



# West Midlands 2041: The Road to Net Zero

# Agenda

## **Introduction to ACE Emerging Professionals West Midlands**

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## **ACE/EIC viewpoint and West Midlands 2041**

Ruth Jeffs, Waterman Group

## **Q&As**

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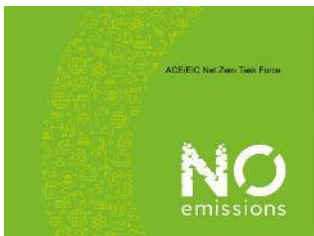


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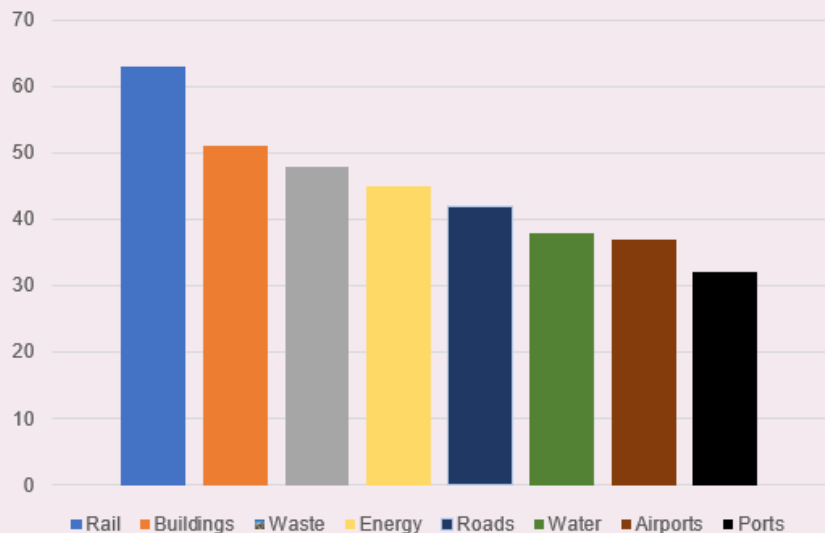
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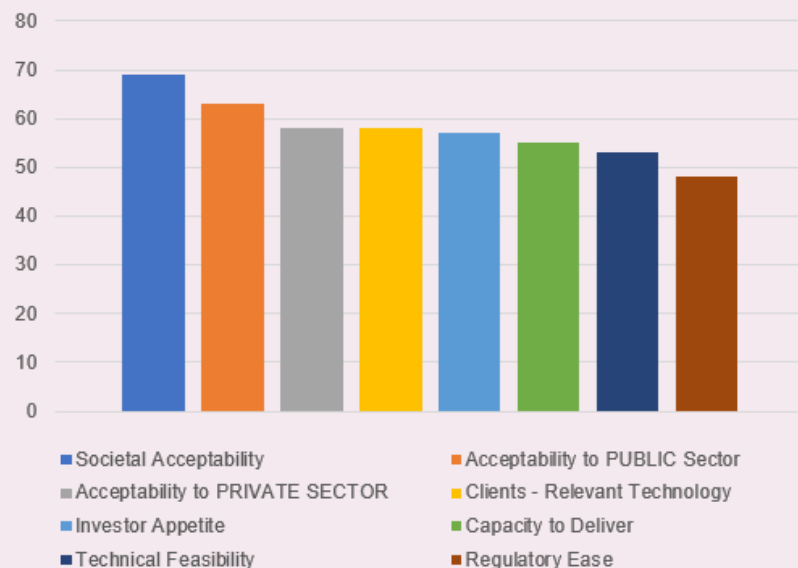


