

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

2026-2030 Summary

TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS

This plan provides a **framework** for climate action across the borough for the next five years, setting out how the Council, organisations and residents will work together to tackle the climate crisis by reducing carbon emissions whilst building the borough's ability to cope with extreme heat, flooding, and other climate impacts.

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OUR VISION:

Camden is a resilient, inclusive, and climate-ready borough where people, organisations, buildings and public spaces are equipped to help tackle the climate crisis and adapt to its impacts in a way that improves the day to day lives of our community



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The plan is built around seven priorities which cover the most important areas for achieving our vision and helping to reduce carbon emissions and strengthen the borough's climate resilience.

Each priority area is defined by its own objective and set of outcomes we want to achieve.

SUMMARY OF THE SEVEN PRIORITY AREAS



1 Enablers

This priority area focuses on investment, infrastructure, technologies and ways of working needed to achieve a zero carbon and climate resilient borough.



2 Council operations

This priority area focuses on the Council cutting emissions from its own services and operations, and making sure it can cope with extreme heat, flooding and other climate impacts in everything it does.



3 Local circular economy

This priority area focuses on helping residents and businesses cut waste and save money by re-using, repairing, sharing and recycling more, and supporting a local economy that reduces the climate impact of the things we buy.



4 Buildings and retrofit

This priority focuses on about providing the resources, funding and information to help homes and buildings across Camden use less energy, reduce bills, and better cope with extreme heat and flooding, making them more comfortable for everyone.



5 Empowerment, education and communication

This priority area focuses on giving everyone the support, accessible information, and opportunities they need to take climate action, stay safe during extreme weather, and benefit equally from a greener, more resilient Camden.



6 Greening and growing

This priority area focuses on creating and improving green spaces - from parks to food-growing areas - so that they help keep Camden cool, reduce flooding, support nature, and give everyone opportunities to benefit from, enjoy, shape and care for the places around them.



7 Sustainable travel

This priority area focuses on making it easier and safer for everyone to walk, wheel, cycle and use public transport, reducing the need to use vehicles. Its also about creating greener public streets for people to travel on that help to reduce overheating and flooding.



1 Enablers

OBJECTIVE:

“ Responding to the urgency of the climate crisis, we enable zero carbon and climate resilient inclusive economic growth in Camden ”

Outcomes we want to achieve

1 **Businesses are supported to identify decarbonisation opportunities** that realise financial savings and investment opportunities



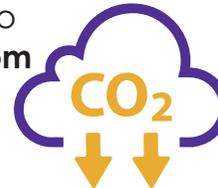
2 **Camden is prepared for new heat network opportunities** to support the decarbonisation of Camden buildings' heating systems and is compliant with Heat Networks Regulations



3 **Diverse funding mechanisms and partnerships** deliver the investment necessary to decarbonise and adapt Camden's buildings, heat, energy and transport systems throughout the borough. Investment is targeted to support the specific needs and opportunities of each neighbourhood



4 **Leading by example**, we do everything we can to **reduce emissions from our own estate and operations by 2030**



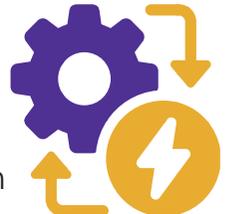
5 **New buildings are net zero carbon** in their operation, existing buildings reduce their carbon impact, and developments and infrastructure are designed to be **resilient to climate risks**



6 **We test innovation and new technologies** to **accelerate** climate action, improve resilience, and enhance the efficiency of energy, transport, and building systems



7 **We understand and enable the delivery of the low carbon, resilient energy infrastructure** needed to deliver sustainable inclusive economic growth and Camden's zero carbon ambitions



8 **We work collaboratively with external partners, local authorities, institutions and central government** to take action to address the climate crisis and create the policy foundations necessary for equitable decarbonisation. We advocate and lobby for others to reduce their emissions and build resilience of assets and infrastructure to protect those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change





2 Council operations

OBJECTIVE:



We lead by example to build the Council's climate resilience and capacity to take action, and address our own operational emissions



