



ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2026

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REGIONAL WINNER: ECO INNOVATION

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INTRODUCTION

About this statement

This is DSM Group's Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Statement for our Peterborough site, covering our IT, Cloud, Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, Hosting & Colocation and Cyber Security operations. It sets out, with measured data from our own systems, the environmental projects under way at our site, the contribution we make to our local community, and the governance that keeps us accountable for the commitments we make.

This statement should be read alongside DSM Group's Environmental Policy, which sets out our formal objectives, targets and legal obligations, and our Data Centre Efficiency & PUE Scoping Report, which benchmarks our GREEN Data Centre against a standard data-centre environment.

A message from DSM Group

At DSM, we recognise that technology is a pivotal force in combating climate change. As a long-standing advocate for climate awareness, we are committed to leveraging our innovative capabilities to reduce our own carbon footprint and that of our clients.

Our role as providers of IT, Cloud, Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, Hosting & Colocation and Cyber Security services means our responsibility for sustainable, secure and resilient operations extends beyond our own walls to the outcomes we help our clients achieve. We aim to set a credible, verifiable example for other businesses, grounded in real data from our own site, and reviewed honestly as circumstances change.

In 2025, this work was recognised externally: DSM Group was named Regional Winner (Cambridgeshire) for Eco Innovation at the Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce Business Awards.

AT A GLANCE

Leadership commitment

Deliver sustainable, secure IT and data-centre services that reduce our impact and our clients'.

Levers

Free lake cooling, on-site solar, 100% renewable electricity, heat reuse, waste recycling.

Transformational goal

Operational net zero, achieved end of 2025, three years ahead of our original 2028 target; formal Scope 1 to 3 verification planned as we grow.

Key policy

DSM Group Environmental Policy, owned by Helen Porter.

Key accreditations

ISO 27001 (ISMS); IEMA Foundation Certificate in Environmental Management (policy owner).

Recognition

Regional Winner (Cambridgeshire), Eco Innovation, Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce Business Awards 2025.

Our performance at a glance

The table below rates DSM's progress against the objectives set out in our Environmental Policy, using the same Red/Amber/Green convention many of our clients use in their own supplier ESG screening, which is itself one of the practices this statement reports on.

Objective	Target	Status (Sept 2026)	RAG	
Renewable grid electricity	Maintain 100% REGO-backed renewable electricity	Achieved: certificate valid to 6 Apr 2027	E	EXCEEDING

Objective	Target	Status (Sept 2026)	RAG	
On-site solar generation	Increase on-site renewable contribution from 22.94% to ≥25% by December 2027	2026 baseline established at 22.94% of site consumption; on track	M	MEETING
Water use in cooling	Maintain zero mains water in data-centre cooling	Achieved: 0% mains water	E	EXCEEDING
Water reuse (non-cooling)	Bring on-site rainwater toilet-flushing system into operation; target completion date to be confirmed at next policy review	In development	M	MEETING
Building fabric efficiency	Improve thermal performance of the building envelope	Achieved: thermal clad roof, early 2026	E	EXCEEDING
Data centre capacity	Extend the GREEN Data Centre	Extension complete, 50% populated	E	EXCEEDING
Electronic waste	Recycle 100% of WEEE	Achieved via dedicated recycling system	E	EXCEEDING
Fleet emissions	100% hybrid/EV company fleet by 31 December 2027, subject to operational vehicle requirements	5 of current fleet low-emission (4 hybrid, 1 fully electric); transition on track	M	MEETING
Net zero	Achieve operational net zero; independently verify Scope 1, 2 and relevant Scope 3 footprint as the business grows	Operational net zero achieved end of 2025, 3 years ahead of 2028 target; formal Scope 1 to 3 verification planned	M	MEETING
Biodiversity	Maintain and expand the nature reserve	Established: species populations reported increasing	E	EXCEEDING

Objective	Target	Status (Sept 2026)	RAG	
Supplier ESG screening	Check all suppliers for ESG credentials	Achieved: applied to 100% of suppliers; screening records maintained	E	EXCEEDING

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ENVIRONMENT

Climate conscious IT, at every layer

Every business increasingly relies on IT, delivered more and more through remote means such as Cloud services, but Cloud and data-centre services are known for their significant carbon impact.

