



CAMDEN CLIMATE ACTION, ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

Annual Review 2024-2025

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INTRODUCTION

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Camden's Climate Action Plan was published in 2020 after Camden held the UK's first Citizens' Assembly on the climate crisis. The Climate Action Plan responded to the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly and wider community, and since its adoption in 2020 has seen Camden take bold action to help tackle the climate crisis, with borough-wide carbon dioxide (CO₂e) emissions now 52% below 2005 levels.

Despite this progress, the impacts of the climate crisis are being increasingly felt in Camden. 2025 has been the hottest summer on record, with four heatwaves declared. Nine of the last ten summers (2016-2025) have brought temperatures above the long-term average. Extreme heat poses serious risks to public health and presents significant challenges to both our built and natural environments.

In addition, Camden continues to face increasing flood risk, with significant rainfall events in July 2021 and August 2022, causing widespread disruption to public spaces, homes and residents.

In response to this, Camden published a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan in November 2023 to supplement our climate programme. The two-year plan aimed to build our understanding of how climate hazards affect Camden and devised a set of actions for how we can improve our resilience to them.

This is the 5th and final Annual Review of the Climate Action Plan, and it provides an update on all actions from the original Climate Action Plan and those introduced in subsequent reviews, with 97% of actions achieved or partly achieved. It also includes updates on new actions that were identified for 2024-25.



This annual review also captures progress made in the final year of the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan, with 92% of actions achieved or partly achieved. The report also includes case studies of key progress made in 2024-25 across both plans.

2025 has seen significant work on the development of the Council's next Climate Action Plan 2026-30. We undertook a five-month engagement process, involving place-based community conversations and a Climate Action Day. This event brought together former Assembly members and new voices to review progress on the current climate action plan and discuss new ideas for the next one.

This engagement process ensured Camden's citizens remain at the centre of climate policy and action, and had the opportunity to help shape the priorities of the climate programme. The process focused on those most vulnerable to and impacted by climate change - including young people, residents of flood- and heat-prone areas, and individuals facing health and economic vulnerabilities, to gain insight into how life has evolved for Camden's communities over the past five years.

The new Climate Action Plan for the period 2026-2030 was approved by Cabinet on 10th December 2025 and will be launched in early 2026.



PROGRESS OVERVIEW

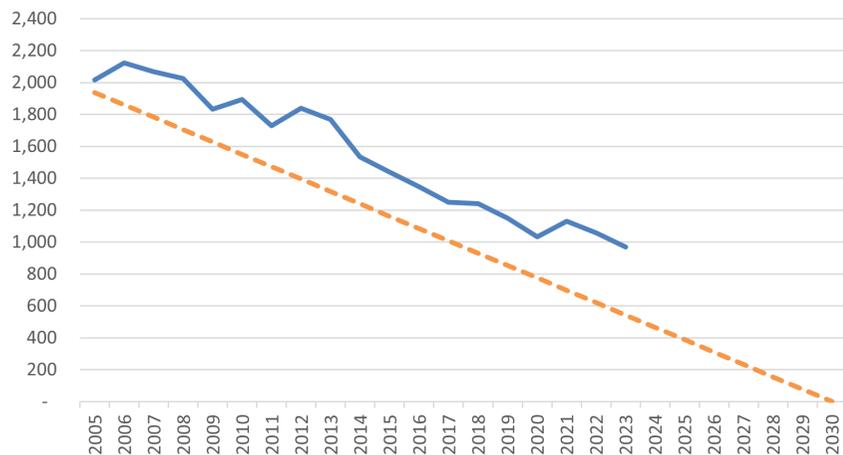
KEY PROGRESS INDICATORS

The Camden Climate Action Plan 2020-2025 has provided a framework for climate action across Camden. It is organised around the themes of People, Places, Buildings and Organisations. The success of the Climate Action Plan has relied on action by all citizens and organisations across Camden. Progress has been measured by the level of greenhouse gas or CO₂e equivalent emissions (CO₂e) in Camden. The Council's CO₂e emissions across our own corporate buildings and operations have also been measured annually to track progress.

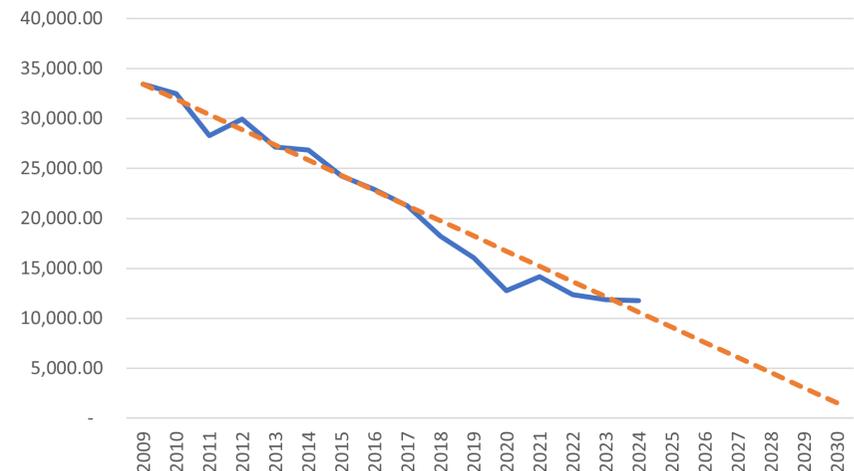
Since 2005, borough-wide territorial carbon dioxide emissions have reduced by 52% in Camden. Across the Council's own estate and operations, CO₂e emissions have reduced by 64.7% since 2010.

| Borough-wide: territorial emissions | Council estate and operations: direct emissions |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Baseline: 2005 | Baseline: 2010 |
| ↓ 52% (2023) | ↓ 64.7%¹ (2024) |
| Target 100% by 2030 | Target 100% by 2030 |

Graph 1: Borough-wide Direct CO₂ Emissions Reduction since 2005



Graph 2: Camden Council Own Estate and Operations - territorial CO₂e emissions



¹Emission levels show only a slight decrease as the refurbishment of Camden Town Hall was completed in 2024/25. The heating system was decarbonised resulting in an increase in electricity consumption, and it was back at full capacity which led to increased energy consumption overall.



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS SUMMARY

The Climate Action Plan was published in 2020 and committed to publish progress reports annually. The Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan was published in 2023. At the beginning of 2024/25 the Climate Action Plan had 54 live actions, while the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan had 55.

A summary of progress is included below:

2024-25 PROGRESS UPDATE – CLIMATE PROGRAMME

| | Action Status | Climate Action Plan | Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| | Action achieved | 37 | 25 |
| | Partly achieved | 16 | 26 |
| | Not achieved | 1 | 4 |
| | Total | 54 | 55 |

A summary of progress across all actions since the Climate Action Plan launched in 2020 is summarised below.

| Climate Action Plan Progress 2020 – 2025 | | | |
|--|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| | Action achieved | 92 | 76% |
| | Partly achieved | 25 | 20% |
| | Not achieved | 3 | 2% |
| | Total | 120 | 98% achieved or partly achieved |

PLEASE NOTE THE ACTION STATUSES DENOTE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

■ Action achieved

Action achieved in the 2024-25 reporting year

■ Partly Achieved

Actions that have been achieved to an extent, but not as originally intended and may have shifted in scope, but still resulted in positive outcomes in the relevant area

■ Not achieved

Actions that have not been achieved

ANNUAL REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

The Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan are each guided by a series of strategic themes. Across both plans, these fall under the following areas:

- People and Communities
- Places, Nature & Environment
- Buildings, Assets & Infrastructure
- Businesses and Organisations

As this is the final annual review of the Climate Action Plan, the section begins with a summary of significant achievements and milestones from the past five years.

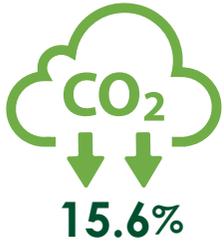
In addition, highlights of action over the last year of delivery (2024-2025) are provided alongside action status updates and key performance metrics for each vision area.

Have you got a great idea that could help tackle climate change in Camden?
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www.camden.gov.uk/greener-camden



FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS



Borough-wide territorial emissions have reduced by **15.6%** since the adoption of the Climate Action Plan in 2020

Emissions from our Council estate and operations have **decreased by 26.5%** since the launch of the Climate Action Plan in 2020



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES



have been added to the **Camden Climate Pledge** and **Schools Climate Charter**



has been **awarded in Camden Climate Fund funding** across **77 projects** between 2019-2025

PLACES, NATURE & ENVIRONMENT



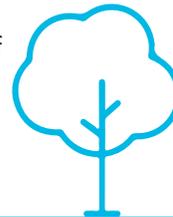
The percentage of the borough covered by **low-traffic neighbourhoods** has **increased** from **13%** in **2021** to **24%** in **2025**, meaning roughly a quarter of Camden's streets are now **covered by low-traffic restrictions**

There are now **25km of protected cycle routes in Camden**, up from 21km reported in 2021, **covering 9% of roads in Camden**.



261 electrical vehicle (EV) charging points have been installed on Camden streets since 2021

2,971 trees have been **planted by Camden Council** since the launch of the Climate Action Plan



Since establishing the **Climate Adaptation** and Resilience Plan over **92% of actions** have been **achieved or partly achieved**



Camden was ranked **4th place** in the **Healthy Streets Scorecard** in **2025**, **compared to 5th in 2020**



have increased from **4** in **2019** to **34** in **2025**

As of 2025, there are **16 Cool Spaces** in total across **Camden** (and 10 meeting Greater London Authority requirements)



BUILDINGS, ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

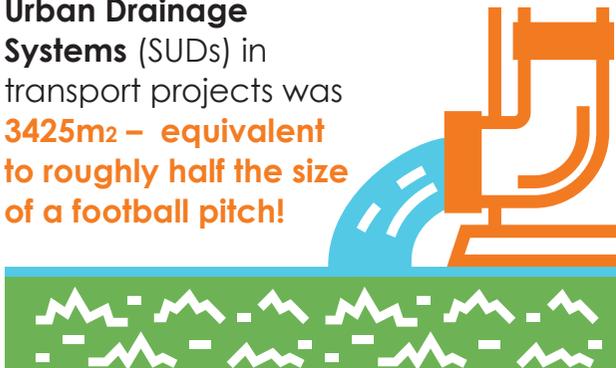
An estimated 300 Council-owned homes have been improved to a SAP rating of C or above since 2023



In the last five years, Camden has spent or allocated £31.6 million to decarbonisation projects across our own estate and operations which are forecast to decrease emissions by more than 1,250 tCO₂e annually



In 2025 the total amount of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDs) in transport projects was 3425m² – equivalent to roughly half the size of a football pitch!

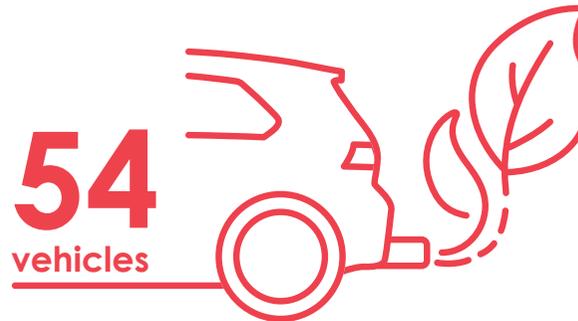


BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS

Since 2020, Camden Climate Alliance members who reported their energy data have achieved a collective emissions reduction equal to approx. 17,322 tCO₂e

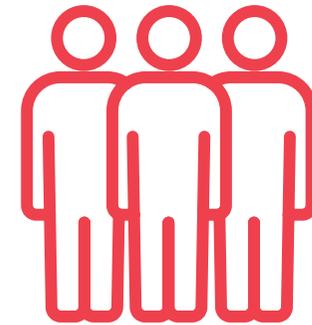
Camden Climate Alliance

Since the launch of the Climate Action Plan, the number of low or zero emission vehicles making up Camden's fleet has increased by 54 vehicles (equivalent to +86%)



54
vehicles

Since 2021, the number of Camden Climate Alliance members has increased by 160



(43% increase)

£36,000



in business donations secured by the Camden Climate Alliance towards local environmental projects



of corporate volunteering for local sustainability initiatives through Climate Connectors Programme

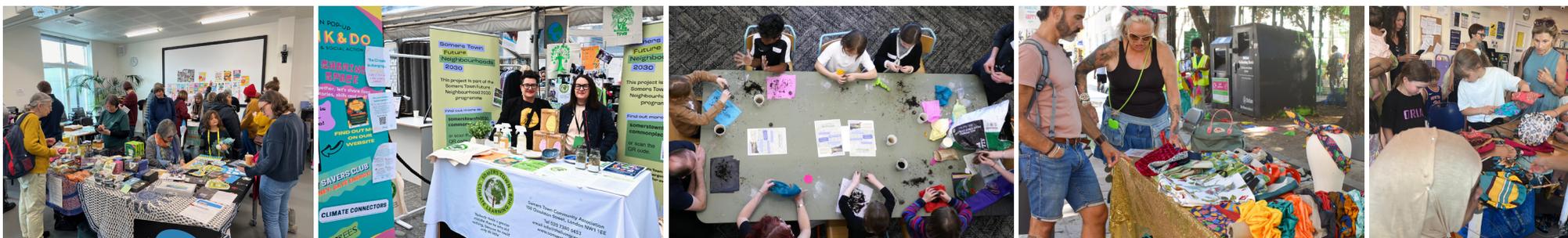
PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

“Everyone who lives, works, studies, and visits the borough will be well informed and actively contribute to tackling the climate crisis in all aspects of their lives.”

CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN

“Support and enable all of those who live and work in Camden to protect themselves and their community from climate risks. Work with partners such as the NHS and Greater London Authority to provide good quality information.”



ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides progress on all live actions during the 2024-25 period.

| | Action Status | Climate Action Plan | Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| | Action achieved | 7 | 7 |
| | Partly achieved | 1 | 6 |
| | Not achieved | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 8 | 13 |

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

| Linked actions | Metric | Year | Total | Change |
|---------------------|--|----------------|-------|--------|
| 1.3.4, 1.6.1 | Number of visits to Camden Council's 'what can you do' Climate Crisis webpages | to August 2025 | 43 | ↓ 83%* |
| 1.1.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.2 | Total signatories to the Camden Climate Pledge and Schools Climate Charter | to August 2025 | 65 | ↑ 3% |

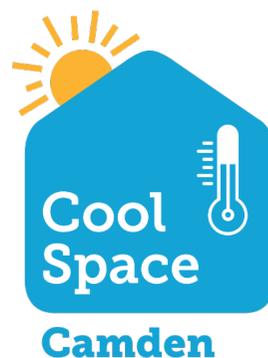
*This decrease may be attributed to the launch of the 'Greener Camden' website in 2024-2025 to host all sustainability and environment advice and provide residents with tools and information to act.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES HIGHLIGHTS



Our community-led **Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods programme** is in its third and final year and has continued to go from strength to strength, with over **£9.2 million invested** in the Programme since its launch in 2022. Key initiatives delivered in 2025 included:

- the consolidation of the **Climate Learning Hub** run by Somers Town Community Association
- the Your Bike Project which **rescued over 500 bikes, with 150 upcycled and donated** to the community and **others were used for party of recycled**
- The delivery of **25 apprenticeships in bike mechanics**
- The **completion of an internal wall insulation retrofit trial to homes**
- The **completion of 7 pioneering mobility hubs across the neighbourhood**, including climate resilience infrastructure



Camden's "**Cool Spaces**" are accessible spaces that offer air conditioning, free water, and a safe environment to rest during extreme heat. The number of Cool Spaces across the borough **increased from 2 last year to 16 in total** (with 10 meeting Greater London Authority requirements). Cool Spaces meeting GLA requirements include Pancras Square Library, Swiss Cottage Library, Queens Crescent Library, Somers Town Living Centre, Somers Town Community Centre, Old Diorama Arts Centre, Building Centre, Wellcome Collection, Emmanuel Church, British Library.



Greener Camden

2025 saw the launch of our new Greener Camden webpages, which bring all of Camden's environmental offers for residents under a single easy to access platform on the Council website: **www.camden.gov.uk/greener-camden**



On 26 April 2025 we hosted **Camden's Climate Action Day**, the culmination of our engagement to **shape the new Climate Action Plan 2026-2030**. Residents came together to revisit the original Citizens' Assembly recommendations and generate new ideas and priorities for the new Plan. Over 50 residents came together for the day to reflect on the progress of Camden's climate programme and help shape the content of the next Climate Action Plan.



In 2025, **Think & Do Stay Cool community-focused Awareness Campaign** raised awareness of extreme heat-related climate risk to voluntary and community organisations throughout the borough who work with the young, elderly, disabled, those with pre-existing health conditions and rough sleepers. Leaflets and posters were distributed amongst the community and hung up in popular public spaces, signposting residents to nearby cool spaces and to resources. **Nine "Stay Cool" events** have been held, and the campaign reached over 2000 people.

This year's **Somerstown Festival** took place on the 12th of July 2025 and included a **green zone featuring 14 stalls** dedicated to the range of projects that have been delivered by community members and organisations as part of the Future Neighbourhoods Programme 2030. This included a station to **upcycle and repair domestic energy products**, the **sale of local makers products including handmade items composed of recycled textiles**, and further engagement and consultation around the development of the Somers Town Neighbourhood Plan.





In 2025, a new **community café** run by Lifeafterhummus opened at the Pancras Square Library, offering **affordable, sustainable and healthy plant-based meals** to the local community. The café's meals are prepared from surplus food collected by volunteers from Somers Town food businesses and partners. Lifeafterhummus already plays a vital role in the local community, operating a social supermarket and re-use centre supporting 80 local households.

As part of Phase 3 of the Climate Connectors programme, we delivered our third **Dragons' Den** initiative, which pooled **£2,700 in funding from businesses**, including Sheppard Robson and Troup Bywaters + Anders, and approximately **48 volunteering hours** from businesses to support the event. This supported school projects such as tree planting, installing a green air fence, and running a clothes swap initiative.



In 2025, Camden Libraries hosted **Green Libraries Week** with eco workshops across six libraries involving 34 participants. Activities included **Leaf Printing, Eco Bird Feeders, and Visible Mending**. A 'Creative Wellbeing Measure' developed by UCL was used to capture the wellbeing benefits of these sessions, and the Green Libraries Week Programme scored 4.8 out of 5. **83% of participants reported enjoying the crafts and feeling proud for learning a new skill.**



2025 has seen significant work on the development of the **Council's next Climate Action Plan 2026-2030**. Over 5 months, a Young Person's Summit, community, and business events were held, and a new interactive immersive engagement tool developed by UCL and NESTA was trialled called "Strategy Rooms". A range of Camden's residents have been involved in the **engagement process to understand how life has changed for Camden's communities in the last five years**, including young people, residents in flood- and heat-prone areas, and those facing economic vulnerabilities.



In 2025, we re-launched our **Camden Climate Fund** increasing the amount that can be given to projects that support carbon savings and provide co-benefits across the borough and offering other support including a free pre-planning application advice service.

This year we have **awarded £64,786 in funding across seven projects**

through the Camden Climate Fund to voluntary and community sector organisations supporting community projects aimed at tackling the climate crisis. The fund supported the relocation of the Library of Things to Swiss Cottage Library and campaigns to encourage the uptake of retrofit. Among the funded projects was the Energy Saving Ambassadors Programme, which delivered training and advice to residents on how to use less energy and save money on energy bills.



PLACES, NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



Camden's public spaces will encourage and enable healthy and sustainable travel choices and promote biodiversity."

CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN



Create an environment where ecosystems can thrive, and biodiversity can succeed. Build the resilience of our green spaces so they can withstand severe weather events."



ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides a progress on all live actions during the 2024-25 period.

| | Action Status | Climate Action Plan | Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| | Action achieved | 12 | 3 |
| | Partly achieved | 3 | 6 |
| | Not achieved | 1 | 0 |
| | Total | 16 | 9 |

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

| Linked actions | Metric | Year | Total | Change |
|---------------------|---|-----------|--------|--------|
| 2.1.7, 2.2.5, 2.2.7 | Percentage of the borough covered by low-traffic neighbourhoods | 2024-2025 | 24% | ↑0% |
| 2.1.2 | Total length of protected cycle routes installed | 2024-2025 | 25.6km | ↑3.6%* |
| 2.1.1 | Total number of EV charging points on Camden streets | 2024-2025 | 558 | ↓0.3% |
| 2.2.3 | Total number of trees planted by Camden Council since 2020 | 2024-2025 | 2971 | ↑27% |

*This was incorrectly reported as 29% in 2023/24. The total length of protected cycle routes installed by 2023-24 was 24.7km.

PLACES, NATURE & ENVIRONMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Camden's Tree planting strategy sets out an ambitious target of planting 600 trees per year until 2025. In 2024-25 the Council achieved this target through **planting 635 standard trees, 35 more trees than the annual target**. In addition to this, other organisations in the borough planted 105 standards and 210 whips (young trees).



By 2025, the **length of segregated cycleways has more than tripled** in Camden. During 2024-25, permanent segregated cycle tracks and accompanying Healthy Streets measures were completed on Prince of Wales Road, York Way, Grays Inn Road, Chalk Farm Road and St Pancras Way, and the construction of similar features commenced in Haverstock Hill and Crowndale Road. The next 3-year Camden Transport Strategy Delivery Plan was also approved, which includes a commitment to deliver a further 17km of segregated cycle lanes by 2028.



In 2025, Camden continued to work in partnership with the City of London and residents and communities in South End Green to manage and reduce flood risk. A **natural flood management scheme has been installed to the south of the East Heath car park**, featuring a diverter, path works and the clearing of blocked drains to divert rainwater into a natural area on the edge of the Heath instead of running off onto East Heath road. The Council also approved further watercourse improvements on Hampstead Heath, including the introduction of leaky dams, that are also **designed to reduce rainwater flows and increase local flood resilience**.



In summer 2025, **Camden Climate Alliance** member BMA House joined forces with others for a fun day spent digging, sanding down railings, painting, cutting gardening fabric and laying wildflower turf at a local estate in Camden. The event was organised by Think & Do and allowed community members and BMA House Estate to get involved in a greening project on the estate and help to make a huge difference to the local community, under the banner of **'Rewilding Camden'**.



Since the **introduction of new parking permit tariff bands** in 2024, which are based on vehicle carbon emissions and engine size, we've noticed a shift in Camden. These changes were designed to improve air quality and help tackle the climate emergency by cutting carbon dioxide and harmful particulates, while **encouraging residents to choose low-emission and electric vehicles**. In October 2022, about 22% of resident parking permits payments were linked to electric or hybrid vehicles, compared to an increase to around 29% by October 2025.



After launching in 2024, the **Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme** has made good progress in 2025. Delivery has begun of the first set of "STARter" projects, our quick-win schemes for early delivery which aim

to make Holborn safer, greener and less polluted. Two of these include: 1. Keeley Street, which is currently in construction, where a **"no motor vehicle" restriction has been installed at the junction with Wild Street, alongside a cycle path, low level planting and SuDS**; and, 2. **Holborn Gateway, where the forecourt of Holborn Underground Station has been repaved to improve the experience outside the station and reduce clutter**. Significant public engagement on the Scheme has also taken place, involving 1050 people, and a full public consultation is expected in late summer 2026.

The **Camden High Street "Phase 1" pedestrianisation scheme** was launched in May 2025, coinciding with the "Camden at 60: The Big Street Party" which celebrated Camden Town's rich history, stories and grassroots culture. The section between Camden Town tube station and Jamestown Road/Hawley Crescent has become **pedestrian & cycle only at all times for a trial period of up to 18 months**. The Council are now monitoring the trial and collecting data and public feedback to help inform next steps.

