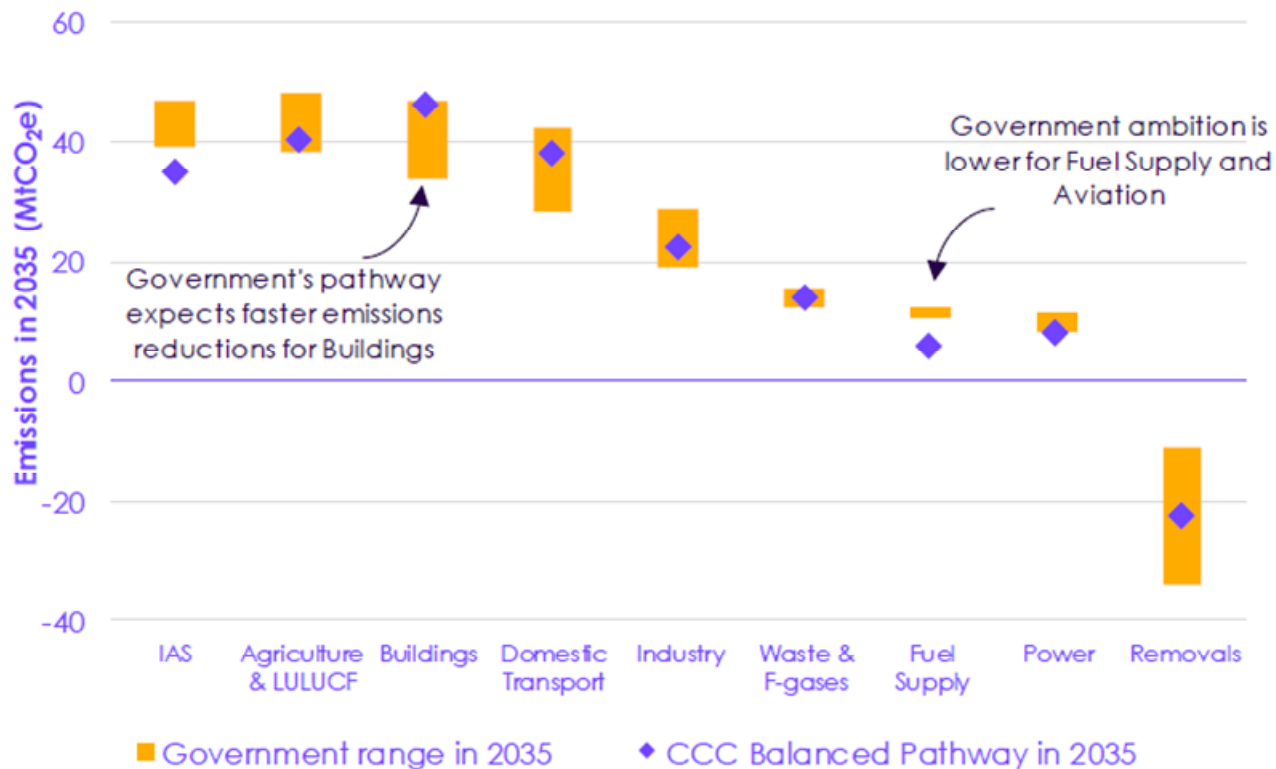
## The Net Zero Strategy

Similar pathway to the CCC – as required by carbon budgets



## The Net Zero Strategy – sector ambition

Strikingly similar to CCC mix



IAS = international aviation and shipping

# The Net Zero Strategy

## Headline actions similar to CCC pathway

Sector	Headline actions	Government ambition <sup>1</sup>	CCC pathway
Power	Fully decarbonised electricity	2035	2035
Fuel supply	Low-carbon hydrogen (2030)	5 GW (~ up to 42 TWh)	30 TWh
Transport	Phase-out of new petrol/diesel cars and vans	2030 (2035 for some hybrids)	2032
Buildings	EPC C across the housing stock	2035	2035
	Heat pump installations in homes (2028)	600k	900k
Industry	Carbon Capture and Storage (2030)	20-30 MtCO <sub>2</sub> (incl 5MtCO <sub>2</sub> removals)	22 MtCO <sub>2</sub> (incl 5MtCO <sub>2</sub> removals)
Land	Tree-planting (hectares/year; 2025/2035)	30k 50k	30k 50k

