



CAMDEN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Annual Review / 2022-2023

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INTRODUCTION

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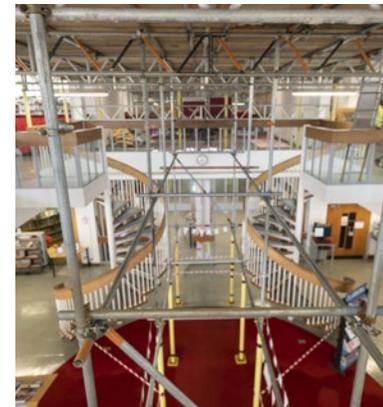
Camden's Climate Action Plan was published in 2020 after Camden held the UK's first Citizens' Assembly on the climate crisis. The Climate Action Plan responded to the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly and wider community, and since its adoption in 2020 has seen Camden take bold action to help tackle the climate crisis.

This is the 3rd 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 annual reviews. It also introduces new actions to reflect the development of Camden's response to the climate crisis.

The 3rd Annual review showcases a range of projects from major energy efficiency retrofit projects through to new, segregated cycling infrastructure. The review also highlights the range of activities taking place in the community supported by our brilliant partners such as Power Up North London, Think and Do and the Somers Town Future Neighbourhood community. The climate programme continues to be supported and monitored by the **Camden Climate Citizen Panel**.

Despite the progress set out in the 3rd Annual Review, the climate is changing rapidly and increasingly affecting us all. The Met Office's 2023 State of the UK report highlighted that 2022 was the warmest year on record since 1884. It was also the first year in which 40-degree temperatures were recorded in the UK.

We know that we need to continue to help slow the pace of climate change, but also begin to build our resilience to extreme weather events. We also know that we need to do this in a way that is fair and affordable for everyone, particularly in the context of the increased cost of living. These principles will guide the next year of climate action in Camden.



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

PROGRESS OVERVIEW

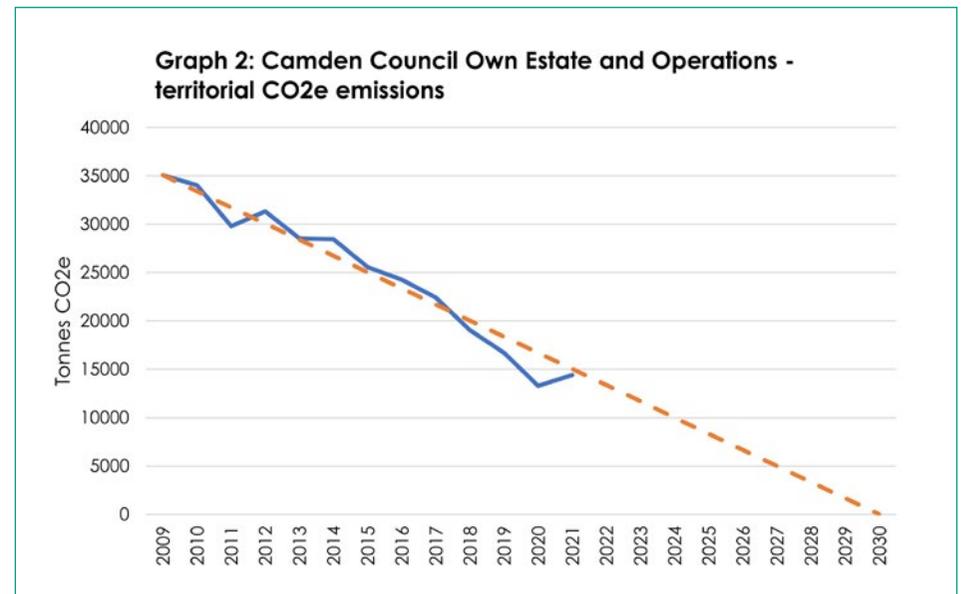
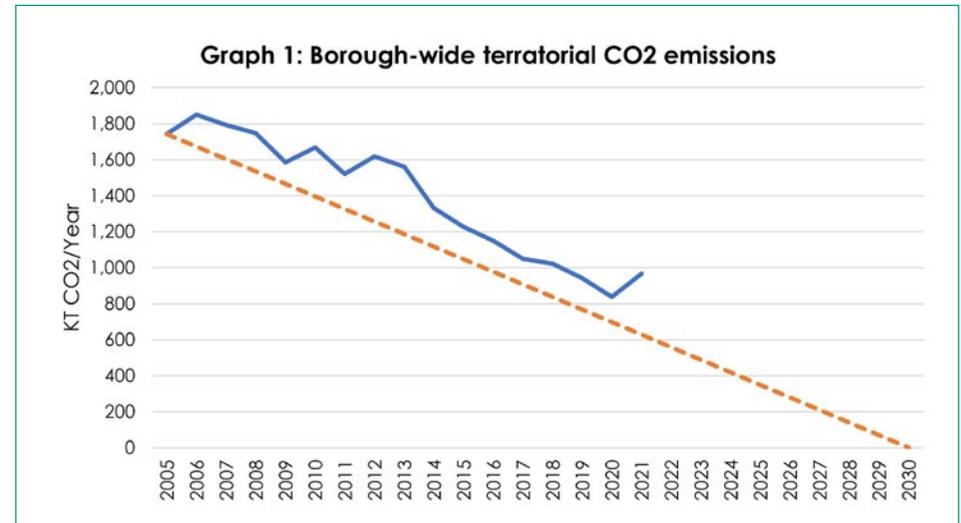
KEY PROGRESS INDICATORS