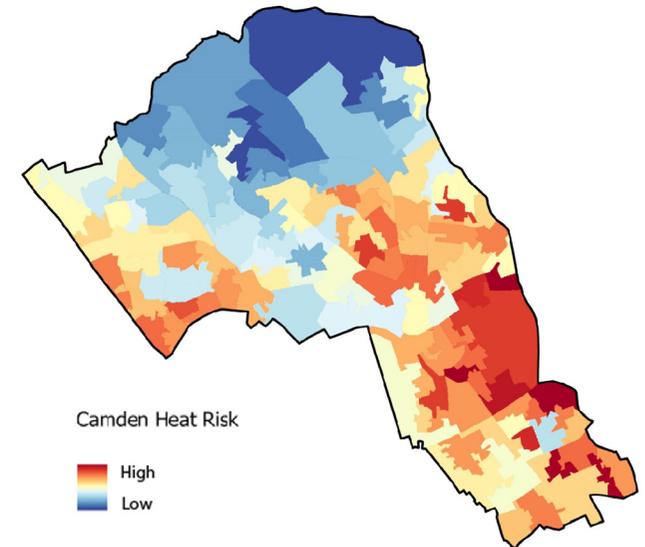




In 2025, two additional Healthy School Street schemes have been installed:

- Located outside Collège Français Bilingue de Londres covering Willes Road & Cathcart Street and Christchurch primary school
- Located outside Christ Church Primary School covering Holford Road, Cannon Place, Hampstead Square and Christchurch Hill

By the end of 2025, there are projected to be **34 Healthy School Street schemes in operation across the Borough, covering 41 schools**. The Council are on target to deliver all feasible Healthy School Street schemes across Camden by 2026. Camden is also developing a “main road” Healthy School Streets programme, on streets where timed motor vehicle restrictions are not possible, with the Torriano Avenue School Street Greening and Safety Improvements scheme being introduced in 2026.



Camden is transforming Holborn's streets through the Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood (HLN) project, with consultant Shade the UK developing a **heat resilience strategy to address the area's main climate risk, particularly for those most vulnerable**. The work identified and modelled adaptation options for three priority hot spots and produced design principles to guide future interventions, with **shading and greening underway at Tybald's Estate as part of Camden's Community Investment Programme's regeneration of the estate**.

BUILDINGS, ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

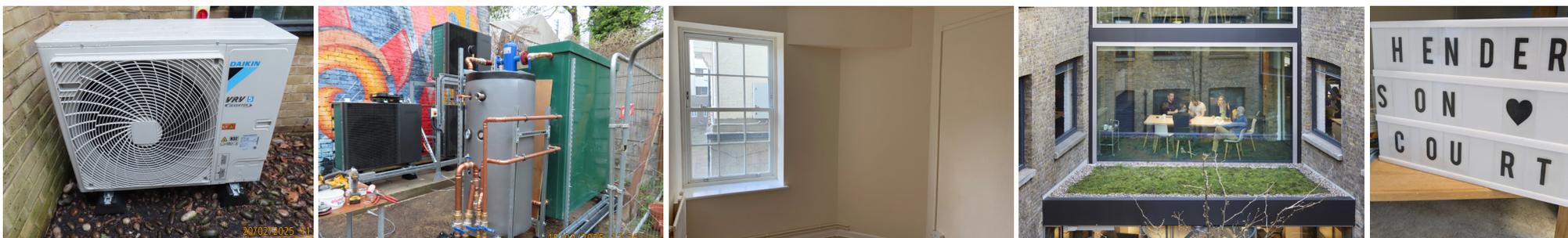


Camden's buildings will be energy efficient, comfortable and fit-for-purpose for a zero-carbon future."

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION PLAN



Adapt Camden's buildings and infrastructure, ensuring that the most vulnerable and exposed to climate hazards are identified and adapted, prioritising nature-based solutions to develop this climate resilience. Adapt social infrastructure such as healthcare systems and schools to build resilience."



ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides a progress on all live actions during the 2024-25 period.

| | Action Status | Climate Action Plan | Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| | Action achieved | 13 | 8 |
| | Partly achieved | 6 | 9 |
| | Not achieved | 0 | 4 |
| | Total | 19 | 21 |

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

| Linked actions | Metric | Year | Total | Change |
|---------------------|--|---------|------------|--------|
| 3.2.2, 3.3.9, 3.6.1 | Percentage of council owned homes with a SAP rating of C or above | 2024/25 | 68.8% | ↑0.04% |
| 3.5.1, 3.3.7 | Estimated private sector carbon reduction from Council led energy efficiency programmes (Including the Camden Climate Fund and Solar Together) | 2024/25 | 201 tonnes | ↓76%* |

*Tonnes of CO₂ saved is compared to the savings from the previous year. This reduction in savings can be attributed to the ending of the Solar Together London (STL) programme in 2024, so this figure reflects estimated carbon reduction from the Camden Climate Fund only.

BUILDINGS, ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE HIGHLIGHTS



In 2024-2025, the **Camden Climate Fund** awarded **£33,425 to four businesses and community organisations** to improve the energy efficiency of workplaces and community buildings. A further **£98,146** has been awarded to 13 households **to help improve the energy efficiency of homes.**



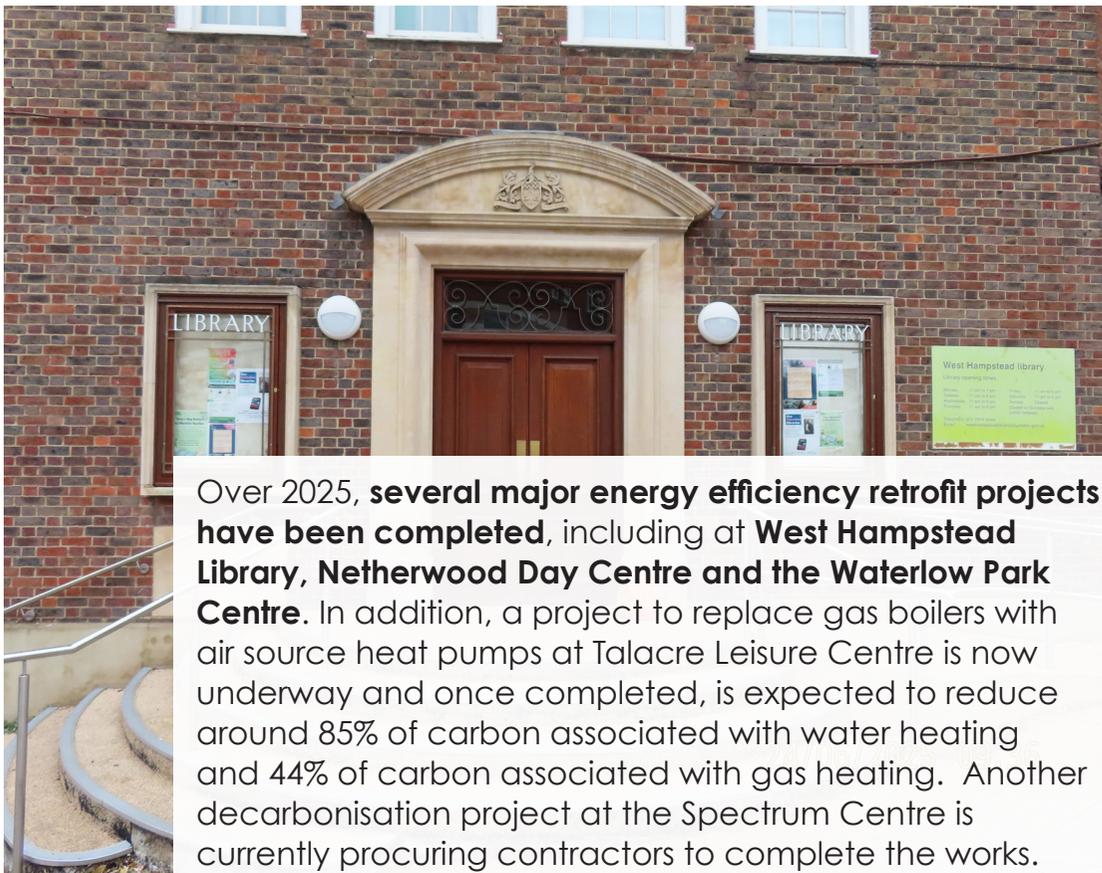
2025 has seen the Council continue to drive forward its **community energy** programme after its successful pilot stage with Power Up North London, which has seen solar arrays, financed by community share investment, installed at Parliament Hill and Regent High schools. Over 2025, a further **six schools have been identified for community energy projects**, and a community energy partner is now in the process of being procured with a view to the new programme starting in 2026.



In 2025, the Council were awarded **£6.54m** from the Public Sector **Decarbonisation Fund (PSDS)** for **decarbonisation works at Kentish Town Sports Centre and Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre**, which are due to take place from 2026-2027. In addition, funding was received for retrofit works at Brecknock School and Langtry Children's Centre.



In 2025, **72 Council homes underwent retrofit improvements** which were supported by Wave 2.1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and will be complete this year as part of our ongoing commitment to energy security. In addition, there are a variety of other properties currently undergoing retrofit projects, including Chester Court, 13-29 Belmont, Flats 1-15, 50 Fitzjohns Avenue and 21 Street properties.



Over 2025, **several major energy efficiency retrofit projects have been completed**, including at **West Hampstead Library, Netherwood Day Centre and the Waterlow Park Centre**. In addition, a project to replace gas boilers with air source heat pumps at Talacre Leisure Centre is now underway and once completed, is expected to reduce around 85% of carbon associated with water heating and 44% of carbon associated with gas heating. Another decarbonisation project at the Spectrum Centre is currently procuring contractors to complete the works.



With the support of the South Hampstead Flood Action Group (SHFAG), Camden secured **£75,000 in PROSPER funding to deliver Phase 2 of the Goldhurst Terrace project**. PROSPER is a flood risk management grant from the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and Environment Agency. Phase 2 will deliver **nine tree pit buildouts with increased below ground attenuation capacity in the high flood risk area of South Hampstead**. Each tree buildout will include one tree with additional low level planting. The project is currently under construction and due to complete in 2026.



This year, we continued to deliver a pilot project to install Internal Wall Insulation upgrades in council homes in Somers Town as part of the Future Neighbourhoods project. By the end of 2025, **40 upgrades will be completed to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Camden**. In addition, Phoenix Court estate in Somers Town is being reviewed for external wall insulation.



In 2025, we **installed a large solar array at Henderson Court**, a sheltered housing scheme, providing direct power to residents and **delivering reductions in both energy bills and carbon emissions using a new energy-sharing technology**. So far, 300 solar panels and six Sol Share units have been installed. The system will take power from the panels and share it with around 70 homes, communal spaces, and wherever else power is needed across the block. The project will generate thousands of pounds of electricity each year. It's the first scheme of its kind in the borough - cutting bills and emissions to tackle the cost of living and the climate crisis.



In 2025 we won almost **£13.5 million of funding through Wave 3 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund**, towards an innovative retrofit trial scheme, which will **install energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies** including solar panels and batteries into 2,500 of **the least energy efficient council homes**, ultimately making residents energy bills cheaper.

In 2025, our **Home Energy Advice Service delivered 1048 appointments**, supporting Camden tenants who are struggling with their energy bills by offering ad hoc retrofit works aimed at making their home more energy efficient. On the back of completing 21 retrofit assessments in 2023-2024, the **Cost of Living retrofit project has now completed energy efficiency works at 14 council homes**, with three properties in progress and another nine in the pipeline. All supported tenants were identified as being vulnerable to the high cost of energy bills.

Worried about energy usage or energy debt?



Help is available

camden.gov.uk/EnergySavingTips



BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

“All organisations in Camden will operate responsibly and embed tackling the climate crisis throughout their operations.”

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION PLAN

“Embed climate resilience practices across all Council services, ensuring that they can continue to support our residents during summer heat waves, flooding and other climate hazards. Ensure council services respond effectively during a severe weather event.”

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION PLAN

“Businesses, organisations and local economy: Foster an economy that can withstand and recover from short- and long-term climate impacts. Ensuring Camden businesses can maintain operations with minimal disruption during and after climate events. Businesses will support the delivery of green infrastructure.”



ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides a progress on all live actions during the 2024-25 period.

| | Action Status | Climate Action Plan | Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan |
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| | Action achieved | 5 | 7 |
| | Partly achieved | 6 | 5 |
| | Not achieved | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 11 | 12 |

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

| Linked actions | Metric | Year | Total | Change |
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| 3.1.8 | Average carbon reduction from Camden | 2024/25 | 7% | ↓53%* |
| 4.2.5 | Percentage of Camden's fleet comprised of low/zero emission vehicles | 2024/25 | 29% | ↑6% |
| 4.2.8 | Percentage of Camden Council's pension fund that is divested from fossil fuels | 2024/25 | 99.38% | ↑1.5% |
| 4.2.7 | Number of Camden Climate Alliance members | 2024/25 | 526 | ↑15.6% |

* This reduction could be attributed to several factors, including the abnormal impact of COVID-19 on 2020 emissions and inconsistent business participation in reporting across years.

BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS HIGHLIGHTS



Following the 2024 internal heatwave workshop, we developed a new **Adverse Weather Plan (AWP) for Camden** to govern the Council's response to severe weather. The AWP identifies Council services most at risk to extreme weather, as well as nominating lead officers with responsibility for implementing appropriate service level responses. A webinar was also delivered to key services, which included national evidence on heat-related mortality and best-practice action cards aligned with UKHSA guidance.

Adverse and Severe Weather Plan

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Since 2020, we delivered two phases of the Business Climate Challenge, supporting over 100 Camden businesses with 1:1 consultancy to cut energy use and carbon. Several have since implemented permanent retrofit measures, including solar PV and LED lighting, with over £35k in Camden Climate Fund grants used to support these actions. In February 2025, we concluded a six-part sustainability series attended by 39 Camden-based businesses, covering energy management, staff engagement, behaviour change, and sustainability communications.

In early 2025, we delivered **bespoke climate resilience reports to four schools in Somers Town**, developed in collaboration with ARUP. Each report provided tailored actions to **strengthen the schools' ability to respond to and prepare for climate impacts**. CCA businesses secured £5k in funding to support the implementation of these recommendations, and we continue to engage with the schools to encourage the adoption of the measures outlined in the reports.

Summary of recommended measures



The Council has continued to progress with **'Greening the Fleet'** in line with recommendations from the Energy Saving Trust (EST) evaluation commissioned in 2023-24. **29% of Camden's fleet is now zero or low emission**. In 2024-25 CATS replaced 14 vehicles in the fleet with EVs.

In March 2025, the Camden Climate Alliance in partnership with London Clean Air, delivered a **Green Careers Fair to promote green careers and job opportunities in sustainability**. The event included a series of talks, workshops as well as a career fair to showcase the wide range of roles and opportunities. Several CCA businesses attended the event which was attended by approximately 200 students.



The second **Citizen Panel** continued their work at the start of 2025, **supporting the development of the Council's climate resilience work and shaping the approach to the draft Climate Action Plan 2026-2030**. The Panel has now concluded and a new approach to engagement in the next Climate Action Plan will be developed, to ensure citizens continue to be centralised in the Climate Action Plan's delivery.

ACTION PROGRESS UPDATE

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – ACTION PROGRESS UPDATE

This section provides a full detailed update of the Climate Action Plan, providing progress updates against each action. Actions marked as closed are those which have been achieved and reference numbers to continuing programmes of work are provided within the 'Progress update' column where appropriate. Closed actions will not be reported on moving forward.

| Category | Action | Action status | Progress indicator | Progress update |
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| People | 1.1.1: From 2020, improve the way the Council communicates about how programmes such as our transport and housing investment work helps to address the climate crisis | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | <p>The Council continues to communicate about investment projects and how the work supports tackling the climate crisis and launched a dedicated Greener Camden area of the Council website showcase the different areas of climate action: https://www.camden.gov.uk/greener-camden</p> <p>Recent communications include the following examples: https://news.camden.gov.uk/cheaper-bills-for-3000-council-households-thanks-to-huge-retrofit-investment/</p> <p>https://news.camden.gov.uk/camden-completes-the-build-of-69-council-owned-homes-and-56-private-homes-at-the-agar-grove-estate-as-part-of-the-biggest-passivhaus-scheme-in-the-country/</p> <p>https://news.camden.gov.uk/camden-council-agrees-trial-pedestrianisation-for-a-safer-healthier-camden-high-street/</p> <p>https://news.camden.gov.uk/first-projects-delivered-in-camden-councils-holborn-liveable-neighbourhood-project/</p> <p>https://news.camden.gov.uk/community-celebrates-the-reopening-of-swiss-cottage-open-space/</p> <p>https://news.camden.gov.uk/refurbished-holborn-library-opens-as-a-vibrant-neighbourhood-space/</p> <p>https://news.camden.gov.uk/camden-approves-new-public-space-and-healthy-streets-for-phoenix-road/</p> <p>The new CAP 2026 - 2030 will see further actions around communicating what the Council is doing to tackle the climate crisis.</p> |

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| People | 1.1.6: From 2020, seek funding opportunities to support community-led climate action, which results in borough-wide emissions reductions. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Camden continues to support community action through Climate Connectors (See Action 4.5.1) and the Camden Climate Fund (See Action 1.4.2). In 2024-25 the CCF was redesigned and relaunched to increase support available to communities. In addition, the Council sought funding to extend the Future Neighbourhoods Programme to other communities in Camden. Funding opportunities, such as TfL's Walking and Cycling grants, are shared through regular engagement with stakeholders, newsletters and local events. The new CAP 2026 - 2030 continues the focus on empowering community-led initiatives through a variety of actions. |
| People | 1.4.2 From 2022, deliver the Future Neighbourhoods 2030 project in Somers Town, working closely with community partners to tackle environmental challenges in the area. Continue to identify opportunities for further funding. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | <p>"The Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods programme is in its third and final phase (to be completed in early 2026). £9.2M has been invested in Somers Town since the launch of the Future Neighbourhood 2030 programme in 2022. This includes £3.5M from the GLA and £5.7M match funding from partners involved, including the Council. A range of sustainability initiatives have been delivered across the duration of the programme, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A Climate Learning Hub including learning sessions linked to climate, health, and finance needs (food growing, cooking skills, jewellery, and cleaning products making) * A social supermarket redistributing surplus food and a waste café (5PS) * Green space and courtyard improvements to boost climate resilience and access to food growing * Transport initiatives: 7 Mobility Hubs, including new rain gardens to improve local climate resilience, cycle lanes, and 3 new Healthy School Streets were completed this year * Major solar array at Regent High School via community share offer, as well as climate resilience plans for Somers Town schools * A Neighbourhood Plan for Somers Town is underway to embed the recently developed Somers Town Area-based Strategy 2030. |

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| People | 1.4.2 From 2022, deliver the Future Neighbourhoods 2030 project in Somers Town, working closely with community partners to tackle environmental challenges in the area. Continue to identify opportunities for further funding. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * An internal wall insulation retrofit trial (40 flats to be completed by the end of 2025) * Upcycled bicycles for residents + apprenticeships in bike mechanics (plus 400 bikes upcycled & donated, 1000 bicycles maintained, and 22 teenage apprentices delivered) * Sharing Spaces. Community-led use of halls for skills and ideas sharing. Including trialling 2 food microenterprises and delivering community-led training sessions * Supporting local makers to enable a low-waste local circular economy * 12-week accredited course mentoring residents to develop fundable climate projects (worth 28 UCAS points) <p>Work is underway to build on the legacy of the project, including the impact of individuals and organisations' newly gained climate awareness, how the residents continue to collaborate and work together and how the community's work is best showcased to access funding most efficiently. A Neighbourhood Plan is being developed which will embed the Somers Town Area-based Strategy 2030 to ensure its principles influence local decisions."</p> |
| People | 1.4.3: From 2022, work with Camden's VCS groups to identify projects that deliver on the vision of the Climate Action Plan and provide funding through the Camden Climate Fund where possible. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | <p>Camden continue to support community-led projects through the Camden Climate Fund. In 2024-25, we approved £64,786 in funding through the Camden Climate Fund across seven projects through the Camden Climate Fund to voluntary and community sector organisations supporting community projects aimed at tackling the climate crisis. This includes supporting the relocation of the Library of Things to Swiss Cottage Library, and campaigns promoting energy-saving behaviour and the uptake of retrofit. Among the funded projects was the Energy Saving Ambassadors Programme, which delivered training and advice to residents on how to use less energy and save money on energy bills. Camden are also helping to leverage funding from other sources where possible, including local businesses as part of the Climate Connectors programme where a total of £3,200 was provided from businesses to deliver local projects (see Action 4.5.1).</p> |

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| People | 1.4.1 From 2022-2025, continue to work with schools and community groups to deliver a programme of information provision and events around the theme of climate justice | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | Several projects delivered through the Climate Action Plan have focused on addressing the concept of climate justice and addressing inequity of the climate crisis - working to improve health and social outcomes, as well as tackling the climate crisis. For example, the Council supported Lifeafterhummus to open a community cafe in the library of 5PS, offering affordable and healthy plant-based meals to the local community utilising surplus food. Equity and inclusion have been embedded as key principles guiding the way we will be delivering the new Climate Action Plan 2026 - 2030. |
| People | 1.4.4: From 2022-2023, further develop the public information campaign to include events for schools and businesses highlighting best practice and opportunities for developing their climate work. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | In 2024-25, the Camden Climate Alliance hosted six events to support businesses and organisations in Camden. These included networking opportunities for businesses including a Sustainability Roundtable held in November 2024 for businesses to discuss potential actions for the new Climate Action Plan 2026-2030; training sessions to support businesses with knowledge of how to reduce emissions, covering topics such as B Corp guidance, communicating sustainability, and understanding the Camden Climate Fund's business grants; and a celebration and networking event in April 2025 for Business Climate Challenge participants to share learnings. |
| People | 1.5.1: In 2024-2025, deliver the third iteration of the Climate Connectors programme to connect businesses with environmental projects. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Climate Connectors is the Camden Climate Alliance's flagship programme, enabling value transfer from member businesses to support and mobilise local sustainability projects. Phase 3 concluded in July 2025. As part of the programme, we delivered our third Dragons' Den initiative, which pooled £2,700 in funding from businesses including Sheppard Robson and Troup Bywaters + Anders. This supported school projects such as tree planting, installing a green air fence, and running a clothes swap initiative. Additional projects included wildflower planting at Clarence Hall Estate, donating rainwater harvesting systems to Camden estates, and providing free venue hire for the GDD event. Since 2022, Climate Connectors has generated over £36,000 in business donations and 1,881 hours of corporate volunteering for local sustainability initiatives. |

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| People | 1.6.1: From 2024, continue to offer residents practical advice and support on how they can take action on the climate crisis. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Camden developed a new Greener Camden web platform, hosted on the wider Council website, to provide consolidated information to residents about what the Council is doing to take action on the climate crisis and provide climate advice on what residents can do. In addition, 2024 - 25 saw the Climate team undertaking an intensive community engagement process ahead of developing the new 2026-2030 Climate Action Plan which provided opportunities to connect with residents and provide information and practical support. The Council is also continuing to collaborate with community partners like Think & Do and Retrofit Kentish Town to promote peer-to-peer learning on addressing the climate emergency and taking meaningful action - for example through the Sharing Spaces programme through 5 libraries. |
| Places | 2.1.1: Continue to regularly review and amend parking permits and prices to reflect the climate emergency, and roll out electric vehicle (EV) charging points across Camden in line with our EV Action Plan. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | "The previously consulted on, and approved ""Cleaner, Fairer Parking"" proposals, introducing carbon-emissions based charging to most of our parking products, began implementation in 2024-25 and are now being rolled out in line with the phase delivery approach agreed by Cabinet. These changes have led to increases in parking prices for, in particular, the most polluting motor vehicles in terms of CO2 emissions. The adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) plays an important role in addressing transport related emissions and Camden Council has committed through various policy objectives to facilitate the transition to EVs by providing a network of EV charge points. By the end of 2024 we had implemented 558 EVCP units with another 250+ expected to be delivered in 2025. Camden Council's cabinet has also approved the joint procurement of at least 500 Electric Vehicle lamp post charge points (EVCPs) as part of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure programme (LEVI) managed by the Government's Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). These new chargers will add to the over 550 existing Electric Vehicle chargers in the borough. Supporting the continued the rollout of EV infrastructure and climate-based parking policies is also featured in the next Climate Action Plan. |