DSM is committed to minimising the carbon intensity of our own offerings, supporting our clients' own sustainability and Scope 3 reporting in the process. This section sets out the projects and figures behind that commitment.

Renewable energy: the solar farm

As part of our ambition to minimise our reliance on grid electricity, DSM operates a 200 kWp ground-mounted solar farm adjacent to our data centre. The array uses tracking systems to optimise energy capture throughout the day, and reduces our dependence on conventional energy sources and the greenhouse gas emissions that come with it.

Beyond its direct environmental impact, the solar farm has supported local employment and economic activity during construction, provided educational opportunities for the community, and improves the reliability of our own power supply.

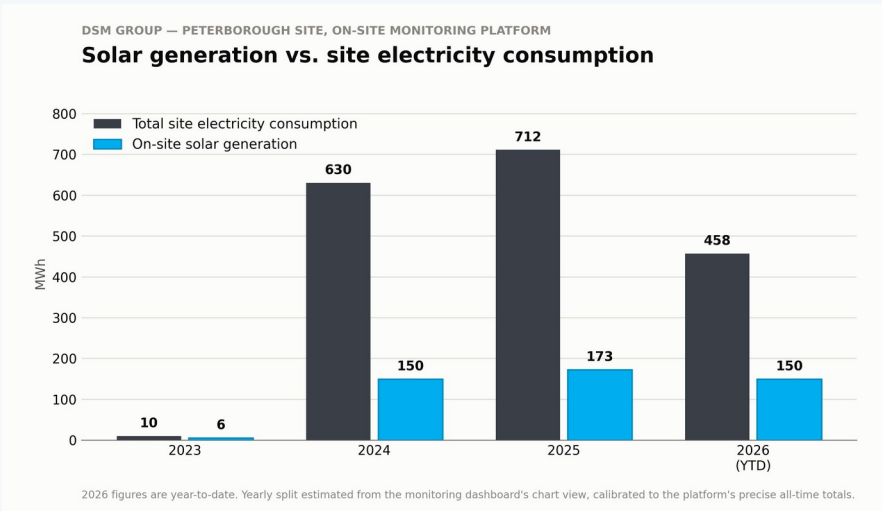


Figure 1. On-site solar generation vs. total site electricity consumption, 2023 to 2026 (year to date). Source: on-site solar monitoring platform.

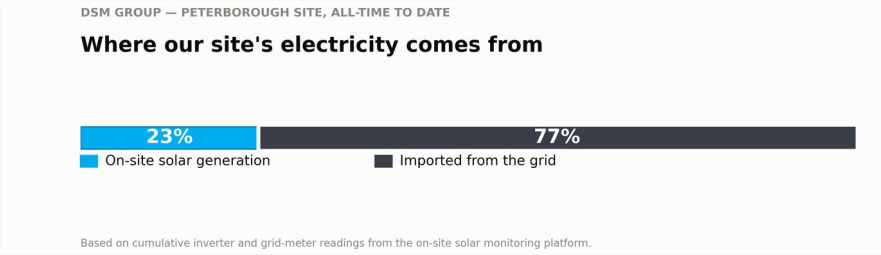


Figure 2. Share of DSM's Peterborough site electricity self-generated on-site vs. imported from the grid, all-time to date.

Inverter & consumption breakdown (all-time to date)

Metric	Value	Share
Total solar produced	478.34 MWh	N/A
Inverter output → site (self-consumed)	414.37 MWh	86.63% of inverter output
Inverter output → exported to grid	63.97 MWh	13.37% of inverter output
Site consumption from on-site solar	414.37 MWh	22.94% of total consumption
Site consumption from grid	1.39 GWh	77.06% of total consumption

Source: on-site solar monitoring platform, all-time totals as reported September 2026.

100% renewable grid electricity

Where we do draw power from the grid, that electricity is 100% backed by Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs), certified by British Gas Trading Ltd and verified annually by the Carbon Trust. Our current certificate runs from 7 April 2026 to 6 April 2027 and carries a 0 gCO₂/kWh Scope 2 emissions factor under the GHG Protocol market-based method.