The Camden Climate Action Plan provides a framework for climate action across Camden. The success of the Climate Action Plan depends on action by all citizens and organisations across Camden. Progress is measured by the level of greenhouse gas or CO₂ emissions in Camden (Graph 1). The Council's CO₂ emissions across our own corporate buildings and operations are also measured annually to track progress (Graph 2).

Since 2005, borough-wide territorial carbon dioxide emissions have reduced 45% in Camden. Among the council's own estate and operations, CO₂ emissions have reduced 59% since 2010.

The transition back to normality following the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020 is reflected in our most recent emissions data. 2021/22 emissions have risen when compared to the previous reporting year in 2020/21. This is consistent with national trends, with 96% of local authorities experiencing an increase in emissions between 2020 and 2021.

Borough-wide: territorial emissions	Council estate and operations: direct emissions
Baseline: 2005	Baseline: 2010
↓ 45% (2021)	↓ 59% (2021)
Target 100% by 2030	Target 100% by 2030



ACTION PROGRESS OVERVIEW

PROGRESS SINCE 2020

The Climate Action Plan was published in 2020 and committed to publish progress reports annually.

As at the end of the 2021/22, there were **107 actions** within the Climate Action Plan. This includes:

- 30 actions that have been achieved and closed,
- 3 that have been partly achieved and closed, and
- 2 actions that were not achieved, largely due to challenges bought on by COVID-19 and the subsequent shifting of priorities.

PROGRESS UPDATE FOR 2022-23

At the start of 2022/23 there were **72 live actions**. The 3rd Annual Review shows that:

- **A further 10 actions** have been achieved,
- **60 actions are still underway**, with 52 of these performing well and on track to deliver. The remaining 8 are still underway, but have been delayed or are facing barriers to delivery, and
- **6 new actions have been added** to support delivery.

A summary of progress across all 113 actions since the Climate Action Plan launched in 2020 is summarised below.

	Action achieved	40	36%
	Underway (On track)	52	46%
	Underway (In development)	8	7%
	Partly achieved	5	5%
	Not achieved	2	2%
	New (2022-23 review)	6	5%
	Total	113	



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Climate Action Plan sets out a vision for action across the thematic areas of People, Places, Buildings and Organisations in Camden. The next section highlights progress to date across these four areas. Highlights of action across Camden are provided alongside: action progress status updates, new actions added to the climate programme and key performance metrics for each vision area.

Have you got a great idea that could help tackle climate change in Camden? Find out where to get started at www.camden.gov.uk/climate-crisis



**EVERYONE WHO LIVES, WORKS, STUDIES,
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BE WELL INFORMED AND ACTIVELY
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PEOPLE

ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides a progress on all live actions during the 2022-23 period.

	Action achieved	1	9%
	Underway (On track)	9	82%
	Underway (In development)	1	9%
	Partly achieved	0	0%
	Not achieved	0	0%



KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

Linked actions	Metric	Year	Total	Change
1.1.3, 1.2.4	Number of visits to Camden Council's 'what can you do' Climate Crisis webpages	to August 2023	819	↑5%
1.1.1, 4.1.3	Total signatories to the Camden Climate Pledge and Schools Climate Charter	to August 2023	59	↑5%

PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS



Camden have partnered with Think & Do to establish 'sharing spaces' in underused halls in Somers Town and Kentish Town to support climate action in the community. **Over 1,000 residents** have now attended a sharing space benefitting from clothes swaps, cooking clubs and knowledge sharing.