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| Places | 2.2.4: Extend nature conservation volunteers programmes to support with the maintenance of existing and new green space. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Not achieved | Owing to increased costs and no additional funding yet found, Camden Green Gym (which is delivered in partnership with The Conservation Volunteers) has had to be reduced, prioritising the most important tasks and sites, and focus on the principles of the health and well-being principles of the programme. The Good Gym continues to be promoted to TRAs and other community groups where additional support is needed. More information can be found here: https://www.tcv.org.uk/london/green-gym-london/camden-green-gym/ . |
| Places | 2.1.5: From 2020, ensure all new planning frameworks require developments to be zero carbon (as per London Plan definition) and target reductions in the embodied carbon emissions of the development. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Planning frameworks and briefs provide guidance for specific sites and areas of Camden for where we expect significant development and growth to happen. These documents provide additional and more specific policy and place-based guidance to support the Local Plan to help guide development. They are an important consideration when the Council assesses planning applications. Further to the Kentish Town Planning Framework, West End Lane to Finchley Road and Canalside to Camley Street published in 2020-21, and Gospel Oak and Haverstock Community vision in November 2022, the Holborn vision was published in January 2025 which has an objective to deliver a "climate resilient place" which requires all new development to be net zero and calculate whole life carbon. More information on Camden's planning framework documents is available here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/planning-frameworks-and-briefs1 . In addition, the Climate Action Plan 2026-2030 includes a focus on ensuring all new buildings are zero carbon in operation and minimise whole life cycle carbon emissions. |

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| Places | 2.1.7: From 2021, in addition to completed modal filters, Healthy School Streets, cycling improvements and cycle storage in the vicinity of the high street, continue to explore options for a trial the closure of Camden High Street to traffic around the market with a view to a permanent closure. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The Camden High Street "Phase 1" pedestrianisation scheme launched in May 2025, with the section between Britannia Junction (Camden Town tube station) and Jamestown Road/Hawley Crescent becoming pedestrian/cycle only at all times, for a trial period of up to 18 months. The Council are carefully monitoring the trial during its experimental phase, and making adjustments to the scheme in response to feedback. Before the end of the 18 month trial, and in consideration of relevant policies, data & monitoring and stakeholder feedback, a decision will be made on whether or not to make the scheme permanent, alongside a consultation on possible extensions of the scheme to the north. A number of other traffic-reduction schemes were introduced in 2024-25, including as part of the Greening Phoenix Road project, and the Bucknall Street Safe & Healthy Streets scheme. Camden has agreed to make a series of trial improvements to Phoenix Road permanent, helping to create a safer, healthy and greener Somers Town, as well as introducing further permanent changes following feedback. Highlights of the scheme include the creation of a traffic-free green and open space, substantial greening on side streets and pedestrian footway improvements. This scheme forms part of our plans to establish a Low Emission Neighbourhood in Camden Town, backed by £500,000 of funding from the Mayor's London Air Quality Fund. |
| Places | 2.2.3: In collaboration with other local organisations and private land owners, increase the number of trees planted in Camden annually in line with Camden's Tree Policy. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Camden's Tree planting strategy sets out an ambitious target of planting 600 trees per year until 2025. In 2024-25 the Council achieved this target through planting 635 standard trees, 35 trees over the target. In addition to this, other organisations in the borough planted 105 standards and 210 whips (young trees). |

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| Places | 2.1.2: Increase the number of segregated cycle routes in Camden as identified in the Camden Transport Strategy. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | During 2024-25 significant progress was made to deliver the "permanent" features of previous "trial" segregated cycleways introduced following the Covid-19 Pandemic. This included completing the permanent segregated cycle tracks and accompanying Healthy Streets measures on Prince of Wales Road, York Way, Grays Inn Road, Chalk Farm Road and St Pancras Way, and starting construction of similar permanent features on Haverstock Hill and Crowndale Road. In 2024-25, Cabinet approved the next 3-year Camden Transport Strategy Delivery Plan which includes a commitment to deliver a further 17km of segregated cycle lanes by 2028, taking the total from 28km (currently) to 45km by that date. Within those 17km are schemes which have been consulted on and approved in 2024 and 2025, including Clerkenwell Road (construction due to start autumn '25), Shaftesbury Avenue (construction due to start autumn/winter '25) and Albany Street (approved October 2025). Increasing the number of safe and healthy cycling routes, including the provision of segregated cycle lanes, is an action that is featured in the new Climate Action Plan. |
| Places | 2.2.7: Increase the number of street closures around schools through the Healthy School Streets programme. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | <p>“By the end of 2025, there are projected to be 34 Healthy School Street schemes in operation across the Borough, covering 41 schools. In 2025, two additional Healthy School Street schemes have been installed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located outside Collège Français Bilingue de Londres covering Willes Road & Cathcart Street and Christchurch primary school - Located outside Christ Church Primary School covering Holford Road, Cannon Place, Hampstead Square and Christchurch Hill <p>We are on target to deliver all “feasible” Healthy School Street schemes across Camden by 2026, as committed to in the CTS Delivery Plan for 2025/28 approved by Cabinet in November 2024. In addition, Camden is developing a “main road” Healthy School Streets programme, on streets where timed motor vehicle restrictions are not possible, with the Torriano Avenue School Street Greening and Safety Improvements scheme being introduced in 2026.”</p> |

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| Places | 2.2.5: Lead the delivery of transformational low emission transport projects in Holborn, Camden Town, Kentish Town and Frognal by 2023 | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | After launching in 2024, the Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme has made good progress in 2025. The Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood project has progressed to "Gate 2" of TfL's stage-gate process, with an outline business case submitted and various supporting documents. Delivery has begun of the first set of "STARter" projects, our quick-win schemes for early delivery which aim to make Holborn safer, greener and less polluted. Two of these include Keeley Street which is currently in construction - a "no motor vehicle" restriction has been installed at the junction with Wild Street, alongside a cycle path, low level planting, and SuDS and Holborn Gateway, where the forecourt of Holborn Underground Station has been repaved to improve the experience outside the station and reduce clutter. Significant public engagement on the Scheme has also taken place, involving 1050 people, and a full public consultation is expected in late summer 2026. In Camden Town the pedestrianisation trial of Camden High Street started in May 2025; we are now monitoring the trial and collected data & public feedback to help inform next steps. The Frognal Healthy School Street zone is complete. In 2025, further low-traffic areas were implemented in Kentish Town, to the west of Kentish Town Road, on Holmes Road and streets to the south. |
| Places | 2.2.1: Progress a Workplace Parking Levy by 2023 to encourage low-carbon transport choices, subject to the outcome of the current feasibility study. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | Camden completed an updated Workplace Parking Levy (WPL) study in 2023 to gather more up-to-date data from businesses on the feasibility of a Workplace Parking Levy due to changes in working arrangements after the Covid-19 Pandemic. The feasibility work, initially undertaken in 2023-24 has been updated further in 2024-2025 and Officers are preparing next steps for consideration. |

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| Places | 2.2.2: Review and amend Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) hours of control to restrict non-essential motor vehicle trips with priority CPZ areas reviewed by 2023. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | In 2025, further Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) reviews are being delivered across Camden. Hours of control have been extended in CA-F (Camden Town Area) including on weekday evenings and weekends, as a trial, with monitoring data and feedback now being collected ahead of a decision on whether or not to make the change permanent. The trial introducing Saturday controls to CA-X (Camley Street area) continued and a consultation in 2025 is being undertaken on whether or not to make permanent. Several consultations on potential hours of control extensions launched in 2025, in CA-D in the King's Cross area (https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/copy-of-cac/) , CA-E in the Bloomsbury area (https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/cae/) and CA-C in the Holborn and Covent Garden area (https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/cac/). Consideration of reviews of further CPZs is currently being undertaken. |
| Places | 2.3.1: From 2021, following the publishing of the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in Autumn 2021, deliver this Plan and Camden's Tree Planting Strategy in parallel with the Climate Action Plan. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The delivery of the Council's Biodiversity Action Plan is ongoing. The Plan was updated in November 2024 to remove completed actions (a record of these remains), combine very similar actions for simplicity, and add new identified actions. A draft Nature Recovery Network has been developed, delayed owing to the desire to align with the London Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This will be subject to consultation and publication in due course. More information on the actions and delivery timeframes within the Biodiversity Plan can be found here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/ |

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| wildlife-areas. Updates on progress against our targets in the tree planting strategy can be found in Action 2.2.3. | 2.3.2: From 2021, further to successful school food growing schemes, continue to identify opportunities to increase food growing in schools across the borough. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | In 2025, Camden has completed the first year of a 2-year food growing programme, within which test & learn activities were undertaken to build understanding of food growing in Camden and develop longer term approaches to supporting and growing Camden's food growing community. An existing food growing space and community garden was re-vamped and connected with Emmanuel school (Mill Lane Community Garden). In addition, a Schools Support Programme is underway to support two schools with upskilling and engagement in food growing. |
| wildlife-areas. Updates on progress against our targets in the tree planting strategy can be found in Action 2.2.3. | 2.3.6: From 2021, continue to implement Local Plan policy (A3), which incorporates policy on biodiversity and commits the council to improve opportunities to experience nature where they are lacking. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The Council continues to apply Local Plan Policy A3. The policy has been revised as part of the Local Plan review (Action 3.2.8), which was consulted on in early 2024. The draft new local plan includes a chapter on the Natural Environment and includes a series of policies to improve access to parks, green spaces and biodiversity by enhancing existing assets and providing new green spaces and habitats. |

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| Places | 2.4.1: In 2023, develop a new programme of projects to reduce electricity usage in the public realm, including expanding LED lighting rollout into Camden's green spaces and parks and de-illuminating road signs where possible. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | <p>environmental benefits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in Energy Consumption representing a 0.7% reduction from September 2024. • Reduction in Carbon Emissions by 39 tonnes – representing a 13% reduction from September 2024. <p>These outcomes demonstrate the borough's continued progress in delivering low-carbon infrastructure and support the case for further innovation in public realm lighting systems.</p> |
| Places | 2.5.1: From 2023, establish a permanent parklet programme to support the roll out of parklets across Camden. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | <p>A Traffic Management Order consultation is currently underway on proposals to make the temporary parklets in Antrim Road and Leighton Road permanent. If any objections are received then a report will be drafted and a decision will be taken by the Director of Environment and Sustainability on whether to proceed. A new process has been created for the application and installation of new parklets in Camden and supporting documents including design guidance and user-friendly process guide has been created. Once a confirmed launch date has been agreed these will be uploaded onto a new page on the Camden website.</p> |

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| Places | 2.6.1: From 2024, ensure Camden's school catering contracts support carbon reductions from food and encourage the consumption of sustainable foods. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | A new contract for the schools catering contract came into effect in April 2025. The new contract has an increased focus on sustainability including delivering more climate conscious meals without compromising national guidelines on nutrition, and sourcing local ingredients where feasible. It also has provisions for ensuring menus are engaging to help to promote climate conscious options on school menus. |
| Buildings | 3.1.8: From 2020, use the Camden Climate Alliance business network to drive energy efficiency improvements across the commercial sector in Camden through best practice sharing and consultancy services. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Since 2020, we have delivered two phases of the Business Climate Challenge, funded through the Mayor of London and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This has supported over 100 Camden businesses with 1:1 consultancy to cut energy use and carbon. Several have since implemented permanent retrofit measures, including solar PV and LED lighting, with over £35k in Camden Climate Fund grants used to support these actions. In February 2025, we concluded a six-part sustainability series attended by 39 Camden-based businesses, covering energy management, staff engagement, behaviour change, and sustainability communications. |