# ACE/EIC Net Zero Task Force: Recent Findings

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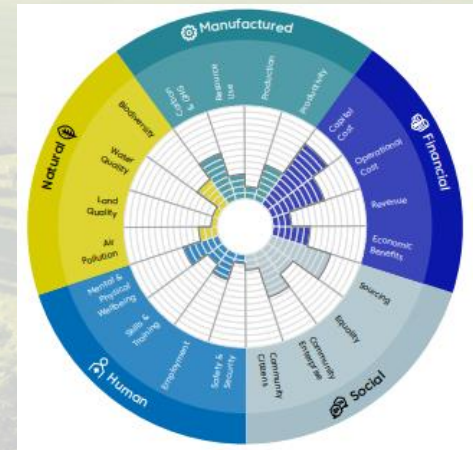
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# The ACE Viewpoint: Potential Solutions

Potential solutions currently under consideration include:

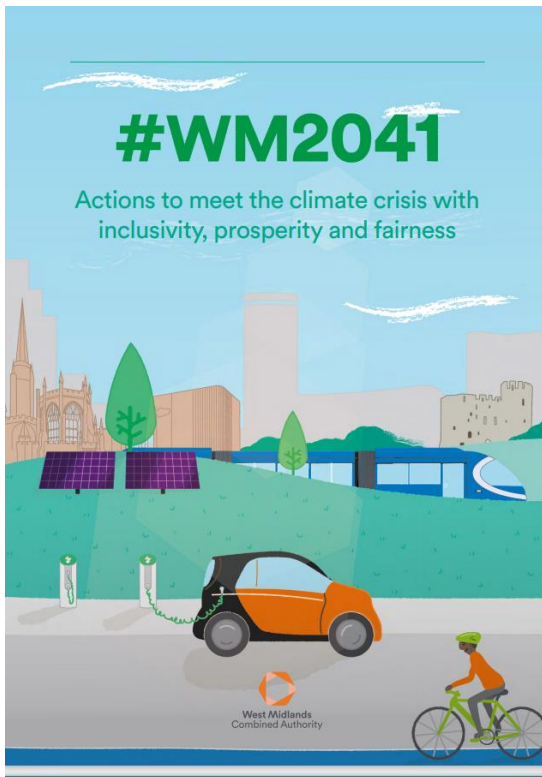
- New overarching economic infrastructure national Policy Statement that integrates Net Zero
- Net zero compatibility statements for all projects
- Construction Innovation Hub Value Toolkit including carbon metrics to push clients further on net zero
- Update IEMA guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment carbon chapters
- Review skillsets within consultancies



# Poll 2



# WM2041#



36% reduction by 2022, and  
69% reduction by 2027.



Investment programme of £40bn (1-2%  
of regional GVA) over 21 years (2020-  
2041) aimed at increasing rate of  
reduction each year from 3.8% to 13%:

- Changes to the economy
- Investing in resilience
- Using our past to shape the future
- Meeting the climate challenge whilst still growing
- Decoupling prosperity from energy and resource use

# Summary: **An Interesting Thought**

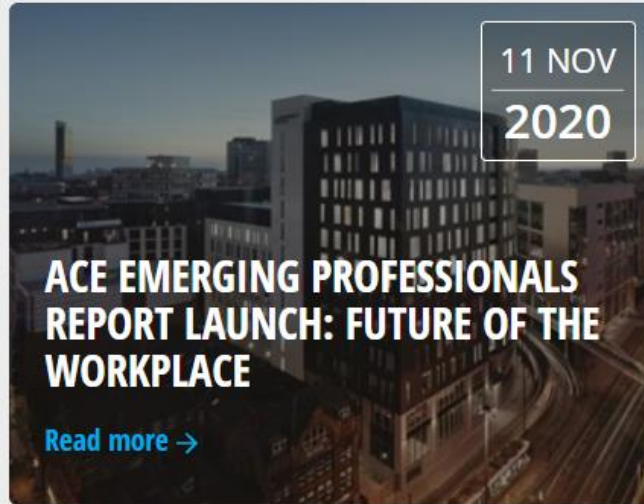
‘Like covid-19, climate change is governed by feedback loops and exponential processes;

- Every day of delay makes the consequences more catastrophic.
- Conversely, each action taken now will help avert even worse effects.’

# Poll 3

# Questions

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