In September 2022, Camden's Library of Things based in Kentish Town **celebrated its first birthday**. Over 2,290 borrows have taken place at Kentish Town with the Library of Things reporting **27.6 tonnes of CO₂ saved and 13.9 tonnes of waste prevented**.

In partnership with Think & Do and Camden Learning, Camden hosted **a Green Dragon's Den event** to allow students from **8 Camden schools** to pitch for funding for climate projects.



Camden opened its first communal repair shop, the Fixing Factory, in October 2022. Over **400 people** have had **electrical items fixed** at the Fixing Factory with over and **200 items repurposed**, saving over **1.5 tonnes of electronic waste** and over **40 tonnes of CO₂e**.



The Somers Town Future Neighbourhood launched in March 2022. Some of the key achievements include the **creation of 15 temporary green jobs**, the **retrofit of 30 homes** to improve their energy efficiency and the development of **over 200m2 of green spaces** across estates.



Since April 2022, the Green Camden Helpline has supported **over 800 residents with energy and environmental concerns** and referred **830 residents** to further financial and health support services.



In Summer 2023, Think & Do and the Council delivered a series of “F.E.S.T” events (Fix, Eat, Swap and Talk) across 6 housing estates. The events have focused on reducing consumption emissions by **thinking about sustainable food, fixing items instead of throwing them away and swapping items with neighbours rather than buying new.**



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PLACES



ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides a progress on all live actions during the 2022-23 period.

	Action achieved	3	16%
	Underway (On track)	13	68%
	Underway (In development)	3	16%
	Partly achieved	0	0%
	Not achieved	0	0%
	New	2	

NEW ACTIONS

- From 2023, establish a permanent parklet programme to support the roll out of parklets across Camden.
- From 2023-2024, deliver the first phase of Camden's Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP).

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	to July 23	20%	0%
2.1.2	Total length of protected cycle routes installed	2022/23	29km	↑14%
2.1.1	Total number of EV charging points on Camden streets	2022/23	560	↑70%
2.2.3	Total number of trees planted by Camden Council	2022/23	1718	↑54%

PLACES HIGHLIGHTS



By July 2023, the Council had installed **560 on-street Electric Vehicle Charge Points**. 67 have been delivered in 2023.



There are now over **300 cycle hangars** in the borough, with 94 of these delivered in 2023.



In 2022-23, **Camden council planted 600 trees**, 61 more than in 2021-22. Community groups planted a further 83 trees and 500 whips.



An average of **50,000 e-scooter rides** are being completed per month through Camden's participation in the Transport for London's e-scooter trial.

The West End Project was largely completed, including the **£2.3m Princes Circus scheme** which has transformed the area into a traffic free public square, with **improved pedestrian and cycle safety with widened pavements, seating, new pedestrian crossings, and easy walking and cycling routes.**



There are now **30 Healthy School Streets** across Camden, a further 6 have restrictions in place for Autumn 2023.



Camden's nature conservation Green Gym, which provides opportunities for people to become active, sociable and help manage wildlife habitats while providing employment opportunities. In 2022-23 the programme **marked its 15th anniversary and delivered 5,154 hours of volunteering.**



In 2022-23, the Savernake Safe and Healthy Streets scheme was delivered **to restrict motor vehicle traffic, extend the pavement for pedestrians, and add new trees and planting space.** The scheme is supporting climate resilience in the borough, through reducing flood risk while keeping the area cool during heat waves.



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BUILDINGS

ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides a progress on all live actions during the 2022-23 period.

Action achieved	3	13%
Underway (On track)	16	66%
Underway (In development)	3	13%
Partly achieved	2	8%
Not achieved	0	0%
New	3	

NEW ACTIONS

- From 2023, deliver a Camden-led scheme to support residents to improve the energy efficiency of private sector households.
- From 2023-2024, increase the number of Council projects which can offer organisations a reliable and trustworthy option to locally offset carbon emissions.
- From 2023, deliver a programme that builds on the successes of the Business Climate Change, to scale energy efficiency support and emissions reduction from SME buildings.



KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

Linked actions	Metric	Year	Total	Change
3.2.2, 3.2.6	Percentage of council owned homes with a SAP rating of C or above	2022/23	68%	N/A
3.1.10, 3.2.3, 3.5.1	Estimated private sector carbon reduction from Council led energy efficiency programmes (Including the Camden Climate Fund, Solar Together and others)	2022/23	500 tonnes CO ₂ e	↑218%

BUILDINGS HIGHLIGHTS



Camden completed a comprehensive £3.7m energy efficiency retrofit of Swiss Cottage Library. The project is expected **cut at least 50%** of all heat loss and save the library more than **138t/CO₂e per annum**, when compared to pre-refurbishment levels.



Camden launched a major retrofit project at **5-7 Belsize Grove estate**. The works include improved glazing, ventilation insulation, solar energy and low carbon heating upgrades and will improve the energy efficiency of **58 council homes**.



In 2022-23, Camden completed **two air source heat pump projects** at Acland Burghley Secondary school and Eleanor Palmer Primary schools. The projects will trial the replacement of boilers with heat pumps, monitoring the impact on energy costs at the schools.



In March 2023, Camden **secured a further £3.1M** from the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund to retrofit 280 of our least efficient homes.



In 2022-23, **3220.65m3 of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) capacity** was approved through planning applications. This is the **equivalent to the size of 1.3 Olympic swimming pools.**



In 2022-23 we **extended the Somers Town Energy district energy network to Brill Place Tower.**



Over **£10,000** of grant funding has now been awarded through Camden Climate Fund's home energy fund to improve the energy efficiency of Camden households.



In 2022-23, we conducted **320 Sustainability surgery appointments**, providing written comments on **112 major planning applications** and providing **79 Statutory Lead Local Flood Authority planning responses.**



**ALL ORGANISATIONS IN CAMDEN
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EMBED TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS
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ORGANISATIONS

ACTION PROGRESS

The table below provides a progress on all live actions during the 2022-23 period.

	Action achieved	3	17%
	Underway (On track)	14	78%
	Underway (In development)	1	5%
	Partly achieved	0	0%
	Not achieved	0	0%
	New	1	

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

Linked actions	Metric	Year	Total	Change
4.1.3	Average collective carbon reduction from Camden Climate Alliance members	2022/23	22%	↓2%
4.2.5	Percentage of Camden's fleet comprised of low/zero emission vehicles	2022/23	19%	↑2.5%
4.2.8	Percentage of Camden Council's pension fund that is divested from fossil fuels	2022/23	98%	0%
4.2.7	Number of Camden Climate Alliance members	2022	428	↑3%

NEW ACTIONS

- From 2023-2024, in partnership with Think & Do and Clean Air Camden, continue to deliver the Climate Connectors programme to connect businesses with environmental projects.



ORGANISATION HIGHLIGHTS

CAMDEN CLIMATE PLEDGE

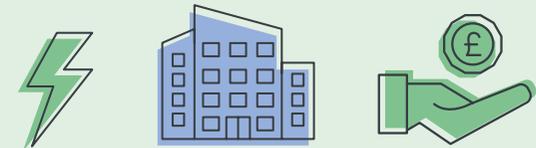
The Camden Climate Pledge, which commits organisations to working towards net zero carbon by 2030, **now has 35 signatories.**

In June 2023, a community funded **installation of 200 solar panels** was completed at Talacre Leisure. The panels are providing electricity to the centre throughout the year, reducing annual emissions **by 12 tonnes of CO₂e per year.**



52% of reporting Camden Climate Alliance members decreased their year-on-year carbon emissions **by an average of 22%.**

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In 2023, Camden secured a **£640,789** from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to expand the Business Climate Challenge, to support a **further 125 businesses** in Camden and Brent to develop realistic plans to decarbonise and achieve net-zero.

In 2022-23 the Camden Climate Citizen Panel's **second cohort was recruited**, to ensure continued resident participation in the delivery of the Climate Action Plan.



Camden launched the new Climate Connectors programme for 2023-24, following a successful 2022-23 which saw more than **£27,000** from businesses directed to support local environmental projects.



Camden is partnering with Raze to support the **reduction of single-use plastic bags across our street markets**. Customers who use reusable bags will gain points that can be redeemed across a range of sustainable businesses.



In January 2023, Camden **held its first Staff Environment Day**. The event brought together staff from across the organisation to engage staff on Camden's sustainability work programme while promoting Camden's new Environmental Stewardship training.