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| Buildings | 3.1.3: From 2020, require all major developments in Camden to be net zero carbon. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The London Plan and subsequently Camden planning policy sets out requirements for all major developments to achieve net zero carbon. From August 2024 to July 2025, Sustainability Officers have provided written consultation responses on air quality, energy and sustainability for 49 major planning applications and provided advice to case officers at 353 Sustainability Surgery sessions to ensure the best environmental outcomes for developments. This included reducing carbon, incorporating renewable energy, reducing the risk of overheating, considering the whole life carbon of a development (where substantial demolition is proposed) and contributing to the circular economy through 95% reuse, recycling or recovery of waste during development while ensuring all developments are air quality neutral. |
| Buildings | 3.1.4: From 2020, require all major developments in Camden to calculate whole life carbon emissions to include all operational and embodied carbon. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The London Plan and subsequently Camden planning policy sets out requirements for all developments where 'substantial demolition' is justified required to produce a whole life carbon (WLC) assessment calculating the carbon impacts of the chosen approach and demonstrating that over the lifetime of the project, the building will have a reduced carbon impact due to the chosen approach. Enforcement of current planning policy continues through the Council's development management process. New planning policy is being developed as part of the Local Plan review process (Action 3.2.8). The Council published the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft for consultation from 1 May to the 27 June 2025 and the consultation has closed. The draft includes a policy on Whole Life Carbon assessment, including embodied carbon. The Council submitted the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft to the Planning Inspectorate for examination on the 3rd of October 2025. |

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| Buildings | 3.2.8: By 2025, review the Council's Local Plan Policy on Climate change mitigation, namely the existing zero carbon target and energy efficiency across a range of developments. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The Council published the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft for consultation from 1 May to the 27 June 2025. One of the core objectives of the Plan is to ensure that development in Camden responds to the climate emergency by delivering net zero carbon development, optimising resource efficiency and achieving the highest possible net zero standards. The Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State Autumn 2025, expected independent examination hearing sessions Spring 2026. |
| Buildings | 3.2.2: In 2021, subject to funding, pilot a fossil-fuel free heating project at a council housing estate to develop our understanding and inform a costed strategy to remove fossil-fuel heating systems from council buildings by 2030. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | Internal Wall Insulation upgrades are being made to council homes in Somers Town as part of the Future Neighbourhoods Projects, with 40 homes now with completed upgrades. In addition, Phoenix Court in Somers Town is currently being reviewed to assess suitability for External Wall Insulation. The Solar PV project at Henderson Court has now been completed, with 300 panels and six Sol Share installed in 2024-25. The system will take power from the panels and share it with around 70 homes, communal spaces, and wherever else power is needed across the block. The project will generate thousands of pounds of electricity each year. It's the first scheme of its kind in the borough - cutting bills and emissions to tackle the cost of living and the climate crisis. The council continues to roll out of retrofit projects across our estates, with a focus on retrofitting the least efficient homes first. Under Wave 2.1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF), the Council is completing retrofit works to over 70 properties and is currently negotiating the contract terms for Wave 3 of the SHDF which will see Solar PV being installed in over 2500 Council homes which have an EPC band of D or less. |

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| Buildings | 3.1.5: From 2020, require all Camden led major development under our Community Investment Programme to be zero carbon. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | The Community Investment Programme continues to improve the energy efficiency of major developments in Camden. Major new developments are required to be net zero carbon under the planning definition (Action 3.1.3). Camden's CIP has already delivered exemplary sustainable new developments such as Agar Grove estate. So far 220 homes have been built to Passivhaus standards – using significantly less energy to heat, lowering carbon emissions and helping to tackle fuel poverty, with residents in the new builds saving on average up to 70% on their energy bills. The new Climate Action Plan further commits to supporting CIP to further embed climate considerations into the way they work. |
| Buildings | 3.3.2: From 2021, support and deliver the Retrofit Action Plan in partnership with London Councils and other London Boroughs addressing the competing priorities of issues such as energy efficiency, heritage, and other Local Plan priorities. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | London Borough of Camden continues to work closely with London Councils to champion best practice in retrofit initiatives. In 2025, London Councils have conducted extensive engagement to shape the next phase of their climate programme. Key highlights of the Low Carbon Development Working Group include the development of a Low Carbon Development Toolkit, training programme and other policy guidance. Recently, Camden contributed to the development of the "Retrofitting Leasehold Properties" guidance, aimed at supporting local authorities in navigating the complexities of leasehold retrofits. Camden is currently collaborating with London Councils on two key projects: |

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| Buildings | 3.3.7: From 2021, following the review and extension of the Camden Climate Fund, promote the fund to provide financial support for energy efficiency improvement and renewable heat | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | London Borough of Camden continues to work closely with London Councils to champion best practice in retrofit initiatives. In 2025, London Councils have conducted extensive engagement to shape the next phase of their climate programme. Key highlights of the Low Carbon Development Working Group include the development of a Low Carbon Development Toolkit, training programme and other policy guidance. Recently, Camden contributed to the development of the ""Retrofitting Leasehold Properties"" guidance, aimed at supporting local authorities in navigating the complexities of leasehold retrofits. Camden is currently collaborating with London Councils on two key projects: |
| Buildings | 3.3.8: Over 2021-23, further to feasibility studies completed on non-domestic buildings, deliver retrofit pilot projects across Swiss Cottage Library and Brookfield Primary School. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The £3.7m energy efficiency retrofit of Swiss Cottage Library (completed in March 2023) has led to over a 30% reduction in energy use. Energy efficiency and low carbon heating upgrades are currently underway at Hampstead School and due to be delivered shortly, supported by £2.4 million with £1.3 million grants from the government. The project has included the installation of air source heat pumps, LED lighting, double glazing, and solar PV. Upgrades have also been delivered at Brookfield Primary School, including the provision of new solid wall insulation, double glazing, mechanical ventilation improvements and solar PV. The project is expected to be finished shortly and is expected to save 24 tonnes of CO ₂ e per annum once complete. A fuller list of retrofits are detailed in response to Actions below. |

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| Buildings | 3.3.9: In 2021-22, further to feasibility study analysing the approach | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | London Borough of Camden continues to work closely with London Councils to champion best practice in retrofit initiatives. In 2025, London Councils have conducted extensive engagement to shape the next phase of their climate programme. Key highlights of the Low Carbon Development Working Group include the development of a Low Carbon Development Toolkit, training programme and other policy guidance. Recently, Camden contributed to the development of the "Retrofitting Leasehold Properties" guidance, aimed at supporting local authorities in navigating the complexities of leasehold retrofits. Camden is currently collaborating with London Councils on two key projects: |
| Buildings | 3.4.3: In 2022-2024 deliver funded pilot retrofit projects in Camden schools to reduce carbon emissions and inform the approach for reducing the emissions of Camden's school buildings. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Since last year, we have been awarded a further £1.3m Public Sector Decarbonisation grant funding (PSDS) to support retrofit works at Brecknock Primary and Langtry Children's Centre. In addition, we successfully secured £205k in Greener Schools grant funding for LED and Solar PV installations at Torriano Primary, Regents High (LED lighting only) and Agar Children's Centre. We have nearly completed energy efficiency works at Hampstead School, where the new heat pump is currently being commissioned. Works at Brookfield Primary are also near completion, with both schools receiving LED upgrades and solar PV in addition to fabric upgrades. We are currently scoping works for Brecknock Primary and Langtry Children's Centre. Condition surveys for the school portfolio have recently been completed, offering an opportunity to align these works with the retrofit programme and deliver better efficiencies in procurement. |

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| Buildings | 3.4.4: From 2022, further to the successful delivery of the retrofit project at Swiss Cottage Library, deliver works across Camden's Leisure and Corporate sites to carbon impacts of Camden-owned buildings through a new Carbon Management Plan. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | In 2024-25, significant energy efficiency retrofit works have been completed at Highgate Library, Netherwood Youth Centre, West Hampstead Library and Waterlow Park Visitor Centre. In addition, a project to install air source heat pumps at Talacre Leisure Centre and another decarbonisation project at the Spectrum Centre are currently underway and expected to be completed in 2026, funded by the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. In 2025, the Council was also awarded a combined total of £6.5m to deliver major energy efficiency improvements to Swiss Cottage and Kentish Town leisure centres. These two projects are now out for tender and will be completed by 2027. In addition, funding was received for retrofit works at Primrose Hill Primary School, Brecknock Primary and Langtry Children's Centre. Works at Primrose Hill are due to begin shortly, and works on the other school sites are due to begin in 2026. |
| Buildings | 3.5.1: From 2023, deliver a Camden-led scheme to support residents to improve the energy efficiency of private sector households | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Camden has delivered several initiatives to help encourage more homeowners in Camden to retrofit their homes. In 2024-25 the Ecofurb project, which provided 20 subsidised whole house retrofit plans for homeowners in Camden, was completed and saw 10 of the 20 households progress to referral to contractors to explore undertaking works. Camden recently awarded funding to Retrofit Kentish Town to deliver an retrofit engagement project to educate more residents on how to begin retrofitting their homes. The CCF, re-launched in 2024-25, now include a new free pre-planning advice service so those residents considering retrofit can understand the planning implications ahead of undertaking the work. Additionally, Camden was part of a consortium of boroughs which successfully secured £56million in Warm Homes: Local Grant funding to help low-income households access retrofit measures to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. |

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| Buildings | 3.5.2: From 2023-2024, increase the number of Council projects which can offer organisations a reliable and trustworthy option to locally offset carbon emissions. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | In 2023-24 a trial phase was developed in partnership with the Housing Association Charitable Trust (HACT) to explore the potential of selling carbon credits in connection with Camden's social housing retrofit projects. The program has continued and completed retrofit schemes in Camden are being traded on carbon markets. To date carbon credits from 138 completed retrofits have been traded on the carbon markets. |
| Buildings | 3.5.3: From 2023, deliver a programme that builds on the successes of the Business Climate Challenge, to scale energy efficiency support and emissions reduction from SME buildings. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The Camden and Brent Business Climate Challenge concluded in mid-2025, supporting 86 businesses with energy audits and training to help implement energy efficiency measures and cut carbon. Of these, 55 businesses were recruited through the CCA and 17 through the Camden-based BID, the Fitzrovia Partnership. In total, six training sessions were delivered. Five businesses from across both phases of the Challenge have received funding from the Camden Climate Fund, and in August 2025 the CCA hosted a webinar to encourage further business uptake of the fund. |

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| Buildings | 3.4.2: From 2023, support SME business to implement the measures identified during the Business Climate Challenge audit to reduce the carbon emissions from their building with funding from the Camden Climate Fund. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Both the 2022–23 Business Climate Challenge and the 2024–25 Camden and Brent Business Climate Challenge have now concluded. An initial evaluation of the Camden and Brent programme showed that 17 businesses receiving reports before October 2024 achieved an average 7.3% reduction in energy consumption. To date, five Camden businesses have received funding from the Camden Climate Fund to support implementation of energy efficiency measures. In August 2025, the CCA also hosted a webinar to encourage further uptake of the fund. |
| Buildings | 3.6.1: In 2024-25, in response to the energy crisis, deliver the Cost of Living project to support council tenants who are struggling to heat their homes. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | Through our Home Energy Advice Service, Camden are supporting Camden tenants who are struggling with their energy bills by offering ad hoc retrofit works aimed at making their home more energy efficient. They delivered 1048 appointments in total in 2025. On the back of completing 21 retrofit assessments in 2023-2024, the Cost of Living retrofit project has now completed energy efficiency works at 14 council homes, there are 3 properties with works in progress and another 9 in the pipeline. All supported tenants were identified as being vulnerable to the high cost of energy bills. |

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| Buildings | 3.6.2: From 2024, seek funding opportunities to support place-based investment in Camden. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | <p>Following the delivery of the first phase of the LAEP, Camden has successfully secured funding from the Greater London Authority to progress Phase 2. The aim of a Camden-specific LAEP is the development of a borough-specific decarbonisation plan which will provide details of the decarbonisation solutions and place-based investment opportunities, centralising socially and economically just solutions. The development of Phase 2 is due to begin in October 2025, to be delivered by summer 2026.</p> <p>Camden also worked with the Green Finance Institute to build and test a financial model for place-based investment in the Kings Cross area - unfortunately the financial modelling did not support investment given the high cost of social housing retrofit and limited financial return.</p> <p>Camden has also collaborated with London Councils and Living Places to submit a business case for a London "Net Zero Neighbourhood" (NZN) Programme that would deliver a sustained increase in the rate at which London decarbonises its built environment. Driven by a group of 11 London boroughs and London Councils, with support from the GLA, the proposed Programme would be a capital-funded initiative enabling boroughs to develop and deliver retrofit projects across all tenures and building uses. The programme would apply an innovative, place-based NZN approach and blended finance mechanism to leverage an initial public capital investment of c£200m to crowd in almost £½bn of private finance over a five-year period to deliver a cumulative 20,000 retrofits, accelerate to a delivery run rate of 12,000 retrofits per annum by the end of the period, and create a largely self-financing, highly scalable, long-term retrofit delivery mechanism. The outline business case was submitted to Government in August 2025.</p> |