Outcomes we want to achieve

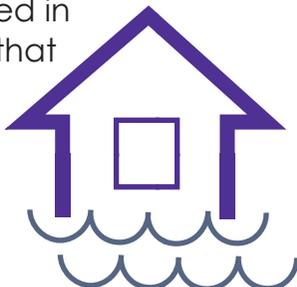
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Council services understand the role their service plays in helping tackle the climate crisis - how they can reduce their emissions, how climate risks may affect service delivery and how to improve their resilience to the risk

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Environmental and climate-related risks and impacts are considered in all decisions that are made



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Our fleet minimises its use of fossil fuel and increases opportunities to reduce vehicle use



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Our procurement approach supports the priorities of this plan and maximises social value from contractors and suppliers. Contractors and suppliers are encouraged to minimise their own emissions



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We provide transparency on the divestment of our pensions



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We understand the vulnerability of our assets and services to climate risks and these risks are managed effectively, with robust emergency response for all foreseeable climate risks





3 Local circular economy

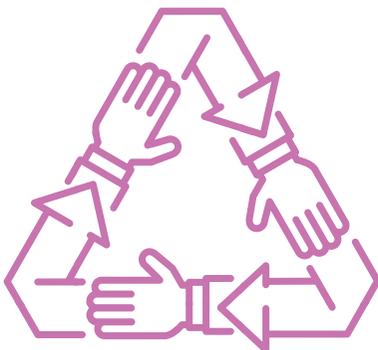
OBJECTIVE: “ We support a local zero waste, re-use, repair and sharing economy and reduce the borough's consumption emissions ”

Outcomes we want to achieve

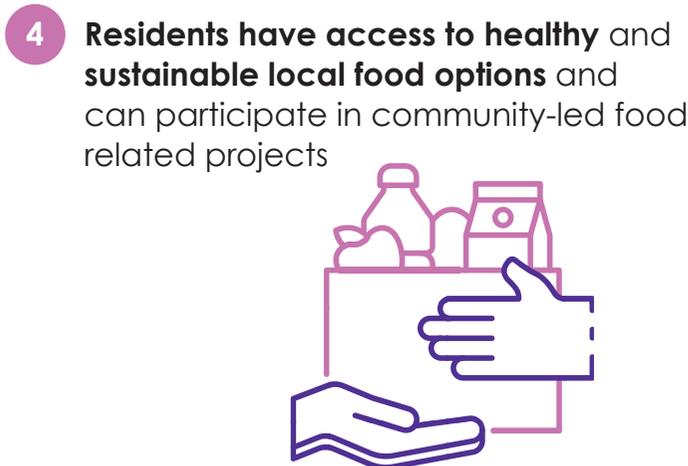


1 **Businesses in Camden minimise their waste**, including food waste and use single-use packaging, and **lower the environmental impact** from their operations. Surplus resources are put to use wherever possible

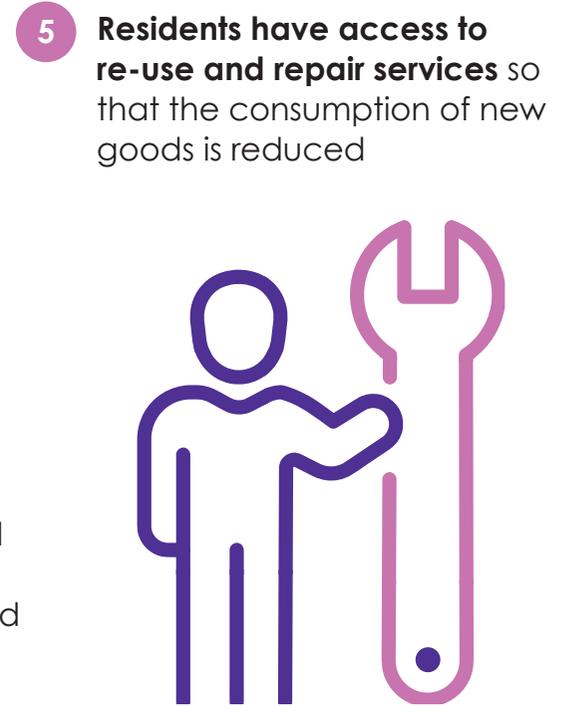
2 **Businesses invest in and support local community sharing, repair, re-use and waste reduction initiatives**