ACTION PROGRESS UPDATE

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This section provides a full detailed update of the Climate Action Plan, providing progress updates against each action. Actions marked as closed as 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
People	1.1.1: In 2020, build on the successful pilot to create a permanent schools sustainability network called the Sustainers to share best practice and drive positive climate action.	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	The peer support network was created during the pandemic to provide a contact point for teachers whilst the Camden School Climate Charter was being developed. Following the launch of the Charter, the peer support network was replaced with monthly 'Barrier Buster' sessions to provide a platform for teachers to discuss challenges alongside other schools and discuss how these could be overcome. With many participating schools now involved in the Climate Connectors Programme (Action 4.5.1), the Barrier Buster sessions will drop to one session per academic term due to reduced attendance and demand for sessions. The schools email bulletin will also reduce in frequency and be mailed every two months.
People	1.1.5: 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.	Open	Underway (On track)	The Council continues to communicate about housing and transport projects and how the work supports tackling the climate crisis. Some example communications from the Council's press office are included below: https://news.camden.gov.uk/camden-secures-funding-for-transport-schemes-and-homes-retrofit https://news.camden.gov.uk/new-princes-circus-space-fully-open https://news.camden.gov.uk/camden-pioneering-a-new-approach-to-carbon-offsetting https://news.camden.gov.uk/haverstock-hill-and-rosslyn-hill-walking-safe-and-healthy-streets-scheme-consultation-extended https://news.camden.gov.uk/camden-wins-awards-for-innovative-public-realm-and-active-and-inclusive-travel-schemes

Category	Action	Action status	Progress indicator	Progress update
People	1.1.6: From 2020, seek funding opportunities to support community-led climate action, which results in borough-wide emissions reductions.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Council has successfully supported community-led climate action through several projects. This includes Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods 2030 programme, which has received over £3M of funding from the Mayor of London to deliver climate action projects in the area.</p> <p>Funding has also been received for other community led projects, including £22k to support Think & Do to deliver a community sharing space and waste reduction engagement project at Templar House estate in Fortune Green.</p> <p>Camden has also supported the roll out of the Library of Things, a community enterprise in Kentish Town that loans items to the community.</p> <p>Over 2,290 borrows have taken place at Kentish Town with Library of Things reporting 27.6 tonnes of CO₂ saving and 13.9 tonnes of waste prevented.</p> <p>A community repair hub, the Fixing Factory, also opened in October 2022 has helped to restore 433 electrical items and repurpose 200 items, saving an estimated 1.5 tonnes of electronic waste and 40 tonnes of CO₂e.</p> <p>The Council has also delivered a 'Climate Connectors' project through our Camden Climate Alliance (Action 4.5.1) unlocking financial support from Camden businesses to help community groups deliver carbon reduction projects.</p> <p>More information is available here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/get-involved/climate-connectors</p>

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People	1.1.9: Support delivery of the 'Refill Station Camden' project offering residents a refill resource to help tackle single-use packaging, aiming to have a locally run enterprise by the end of 2022	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Refill Station, selling sustainably sourced body care and cleaning products, continues to operate at Queens Crescent Market on Thursdays, Chalton Street market on Fridays and the Canopy market, Granary Square on Saturdays and Sundays.</p> <p>The e-cargo bike also sells dried herbs, spices and teas from Chalton Street Market on Fridays and at the Canopy market, Granary Square on Saturdays and Sundays. The refill station continues to encourage resident involvement in delivering the stalls including helping to design market stalls, finding local suppliers for products and volunteers to support with future stall pup ups and deliveries in 2023-24. More information is available here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/refill-station-camden1</p>
People	1.3.2: In 2021-22, continue to identify other locations and institutions to grow the Think & Do approach so that as many people as possible can access free and high-quality information about climate action.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>In 2022-23, the Think & Do pop-up space model was extended to the Templar House Estate in Fortune Green. In January 2023, a week long pop-up 'sharing space' was launched by Think & Do in partnership with the Council. The pop-up has transitioned into a weekly sharing spaces on Thursday afternoons. Residents identified that waste and recycling were key areas of concerns and have delivered a project to improve the appearance and location of bin stores to encourage more recycling on the estate. £4k in legacy funding has been provided to Think & Do to help deliver projects resulting the sharing space. More information is available here: https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk/templar-house-pop-up</p> <p>In Summer 2023, Think & Do and the Council also delivered a series of "F.E.S.T" events (Fix, Eat, Swap and Talk) across 6 housing estates. The events have been focusing on reducing consumption emissions by thinking about sustainable food, fixing items instead of throwing them away and swapping items with neighbours rather than buying them new. More information is available here: https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk/fests</p>

