

Participative approaches to environmental policy in Camden

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Participation, political leadership and universities



- Council leadership, Cllr Georgia Gould
- Keir Starmer MP
- UCL's Prof Muki Haklay
- King's College London study

Citizens' Assembly on the climate crisis

Climate emergency declaration in April with commitment to Citizens' Assembly

3 stage process:

- 1. Pre- Assembly engagement:** allows community expertise to inform the debate while building community support for the Assembly process.
- 2. The Citizens' Assembly:** high quality evidence for a demographically representative Assembly. Aims to develop a new Climate plan for Camden.
- 3. Post-Assembly:** social action, co-design and further deliberation.


Pre-Assembly engagement: on-line call for ideas

In My Neighbourhood

How could your Neighbourhood collectively reduce CO₂ emissions?


In our neighbourhoods, the sources of CO₂ emissions extend from homes to include buildings such as businesses, institutions and schools. Around two-thirds of CO₂ emissions in Camden come from this "non-domestic" sector - the 3rd highest proportion in London.

Buildings are the main source of CO₂ emissions at a neighbourhood level. Older buildings have high heating requirements. Newer buildings such as office blocks, tend to use more electricity for air conditioning, computing and lighting etc.




Non-Domestic emissions in Camden

Financing CO₂ reduction is a major obstacle with an additional £380million of investment required to get us towards halving CO₂ emissions in Camden from 2005 levels.




Low energy lighting, insulation for older buildings, renewable energy systems, community energy projects and zero carbon new development can all help reduce CO₂ emissions at a neighbourhood level.





Camden Climate Change Alliance

works with businesses, schools and institutions to help them reduce CO₂ emissions. Groups such as Power-up North London develop renewable energy projects with community buildings to help reduce their CO₂ emissions.



Road transport accounts for approximately 10% of the CO₂ emissions in the Borough, much less than buildings. However reductions to transport emissions also have a major positive impact on local air quality through non-climate related emissions such as nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter.



- 2 weeks to set up
- June delivery
- 2,259 visitors
- 650 deep dives
- 520 detailed proposals for the Assembly to consider

Have your say!

This page allows you to put forward ideas to the Citizens' Assembly on how CO₂ emissions can be reduced at four different scales: **At home**, **In my neighbourhood**, **My council** and **My country**.

Your proposals will be discussed by the Assembly in July, and will help to inform Camden's new Environmental Plan in 2020.

At home

56 comments

How can you and the people you live with help reduce CO₂ emissions?

[View details & comment](#)

In my neighbourhood

69 comments

Businesses, homes and schools make up Camden's neighbourhoods. How could they collectively reduce CO₂ emissions?

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My Country

45 comments

What does the Country need to do to reduce CO₂ emissions and how can Camden help?

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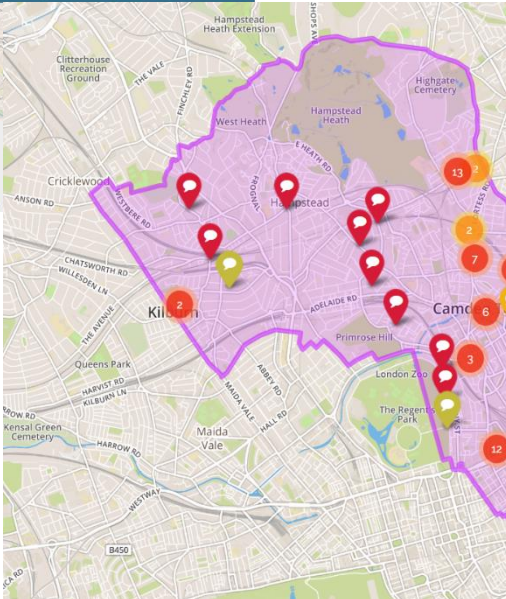
My Council

61 comments

How can the Council reduce its own contribution and support the whole Borough to reduce CO₂ emissions?

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Camden Climate Map



Pre-Assembly engagement: schools and business



- School Assemblies share their ideas with the Leader of Camden Council

- Business roundtables discuss the threat and opportunity of climate change

Citizens' assembly

- Three sessions over July
 1. **Climate science**
 2. **Pathways to the future**
 3. **Action planning**
- Demographically tight
- Independent facilitation and evaluation from Involve and University College London



www.camden.gov.uk/climate-crisis

Neighbourhood: Actions summary

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Planting more trees and creating more allotments	0%	2%	36%	62%
Piloting a community energy heating scheme	2%	0%	22%	76%
Installing more 'segregated' cycle lanes	4%	12%	36%	48%
Promoting and trialling car free zones and days	8%	16%	24%	52%
Enabling electric transport with infrastructure and incentives	0%	4%	27%	69%
Developers to fund energy efficiency retrofits of old buildings	2%	12%	39%	47%

Assembly proposals to full Council

- Assembly members present proposals to full Council on 7 October
- Council agrees Motion to target zero carbon by 2030.



Social action phase and infrastructure delivery



Think & Do Camden
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Join our Camden Climate Citizen Panel

We are looking for people that live or work in Camden to continue to play a vital role in assisting with Camden's response to the climate crisis. Would you like to be a part of it?

Following [Camden's Citizens' Assembly on the Climate Crisis](#) last year, Camden recently launched its [Climate Action Plan](#), an ambitious five-year programme that brings to life a vision of a zero-carbon borough.

Camden Forest meeting tomorrow, 29th September, 17:00-18:00, via Zoom. You are welcome to attend. The agenda is:

1. Autumn giveaways
2. CF story Competition
3. Fruit trees in estates
4. Newsletter
5. Campaigning LBC biodiversity plan
6. Tree tags for garden centres



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Reflections

- Citizens' Assembly is citizen led, and aligns with need for improved participatory politics post-Brexit.
- Citizens' Assembly passes policy design to citizens. Politically difficult to ignore recommendations once the process is complete even if policy is unhelpful.
- Importance of political leadership and citizen participation
- Role of universities in advising and guiding policymaking and coproduction