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| Buildings | 3.4.5: From 2024, expand the roll out of energy efficiency and renewable technology upgrades to feasible Corporate and School sites. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | In 2025, the Council received funding from the GLA Greener Schools programme to deliver LED upgrades and solar PV at Torriano Primary and Agar children centre, with Regent High school also receiving LED upgrades. These projects are now at procurement stage. The Council are currently undertaking procurement activities to appoint a long-term community energy partner to accelerate the roll out of community energy projects across the borough. After conducting a high-level assessment of 36 buildings in 2024 to rollout LED lighting across buildings in the Council's estate, LED lighting is due to be installed across a number of corporate sites, including Camden Council's main office building. |
| Organisations | 4.3.2: From 2021, through the Camden Climate Alliance, promote the Camden Climate Pledge for local organisations to encourage businesses to reduce their direct and indirect carbon emissions and continue to support them to do so. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | In 2024–25, one additional organisation signed the Camden Climate Pledge. The Camden Climate Pledge is not being actively promoted to CCA members due to a shifting focus on delivering funding support for businesses to decarbonise through programmes such as the Business Climate Challenge, Camden Climate Fund and Climate Connectors. The Pledge continues to act as a resource or framework on the CCA website for businesses to access and understand how they could take action against the climate crisis. Alliance initiatives have also drawn on these commitments, including Carbon Literacy training in November 2024 (staff engagement pledge) and the Climate Connectors programme (partnerships pledge). |

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| Organisations | 4.4.2: From 2022, continue to promote the School Climate Charter to increase the number of organisations in Camden taking climate action. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | In 2024-25, two additional schools signed the School Climate Charter. Support for climate action in schools continues to be supported through other programmes including the Climate Connectors programme (Action 4.5.1), which in 2024-25 provided £2,700 in funding to supported carbon reduction projects across 8 projects. In 2024-25 through the Business Climate Challenge programme four schools were provided with energy audits to help them understand how to reduce their energy consumption. Through the Future Neighbourhoods programme we also provided schools with bespoke adaptation plans to help them identify how to improve their resilience. Work to decarbonise school buildings is also underway as detailed in Actions 3.4.3 and 3.4.5. |
| Organisations | 4.2.10: In 2021-22 through the Camden Climate Alliance, collaborate with major estates and organisations in the borough to promote circular economy opportunities focusing on measurement and the development of projects. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | We continue to build local residents' skills and capacity to create sustainable, locally made products that can be sold locally and online. We are in the process of setting up a platform for local makers to sell their products on Chalton Street market: 'Makers and Shakers'. The Makers and Shakers stall will be available every Friday at the market to sell local produce on behalf of local makers. The platform will also be available online, and efforts will be made to reach widely with the unique selling point that the products have been made by residents. Makers will be supported to ensure their products are as sustainable as possible. |

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| Organisations | 4.2.5: Make Camden's vehicle fleet 100% low/zero emission by 2022 and ensure Contractors' fleet vehicles comply with Camden's Green Vehicle Fleet Procurement Policy. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | Camden Accessible Travel Solutions (CATS) has continued to progress work 'Greening the Fleet' according to recommendations from the Energy Saving Trust (EST) evaluation commissioned in 2023-24. 29% of Camden's fleet is now zero or low emission. |
| Organisations | 4.2.8: Provide an annual update on the divestment of Camden's pension fund to ensure transparency. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | In 2012 the Fund had 7.2% of its equity assets invested in fossil fuels. As of 31 March 2025, the fossil fuel proportion of all assets was 0.62%. This is an improvement from the last reporting year when the proportion stood at 2.09%. The figure is reported quarterly through the Pension Committee. |
| Organisations | 4.3.1: From 2021-2025, continue to facilitate the Camden Climate Citizen Panel to monitor progress and support the delivery of the Climate Action Plan for Camden. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | The second Citizen Panel continued its work at the start of 2025, supporting the development of the Council's climate resilience work and shaping the approach to the draft Climate Action Plan 2026-2030. The Panel has now concluded and a new approach to engagement in the next Climate Action Plan will be developed, to ensure citizen's continue to be centralised in the Climate Action Plan's delivery. More |

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| Organisations | 4.3.3: Following the development of the Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy and procedure, monitor and track contracts over £100,000 to ensure social value is being delivered through the Policy | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | Commitments to the environment, along with social and economic commitments, continue to be required for all contracts above £100,000. In 2024-25, we reviewed guidance provided to contractors on how they can support our Climate Programme and added several environmental asks into the social value request list. Procurement features in the new Climate Action Plan 2026-2030 and we will be working to further embed emissions reduction and resilience building into the procurement and decision-making process. |
| Organisations | 4.3.4: From 2021, following the switch of the Council's corporate estate and schools to green electricity, look at further ways to reduce the emissions associated with our energy supplies through renewable energy and low-carbon tariffs. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Partly achieved | Camden are engaged with the Renewable Power for London working group, which focuses on funding routes to accessing or buying more affordable renewable energy. Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are still in their infancy for local authorities, and there is currently no established "gold standard" for the process. Camden have explored costs and availability of purchasing low-carbon gas as part of energy procurement processes, but this was not deemed to be technically or financially feasible. The current phase of the London Councils Climate Programme will run to March 2026, and Camden Council are awaiting an update on the next phase of the programme. |

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| Organisations | 4.4.1: In 2022-23, following the Camden Climate investment reaching the investment target, utilise the funding to deliver: solar panels on a council-owned building; install 40 electric vehicle charging points; implement new Safe and Healthy Street schemes; and support the 'greening' of the Council's vehicle fleet. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Camden continues to invest in local projects through funding raised by the Camden Climate Investment. In 2025, the investment has supported the introduction of 3 Healthy School Streets, the installation of 32 fast Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs), the completion of the installation of new energy sharing technology and the installation of Solar PV on Henderson Court which was completed in 2025, and EV cargo and delivery vehicles are now being used by the Estates Services and Fleet services teams. |
| Organisations | 4.2.7: Grow and develop the Camden Climate Alliance environmental business network as a platform for engaging and collaborating with businesses. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | In 2024, the CCA gained 71 new members taking all time membership to over 500 members. New members in 2024 included Shaftesbury Theatre, Clearcast and Renewtec. Joining the Camden Climate Alliance can be closely linked to later involvement in initiatives like the Business Climate Challenge and Climate Connectors programmes. More information on CCA progress can be found here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/our-impact |

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| Organisations | 4.6.1: From 2024, continue to support reduction of consumption emissions and waste produced in Camden. | Closed (2024-25 review) | Action achieved | Camden's Reduction and Recycling Plan (2023-26) outlines actions to minimise waste, maximise recycling, reduce environmental impacts of waste management and maximise waste sites. Key actions include minimising waste, including single-use plastic across Camden, increasing recycling and reducing contamination, enhancing service provision for flats above shops, greening the waste collection and cleansing fleet and delivering communications/ engagement activity to residents. The RRP and annual updates can be viewed online at London Datastore. As part of the Environment Services contract renewal, which commenced on 1 April 2025, the introduction of 14 new electric refuse collection vehicles was negotiated for the contract start, with further vehicles to be replaced with electric over the 8-year contract as capacity increases and technology progresses. |

CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN – OUTCOME PROGRESS UPDATE

This section provides a detailed update on the 14 outcomes in the Climate Resilience and Adaptation plan.

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| People and Communities | 1: Camden's community is empowered to protect themselves against climate risks. | Partly achieved | Camden has strengthened its adverse and severe weather response by revising its communication protocols and expanding outreach to residents. Weather warnings, including high pollution alerts, are now shared via social media, with tailored messaging for diverse communities during severe events. A combined approach for air quality and heat alerts is in development, alongside a new "Extreme Heat and Air Pollution" webpage offering practical advice. In 2025, Camden launched the "Stay Cool" community awareness campaign with Think & Do, distributing leaflets, posters, and social media content to promote cool spaces and heat safety. Targeted communications also encourage homeowners and businesses to apply for Camden Climate Fund grants for adaptation and retrofit works. |
| People and Communities | 2: Health and social care professionals understand the health impacts associated with heat risk and other climate hazards and use this knowledge to protect public health. | Partly achieved | The Adverse and Severe Weather Plan outlines roles and responsibilities regarding severe weather alerts and action to take to protect groups vulnerable to climate risk including drought. As part of this, a webinar session was delivered to a refreshed distribution list, highlighting national evidence around heat-related mortality, trends, and best practice action cards, in line with the UKHSA Adverse Weather and Health Plan. Camden has also co-delivered hot weather training for members of the distribution list for heat health alerts in the Council. Bespoke training on the health effects of hot weather and a checklist was also developed and shared at the Rough Sleepers Forum, the Care Home Forum and the Extra Care Forum. General information about heat health effects and alerts has also been shared with the Camden Health Protection Group. A dedicated Camden webpage is also being developed that provides information on air pollution and extreme heat, including signposting to resources to protect against the health impacts of overheating. |

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| People and Communities | 2 Continued: Health and social care professionals understand the health impacts associated with heat risk and other climate hazards and use this knowledge to protect public health. | Partly achieved | <p>Following a workshop that took place in 2024, which brought Camden services together to understand how they can safeguard staff, vulnerable groups and services during heatwaves, we are getting all services to develop action plans for heatwave preparedness and response that can become embedded in their service provision. The workshop helped to raise awareness of heat risks and health advice among frontline Council staff, and housing and home care workers were represented. We will continue to work on the next step of getting all services to develop action plans for heatwave preparedness and response that become embedded in their service provision.</p> <p>This outcome will be built on jointly in the new CAP - Camden will continue developing materials so residents know how to protect themselves against climate hazards and engaging healthcare professionals to incorporate heat risk health advice into healthcare services.</p> |
| People and Communities | 3: Partner organisations proactively share information on how to mitigate climate hazards, including preventing fires and conserving water during drought. | Action achieved | <p>Camden works closely with Thames Water to mitigate sewer surcharge risk in Camden, caused by blockages and sewer overflow from heavy rain. Regarding blockages, Thames Water has a programme of work to prevent blockages, which are often caused by inappropriate liquids and solids being put in the drain. One example is a programme of visiting food serving establishments and in the 2024 calendar year, Thames Water visited 80 Camden establishments, finding 35 to be compliant (e.g. using fat traps). Of those that were identified as non-compliant, Thames Water unblocked their drains. Regarding sewer capacity, Thames Water identifies key hot spot areas across its London network and works there to install NRVs. South Hampstead is one such hot spot and there we know 39 NRVs have been installed since 2021 flooding. Ongoing work includes installing remaining NRVs and performing detriment modelling to analyse how the NRVs displace flows and what impact this has.</p> |

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| People and Communities | 3 Continued: Partner organisations proactively share information on how to mitigate climate hazards, including preventing fires and conserving water during drought. | Action achieved | Through the 2025 Think & Do Cool Spaces Awareness Campaign, we raised awareness of climate risk, predominately heat risk, to VCS organisations throughout the borough who work with vulnerable populations, such as the young, elderly, disabled, those with pre-existing health conditions and rough sleepers. With our support, the South Hampstead Flood Action Group engages residents not typically familiar with climate risks, predominately flood risks. We are in conversation with the Environment Agency and the Fire Brigade about a potential pilot programme of community engagement and training, which will involve the Fire Brigade knocking on doors and learning about the vulnerable assets in specific communities, allowing for deep engagement with those often left out of climate risk action. The Sustainability section of the Camden EcoPoints scheme offers residents rewards for climate positive actions, spreading awareness and advice about climate risk and mitigation and resilience strategies to residents. The London Fire Brigade and London Resilience produce supplementary guidance including the 2025 Summer toolkit which is circulated to residents along with heat related alerts. |