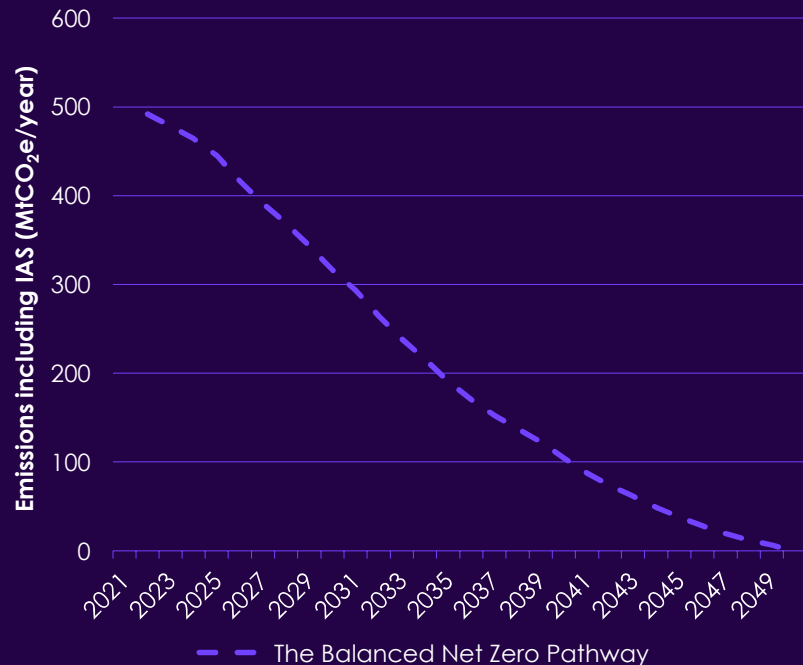
Largest differences are on demand side, with no stated ambition for reducing meat/dairy consumption or to limit growth in flying

# Delivering the Net Zero path

*Scale up & Roll out*

# The Policy Challenge

The shape of the Balanced Net Zero Pathway implies a need to scale up low-carbon options in all areas, before mass rollout.



By 2024

## Progress being made across all areas, including:

- Business models for hydrogen, CCS, GHG removals and industrial decarbonisation up and running. First plants being built.
- Global goals and policies for aviation and shipping aligned with Paris Agreement
- Environmental Land Management scheme up and running
- Large scale trials for HGVs up and running
- Future Homes Standard legislated in advance of 2023.
- A more circular economy.

Mid-2020s

## Scale up

Build out of low-carbon hydrogen to produce 30 TWh/year by 2030  
Build out of offshore wind plant towards 40 GW in 2030  
Heat pump installations at scale ahead of a natural gas phase-out  
CCS projects at industrial clusters, first engineered GHG removals plants  
Widespread EV charging infrastructure  
No more biodegradable waste sent to landfill  
Switch 25 TWh of manufacturing energy use to electricity or hydrogen by 2030

2030

## Roll out

**By 2030:** Recycling rate of 70% achieved  
**By 2032:** 100% of sales of cars and vans are fully electric  
**By 2033:** Sales of gas boilers to all homes and business phased out  
**By 2035:** Phase out of unabated gas for electricity generation  
**By 2035:** Annual tree-planting rates of 50,000 ha/year  
**By 2035:** All ore-based steel-making near-zero emissions  
**By 2040:** Phase out sales of new diesel HGVs  
**Scale up of low-carbon electricity and hydrogen, GHG removals and CCS infrastructure**