Combined with our on-site solar generation, this means that, on a market-based accounting basis, 100% of the electricity DSM uses at our Peterborough site is currently zero-carbon.

The GREEN Data Centre



The solar farm and next-generation cooling equipment at DSM's Peterborough site.

Our GREEN Data Centre is a cornerstone of our environmental strategy. The facility uses water drawn from an on-site lake for cooling, eliminating the need for power-hungry chillers and the harmful refrigerants they rely on. Water has substantially greater volumetric heat capacity than air, enabling much more efficient heat removal from high-density IT environments, with a fraction of the energy input air-cooling would require. Heat removed from the data centre is channelled to warm our offices: a small-scale circular approach to resource use.

Crucially, all cooling water is drawn from rain and groundwater stored on-site in our lakes: zero mains water is used anywhere in the cooling process. In early 2026, DSM replaced the data centre roof with thermal clad panels, dramatically improving heat loss performance and further lowering the facility's carbon intensity.



Server hall and submerged heat-exchanger infrastructure at the GREEN Data Centre.

Project phases

Phase	Scope	Status
Phase 1 (2020)	Construction of the on-site lake; installation of a triple liner, borehole and guttering	Complete
Phase 2	Submerging heat exchangers; construction of a pump house to distribute water to the data racks	Complete

Phase	Scope	Status
Phase 3: data centre extension	Physical extension of the data centre, with additional cooling units to expand capacity	Complete: now 50% populated; further extension in planning
Roof replacement (early 2026)	Thermal clad roof panels, dramatically improving heat loss performance	Complete

For a detailed benchmark of the GREEN Data Centre's efficiency against a standard data-centre environment, including PUE, WUE and CUE, see DSM Group's Data Centre Efficiency & PUE Scoping Report.

Fleet, waste and the circular economy

DSM operates a company fleet of 5 low-emission vehicles (4 hybrid and 1 fully electric) in place of conventional combustion vehicles, reducing the emissions associated with business travel. Our target is a 100% hybrid/EV company fleet by 31 December 2027, subject to operational vehicle requirements.

All waste electronic equipment (WEEE) generated by our IT and data-centre operations is processed through a dedicated recycling system, keeping end-of-life hardware out of landfill and recovering materials for reuse.

Net zero: operational target achieved

DSM's original ambition was to reach net zero by 2028. DSM achieved its operational net-zero target at the end of 2025 (three years ahead of that goal), based on its assessed operational carbon footprint, 100% REGO-backed renewable electricity procurement verified annually by the Carbon Trust, on-site solar generation, and on-site carbon-reduction measures including the elimination of refrigerant-based chillers through the GREEN Data Centre's lake-cooling system.

DSM intends to periodically and independently verify its Scope 1, 2 and relevant Scope 3 footprint as the business grows, so that this position continues to stand up to external scrutiny.

Biodiversity: our nature reserve

Around our on-site lakes, DSM has created a planted nature reserve dedicated to preserving local flora and fauna. The reserve includes nesting boxes for birds (including owls) alongside bat boxes and hedgehog boxes, and DSM keeps bees on site to support local pollinators. Populations across these species have increased since the reserve was established, which we take as a positive, tangible sign of the site's improving biodiversity.

Responsible procurement & supply chain

DSM checks all suppliers for their ESG credentials as part of our procurement process, extending our environmental standards beyond our own site and into our supply chain. Records of these checks are maintained and can be made available to support customer due-diligence requests.

Looking ahead

Having completed our data centre extension (now 50% populated), DSM is currently planning a further extension to meet growing client demand. We are also currently planning to store additional harvested rainwater on site for use in a toilet-flushing system, extending our existing rain and groundwater capture beyond data-centre cooling into general site water use.



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SOCIAL

Our people and our community

DSM's environmental performance sits alongside a genuine commitment to the people who work for us and the community around our Peterborough site.

Local employment

DSM currently employs 17 people from the local area, supporting jobs and economic activity in and around Peterborough.