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| Assets and Infrastructure | 4: Camden's public realm and estates are adapted to provide protection to people from climate risks. | Partly achieved | <p>Healthy Streets Checks are being carried out across relevant schemes, with recommendations leading to added climate resilience measures such as green infrastructure and shade provision. Recent examples include Goods Way. Landscape improvement projects continue under a business-as-usual approach, aligned with Camden's existing green space investment programme, alongside ongoing tree planting on Camden Estate land. The Camden Transport Strategy Delivery Plan for 2025–2028, approved in November 2024, prioritises schemes based on factors including heat and flood risk. A detailed Holborn heat/shade study has been completed, identifying specific intervention sites, which will inform the Holborn LN scheme and future Safe & Healthy Streets projects.</p> <p>No new third-party projects have emerged yet, but teams remain prepared to collaborate when opportunities arise. Work continues with Camden's Streetworks and Climate team and utility companies to identify joint projects and funding, supported by the GLA's Infrastructure Mapping Application. While this action is only partly achieved, we have a system in place to utilise any third-party opportunities that do arise and this continues to be an action in the new CAP.</p> |

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| Assets and Infrastructure | 5: Understand where high-risk existing infrastructure and assets are located and develop their resilience. | Partly achieved | <p>Several council services are embedding climate risk assessments into their operations. The Capital Works programme incorporates overheating standards and ventilation measures in school and estate retrofits, while transport and green space teams use heat and flood risk data to prioritise projects and design schemes. These steps reflect Camden's commitment to integrating climate resilience across infrastructure and service delivery.</p> <p>Collaboration with statutory authorities remains challenging due to resource constraints, misaligned priorities, and data-sharing complexities. Camden continues to engage through flood risk partnership meetings with boroughs, the Environment Agency, GLA, and Thames Water, seeking external funding to strengthen infrastructure against surface water flooding. Work with Thames Water includes promoting non-return valves for property-level protection, prioritising resilience upgrades, and leveraging their Surface Water Management Programme. Engagement with TfL focuses on mitigating flood risks to key assets like Hampstead Heath Overground and Kings Cross Station. In September 2025, Camden established a SuDS Delivery Task Force to embed flood risk analysis into asset strategy decisions. Preliminary work is also underway on a climate-resilient retrofit strategy, while the Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood heat risk study, whose final report was published in 2025, now informs heat resilience planning for council assets.</p> <p>In the new CAP, we strive to build on this by reducing the vulnerability of our assets to climate hazards by undertaking climate risk assessments and embedding recommendations into our asset management strategy.</p> |

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| Assets and Infrastructure | 6: New buildings and infrastructure are designed to be resilient to future climate risks. | Partly achieved | <p>Camden's planning policy, aligned with the London Plan, requires developments to be climate resilient. Between August 2024 and July 2025, Sustainability Officers provided consultation responses and advice on major planning applications to reduce overheating and flood risks, incorporate sustainable drainage, and promote urban greening.</p> <p>Delivery highlights include new SuDS and green infrastructure across schemes such as York Way, Priory Terrace, Chalk Farm Road, and Camden Square. A green space officer role has been funded to support Transport and Healthy Streets projects, and a successful funding bid in partnership with SHFAG enabled a SuDS scheme on Goldhurst Terrace, completed in 2024 with rain gardens and street trees. The Local Plan Submission Draft now includes policies for climate resilience in buildings, covering overheating, water efficiency, and flood risk.</p> <p>While capacity constraints limit our ability to identify green infrastructure opportunities with developers, Camden supported one applicant's interest in SuDS installation in the public realm. This outcome is built on in the new CAP, ensuring that green infrastructure is incorporated into new transport, healthy streets, development and other infrastructure schemes wherever practical.</p> |

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| Assets and Infrastructure | 7: Existing public assets and services are adapted to help protect people from climate risks. | Partly achieved | The number of accessible 'Cool Spaces' in Camden increased from 2 last year to 16 in total in 2025 (with 10 meeting Greater London Authority requirements). Cool Spaces meeting GLA requirements include Pancras Square Library, Swiss Cottage Library, Queens Crescent Library, Somers Town Living Centre, Somers Town Community Centre, Old Diorama Arts Centre, Building Centre, Wellcome Collection, Emmanuel Church, British Library. Other Cool Spaces include Camden Town Library, Kentish Town Library, Highgate Library, West Hampstead Library, Kilburn Library and St Mary's Church. Also contributing to keeping people cool in the public realm, Camden has a tree planting strategy that commits the borough to planting 600 new trees per year. Camden Trees have submitted a capital bid to the council to fund a new programme of street tree planting targeting areas of the borough where canopy cover is lowest and where new trees will have the greatest impact. |

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| <p>Assets and Infrastructure</p> | <p>8: Camden's schools, hospitals and other social infrastructure are supported to build resilience to climate risks.</p> | <p>Partly achieved</p> | <p>Four schools in the Somers Town Future Neighbourhood 2030 were subjects of a climate resilience study done by ARUP and Climate Adaptation Plans were produced and published for each of these schools in February 2025. The next stage of this work is to continue engaging with the schools to encourage them to adopt the findings and implement recommendations from the Adaptation Plans. Camden continues to collaborate with the GLA on a range of resilience-building projects, such as feeding into the Infrastructure Mapping Application that identifies third-party works that can be leveraged for SuDS delivery, and expanding the cool spaces programme. Other resilience building projects that span borough boundaries include the newly formed Central London surface water catchment partnership, a priority catchment as per the Mayor's London Surface Water Strategy that was published in June 2025. Camden is a key member of this priority catchment and will work alongside neighbouring boroughs to design and deliver surface water flood resilience projects across the catchment</p> <p>Engagement with external partners is carried out through the Borough Resilience Forum. NHS trusts are responsible for their own arrangements but will be supported via the Borough Resilience Forum (statutory grouping of responders in Camden). Information is shared frequently amongst partners, including national UKHSA guidance and other guidance relevant to extreme weather events. The Council is also part of a number of cross-borough forums that share resources, learning and best practice in the fields of climate adaptation and resilience. These include the North-Central London Flood Partnership and the London Councils Resilient and Green Working Group.</p> <p>This outcome is built on in the new CAP where we will work continue working collaboratively with external partners, local authorities, institutions and central government to take action to address the climate crisis.</p> |
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| Council services | 9: Council services understand how climate risks may affect service delivery and improve their resilience to the risk. | Partly achieved | <p>The Council has introduced a new Adverse Weather Plan that directs services to guidance for conducting risk assessments and implementing mitigations. While this marks progress, further work is needed to embed these processes into everyday service design and delivery, building on last year's heat risk workshop. Climate risk remains elevated on the Corporate Climate Risk Register, and a report will be presented to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee in November 2025 to strengthen organisational awareness. Next steps include engaging services to develop their own plans.</p> <p>An Environmental Stewardship e-learning module, featuring a dedicated section on climate resilience, is now available on Camden's internal Learning and Development portal. All procurement and decision reports include a mandatory environmental implications section, supported by this module, ensuring resilience considerations are integrated. Additionally, the procurement team plans to explore AI applications to enhance the module's use.</p> <p>In the new CAP, council services will be required to build resilience in their own services against climate risks by undertaking climate risk assessments and embedding recommendations into business continuity plans.</p> |
| Council services | 10: Camden has a robust emergency response approach for all foreseeable climate risks. | Partly achieved | <p>Camden maintains a robust emergency response framework for climate-related risks through a suite of generic and risk-specific plans informed by Borough, London, and national risk assessments, which are regularly reviewed to capture emerging threats. Multi-agency collaboration underpins key plans, such as the multi-agency flood plan, and Camden actively engages with London Resilience frameworks for pan-London coordination. The Resilience Team is registered to receive severe weather alerts from UKHSA and the Met Office, supplemented by intelligence from London Resilience, ensuring timely situational monitoring and information sharing at both borough and London-wide levels.</p> |

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| Businesses, organisations and local economy | 11. Local businesses have a good understanding of climate risk and how to improve their resilience | Partly achieved | <p>The Camden Climate Alliance (CCA) has previously signposted businesses to resources from the Government and Environment Agency websites on an ad-hoc basis, enabling them to identify and enhance their resilience to climate risks. It regularly hosts educational and information-sharing events to help businesses build skills, reduce emissions, and adapt to a changing climate. While we did not host any events focused solely on climate resilience, elements of resilience were incorporated into other trainings. For example, the Carbon Literacy training in November 2024 provided insights into climate science and practical steps to reduce the impacts of climate change, helping businesses strengthen their resilience. The CCA works closely with Camden BIDs to promote event opportunities, with businesses from local BIDs also attending training and workshops. Further conversations with BIDs are needed to understand the climate risks affecting different areas and to identify both the resources already available and those that would be most beneficial to Camden BIDs.</p> <p>From our CAP engagement process in early 2025, climate resilience was identified as a key area of interest, therefore, resilience-focused events and activities for businesses will be a focus in the new CAP.</p> |
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| <p>Businesses, organisations and local economy</p> | <p>12: The local economy supports green infrastructure investment across Camden.</p> | <p>Partly achieved</p> | <p>The Camden Climate Alliance's (CCA's) Climate Connectors programme continues to provide opportunities for businesses to support resilience related projects. As part of the annual Green Dragon's Den event in early 2025 three schools were awarded funding from CCA partners for resilience measures from on school grounds including a green space, tree planting and window film to support with classroom cooling. Camden businesses have also funded rainwater harvesting systems across our estates and volunteer time to support tree and wildflower planting across Camden estates. The CCA regularly posts case-studies across LinkedIn and in its e-bulletins to spotlight member organisations who are supporting green infrastructure projects in the borough.</p> <p>Camden works with landowners, businesses, residents and other local stakeholders to deliver a strategy for delivering a green corridor in the south of Camden through the Holborn Liveable Neighbourhoods and Bloomsbury Vision project. The draft Bloomsbury Vision has been agreed by Cabinet Member for consultation from October to December 2025, with the final document anticipated to be adopted in Spring/Summer 2026.</p> <p>This outcome will be built on in the new CAP by enabling the local economy to support local green infrastructure and greening and growing investment across Camden as well as supporting businesses to direct resources towards community and schools-based climate action.</p> |
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| Nature and environment | 13. Camden's Green spaces and other green infrastructure are resilient to a changing climate. | Partly achieved | <p>Camden's Green Infrastructure Strategy is currently in draft stage and due to be published in 2026. Once it is published, it will be utilised to embed climate resilience into design and planning of investment programmes including green spaces, transport, and Community Investment Programme projects. To ensure climate resilient green infrastructure, the new grounds maintenance contract - to be let in 2026 - will include low pesticide planting specifications and maintenance regimes, climate resilient plant species, and sustainably sourced materials. On-going review of green infrastructure maintenance practices is still needed to ensure best practice and new technology is used where possible to reduce impact on climate. Delivery of the Biodiversity Action Plan continues to support nature to cope with the effects of climate change. It underwent a top-level review in November 2024 to update completed actions, consolidate closely related actions (for accessibility) and add new actions identified.</p> <p>This will carry over into the new CAP, which will continue to implement a Green Infrastructure Strategy that embeds climate resilience into the design and planning of investment programmes.</p> |
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| Nature and environment | 14: Camden's community help to make private and community gardens more climate resilient. | Partly achieved | <p>Camden is working to make private and community gardens more climate resilient through initiatives that encourage depaving and greening. In September 2024, the Climate Actions section of Camden EcoPoints was launched, rewarding residents for environmentally friendly actions, including depaving gardens and adding greenery. While plans for a wider communications campaign and potential Climate Fund support have been delayed due to resource constraints, these ambitions are being incorporated into the forthcoming Climate Action Plan (2026–2030). Camden continues to collaborate with local flood action groups and environmental organisations to promote depaving in flood-prone areas.</p> <p>Further progress includes recruitment of a Community Nature Officer to strengthen engagement on biodiversity and green infrastructure, supported by the Camden Nature News newsletter and a draft map informing the Green Infrastructure Strategy. Planning policy (CC3) requires green infrastructure to achieve green-field run-off, with greening encouraged during refurbishments. Businesses implementing green roofs and other measures are being showcased as case studies in the new Climate Action Plan.</p> |
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