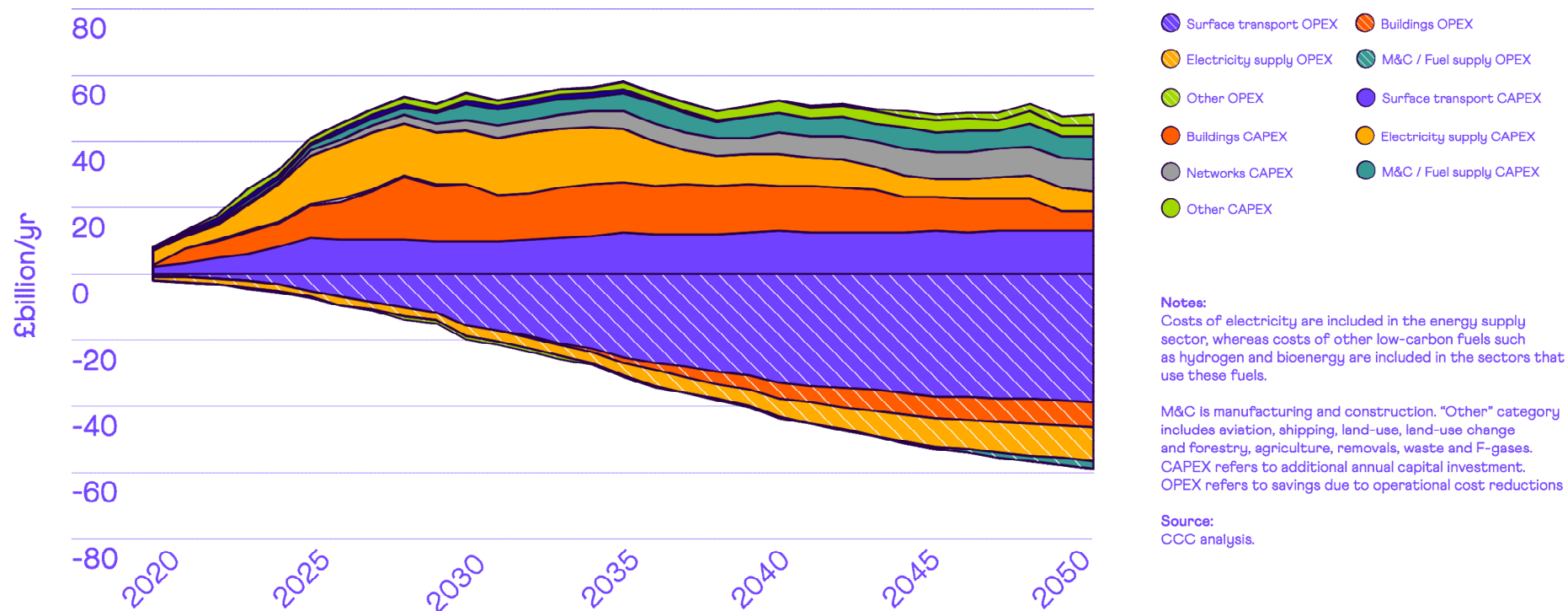
2050

## Net Zero

\*Including emissions from international aviation and shipping (IAS)

# Investing for Net Zero

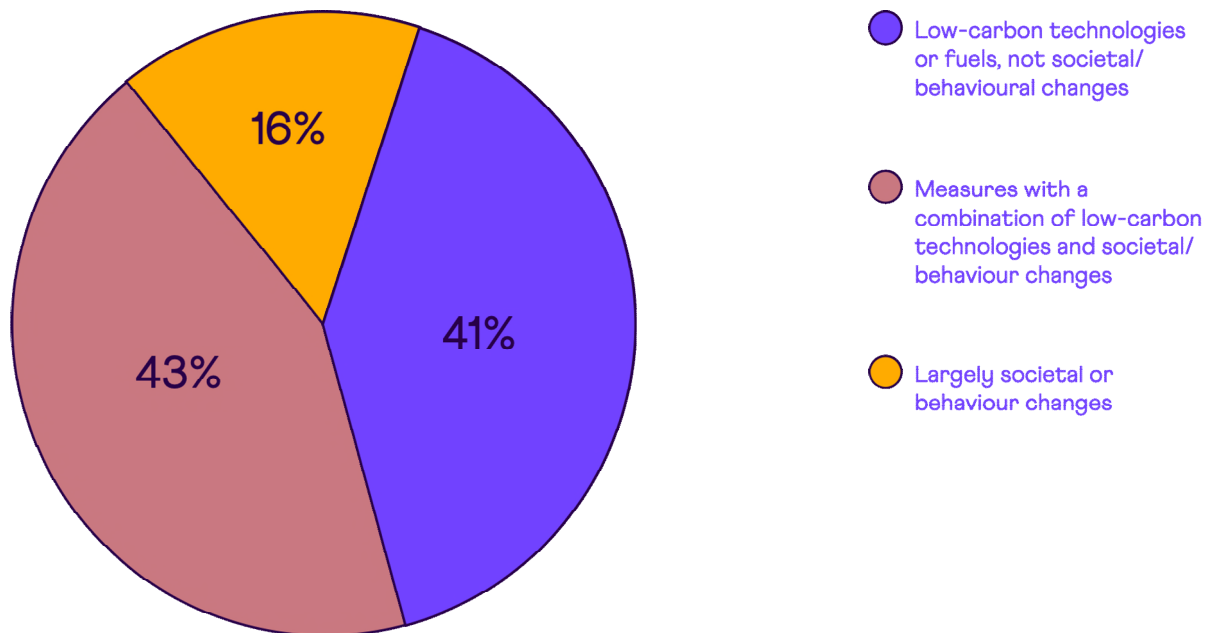
Major investment programme, delivering offsetting operating cost savings



Source: CCC analysis.