Community engagement

Our people volunteer their time at local charities, and our solar farm and GREEN Data Centre projects have, during construction and since, supported local employment and provided educational opportunities for the community.

Data protection and responsible service delivery

As a provider of Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, Hosting & Colocation and Cyber Security services, DSM's social impact extends beyond our own site to the resilience, security and data protection we provide our clients. DSM's Peterborough site operates an Information Security Management System (ISMS) certified to ISO 27001, giving clients independently assessed assurance over how we handle their data and business continuity requirements.

We intend to develop further quantitative metrics on staff training, retention, health & safety and wellbeing for inclusion in future updates to this statement, alongside the environmental data already reported here.



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GOVERNANCE

Ownership, alignment and accountability

This ESG Statement and DSM Group's Environmental Policy are owned by Helen Porter, who holds the IEMA Foundation Certificate in Environmental Management. Helen is responsible for maintaining, reviewing and improving DSM's environmental commitments, and for reporting progress to management.

DSM Group's Peterborough site already operates an Information Security Management System (ISMS) certified to ISO 27001, covering our Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, Cloud Computing, Data Backup & Recovery, Hosting & Colocation and Cyber Security services. Our environmental governance follows a comparable discipline of document control, defined ownership and periodic management review, and DSM Group's Environmental Policy has been structured consistently with our existing ISMS documentation.

Environmental performance, objectives, legislative compliance and significant environmental risks are reviewed as a standing agenda item at least annually by DSM Group management, consistent with our existing ISO 27001 management review cycle, so that environmental governance sits with management as a whole, not with the Environmental Policy Owner alone.

This statement is reviewed at least annually, or sooner following any material change to our environmental performance, targets or regulatory obligations.

Data appendix

Metric	Value	As of
Solar farm capacity	200 kWp	N/A
Total solar generated (all-time)	478.34 MWh	Sept 2026
Site electricity consumption (all-time)	1.81 GWh	Sept 2026
Grid electricity imported (all-time)	1.39 GWh	Sept 2026
Electricity exported to grid (all-time)	63.97 MWh	Sept 2026
On-site solar share of site consumption	22.94%	Sept 2026
Renewable electricity certificate coverage	100%, REGO-backed, Carbon Trust verified	7 Apr 2026 to 6 Apr 2027
Scope 2 market-based emissions factor	0 gCO ₂ /kWh	Current certificate period

Metric	Value	As of
Mains water used in data-centre cooling	0% (rain/groundwater from on-site lakes only)	Current
Data centre extension	Complete, 50% populated; further extension in planning	Current
Roof replacement	Thermal clad panels installed; dramatically improved heat loss	Early 2026
Planned rainwater initiative	Additional on-site rainwater storage for a toilet-flushing system	Planned
Low-emission fleet vehicles	5 (4 hybrid, 1 fully electric)	Current
Local jobs supported	17	Current
Net zero status	Operational net zero achieved end of 2025 (3 years ahead of original 2028 target); Scope 1 to 3 independent verification planned	Current
On-site biodiversity features	Planted nature reserve; bird/bat/hedgehog boxes; bee hives	Currently increasing
Supplier ESG screening	100% of suppliers checked for ESG credentials; records maintained	Current
External recognition	Regional Winner (Cambridgeshire), Eco Innovation, Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce Business Awards	2025

Note on methodology: the year-by-year split shown in Figure 1 is estimated from the on-site monitoring platform's chart view and calibrated so each series sums to the platform's precise all-time totals; 2026 figures are year-to-date. All other figures are as supplied by DSM Group.

Closing statement

DSM's solar farm and GREEN Data Centre (now extended, re-roofed with thermal cladding, and 50% populated), our 100% renewable electricity supply (on a market-based accounting basis), our operational net-zero achievement, our fleet and waste commitments, our planted nature reserve, and our ESG screening of suppliers together reflect an ongoing commitment to sustainability, corporate responsibility and environmental stewardship. With a further data centre extension and an on-site rainwater toilet-flushing system now in planning, DSM aims to set a credible, verifiable example for other businesses, grounded in real data from our own site, and reviewed honestly as circumstances change.