3 **Residents are able to minimise and recycle their waste**



4 **Residents have access to healthy and sustainable local food options** and can participate in community-led food related projects



5 **Residents have access to re-use and repair services** so that the consumption of new goods is reduced



4 Buildings and retrofit

OBJECTIVE:



We ensure Camden's homes, workplaces, schools and other community buildings are resilient to climate risks, energy efficient and help to provide energy security for occupiers



Outcomes we want to achieve

- 1 **Businesses in Camden are powered by renewable energy**, energy efficient and resilient to climate hazards



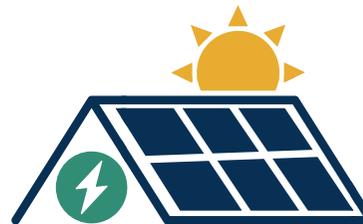
- 2 **Camden's schools and healthcare buildings are energy efficient** and resilient to climate hazards



- 3 **Funding is available** to support energy efficiency improvements and low carbon heating system upgrades in all homes



- 4 **Homes and community buildings in Camden are powered with renewable energy**



- 5 **Homes in Camden are energy efficient** and adapted to be **resilient** to climate hazards





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Empowerment, education and communication

OBJECTIVE:



We ensure everyone in Camden is empowered and educated to take action to help tackle the climate crisis, build their energy security and resilience to climate risks



Outcomes we want to achieve

- 1** **Businesses have a good understanding of climate risks**, and are **empowered to take action** to reduce their emissions and improve their resilience



- 2** **People in Camden are well-informed on what the Council and organisations are doing**, and how the Council and organisations can support them to take action and protect themselves



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- Residents are empowered** to take action in their neighbourhood to tackle the climate crisis and build community resilience to climate hazards

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- Residents have access to opportunities to build green knowledge and skills**



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- Residents most vulnerable** and exposed to climate hazards are empowered to **help protect themselves and build their resilience**

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- Residents, organisations and professionals understand the health impacts of climate hazards** and are empowered to use this knowledge to protect themselves and others



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- Schools and educational institutions are empowered** to take action to tackle the climate crisis and build their resilience



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- We tackle dis- and mis-information on climate science** and the impacts of climate change



6 Greening and growing

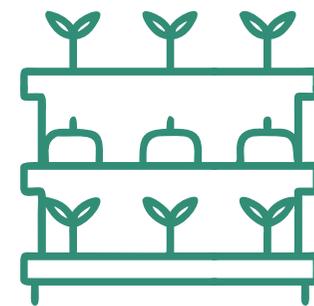
OBJECTIVE: “ We enhance and create climate adapted, resilient and biodiverse green spaces ”

Outcomes we want to achieve

1 Camden has a network of green spaces and green infrastructure which reduces flood risk and urban heating, increases resilience to a changing climate and supports nature to thrive and cope with the effects of the climate crisis



3 Residents have access to food growing spaces and can **participate in local food growing initiatives** in settings and formats suitable to them



2 Camden's estates and neighbourhoods are green and resilient, and adapted to provide protection to people from climate hazards. Residents can also **participate in greening and growing activities** locally



4 The local economy supports local green infrastructure, and greening and growing investment across Camden





7 Sustainable travel

OBJECTIVE: “ We enable active, inclusive travel and healthy lifestyles on climate friendly streets and reduce transport emissions ”

Outcomes we want to achieve

- 1** Our streets are green, safe, accessible and healthy. They are adapted to **help manage flood and overheating** risks, and protect people from these hazards



- 3** Residents, businesses and visitors are supported and enabled to **reduce their use of vehicles**



- 2** Residents, businesses and visitors are able to **walk, wheel and cycle, and access public and shared transport and shared mobility schemes** on inclusive, safe, healthy and climate-friendly streets



- 4** Residents, businesses and visitors have access to **public electric vehicles charging points**