## Delivering Net Zero

### Role of people's choices in meeting the Sixth Carbon Budget



Source: CCC Analysis



# The Net Zero Strategy - policies

Good broad plans, but lots of details to be resolved

Sector (% of 2019 UK emissions):	Domestic transport (23%)	Buildings (17%)	Industry (15%)	Power (11%)	Agriculture & Land use (12%)
Has a sectoral plan or strategy for reducing emissions been published?					
Does the proposed ambition broadly align to the UK climate targets?					
Have credible delivery policies been proposed or put in place?					
Is it properly funded and/or does it contain sufficient incentives to drive the transition?					
Does the strategy support a balanced mix of solutions to minimise risk on the path to Net Zero?					
Has the government set out timelines for resolving remaining issues?					

Key:

Good plans

Generally good plans with some risks

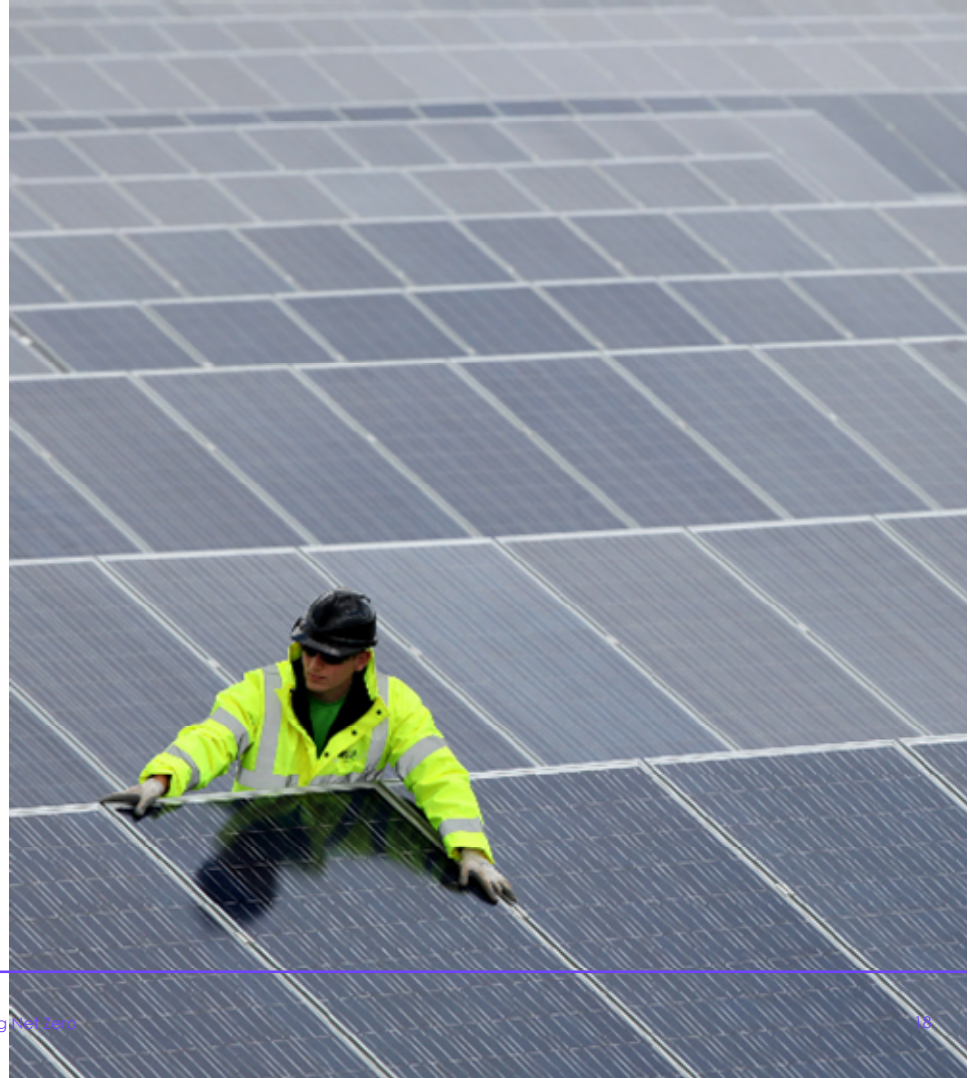
More risks

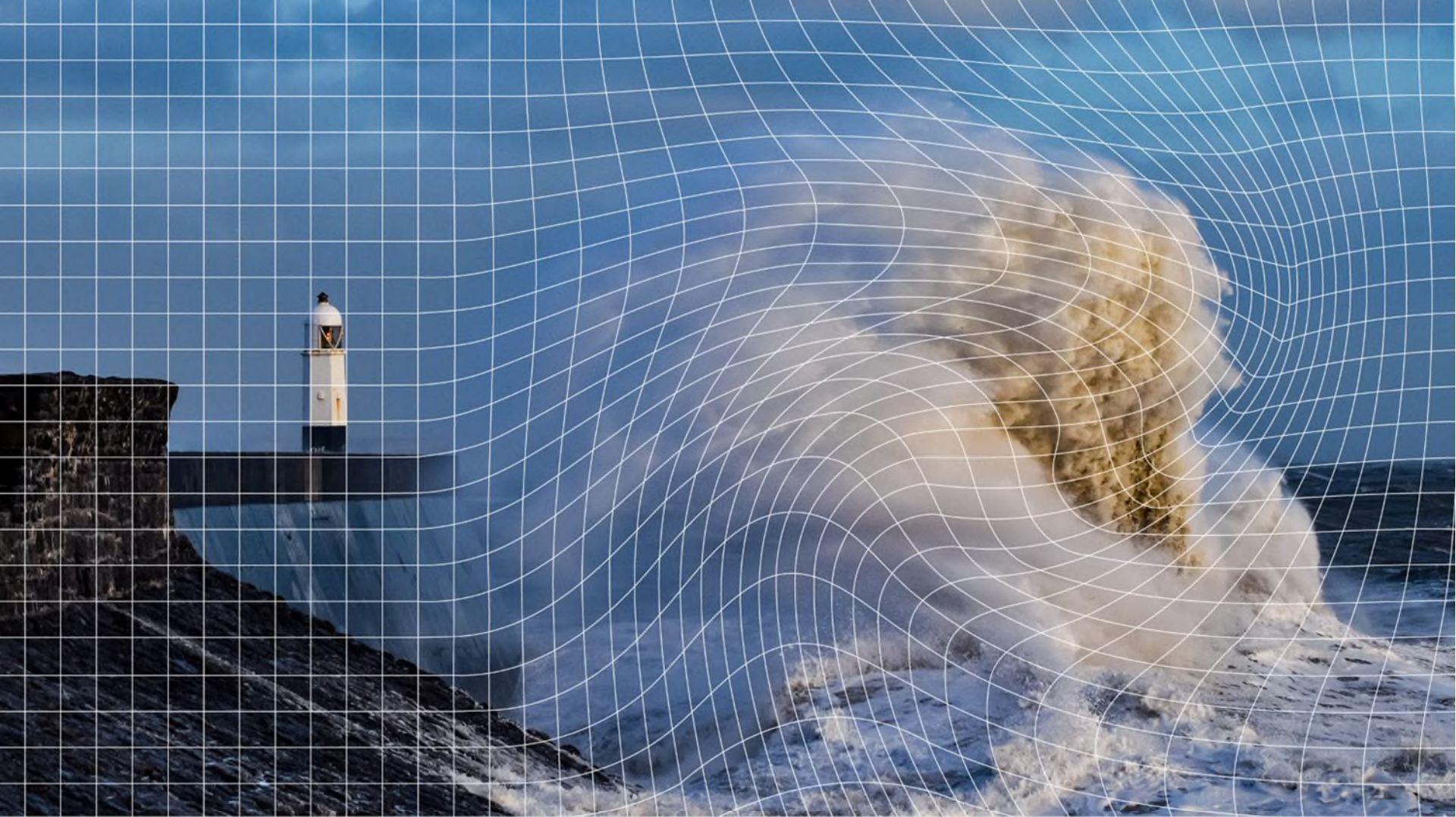
Significant risks

# The Net Zero Strategy - policies

## ...and cross-cutting enablers need attention

- Skills
- Public attitudes & engagement
- Business engagement
- Governance & coordination
- Fair funding
- Integration with adaptation, biodiversity, levelling up







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