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People	1.3.3: From 2021, work with the Voluntary and Community Sector to support groups who deliver outcomes which tackle the climate emergency and help them to utilise available funding from the Camden Climate Fund.	Open	Underway (On track)	In 2021-22 the Council have supported VCS groups to deliver projects supporting the aims of the Climate Action Plan through the Camden Climate Fund. Projects to date have included supporting The Camden Clean Air Initiative to install a Parklet in Belsize Park and a project supporting a community energy group to identify retrofit opportunities for a housing co-op in Camden. Through VCS partners we have promoted and are exploring new ways to promote our Community Action Grant to provide opportunities to attract and deliver local, bottom-up community projects with a sustainability focus.
People	1.3.4: From 2021, continue to ensure climate advice is available from existing Council helplines for residents wishing to learn more about the climate emergency and the funding and support available.	Open	Underway (On track)	In response the on-going energy crisis, the Green Camden Helpline has transitioned its support offering to focus exclusively on providing energy efficiency and fuel debt support to Camden residents. The helpline has subsequently been replaced by SHINE London. Since April 2022, the helpline has assisted over 800 residents, including 830 referrals to further support services. Camden Council's welfare line for residents (020 7974 4444) continues to support residents on cost-of-living issues. More information about these services can be found here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/energy-efficiency-services
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.	Open	Underway (In development)	Camden continues to work with businesses and schools to enable resident-led solutions to the climate crisis and achieve climate justice. Through events such as the Dragon's Den (See Action 1.4.4), Camden is supporting children to develop school-led climate change projects. On-going engagement with businesses and community groups through the Camden Climate Alliance and Business Climate Challenge are also providing platforms for schools to share their experiences and how to ensure a just transition. Camden will continue to explore opportunities for targeted events and activities on the theme of climate justice.

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden and the Somers Town community won £3 million from the Mayor of London's Future Neighbourhood 2030 programme, with over £3m additional investment received from local partners to deliver a flagship sustainable neighbourhood in Somers Town.</p> <p>The project is demonstrating how place-based investment in environmental projects can help secure financial, social and health benefits to residents. Since the project launched in March 2022, 15 temporary green jobs have been created, 30 homes have been retrofitted to improve their energy efficiency and over 200m² of green space across estates has been developed.</p> <p>In partnership with the social housing charity HACT, a local carbon offset fund is being developed. This will allow businesses to offset carbon emissions through investing in social housing retrofit in Camden with Knowledge Quarter.</p> <p>A new online engagement platform to share project progress amongst the community and project partners has also been introduced. More information about progress and achievements within the Future Neighbourhoods programme is available here: https://somerstowfn2030.commonplace.is</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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden is working closely with VCS groups to support several projects to deliver on community-led climate projects across the borough. As part of the Climate Connectors programme, we worked with Think & Do to deliver projects including the planting of 70 trees across 6 residential estates, creating paid roles for residents to maintain trees.</p> <p>A community energy project on Walker House estate is also underway, working with businesses and residents to provide and upgrade 74 flats with LED lightbulbs and raise awareness through energy saving tips.</p>

Category	Action	Action status	Progress indicator	Progress update
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden continues to provide platforms for schools and businesses to share and develop their work on climate action. In August 2022, the Business Climate Challenge held an online launch workshop: 'Post COP27 - what's next for Camden'? which focussed on staff engagement, waste and biodiversity. As part of the Business Climate Challenge, from March to June 2023, monthly meetings were held among participants to share best practice from the programme, including an in-person breakfast workshop in May 2023. Camden also held Climate Resilience and Sustainability sessions with Camden's NHS Trusts.</p> <p>In April 2023, a Dragon's Den event was held in partnership with Think & Do. The event allowed primary students from 8 schools to pitch project ideas to businesses with the aim to receive funding for climate projects within their schools. Find out more about the Camden Climate Alliance's work here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The council is currently undertaking a major review of parking fees, charges and terms and conditions.</p> <p>The aim of this review is helping Camden understand how we can reduce car usage and ownership, while improving transport safety and encourage more active transport. A borough-wide consultation on the topic will be taking place in Autumn 2023.</p> <p>Camden has now installed 560 Electric Vehicle Charge Points, with the planned installation of at least a hundred more by 2024-25.</p>
Places	2.1.2: Increase the number of segregated cycle routes in Camden as identified in the Camden Transport Strategy.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Since the beginning of 2020, we've more than trebled the length of segregated cycleways in Camden. Currently, the length of segregated cycle routes is at around 28km. The council intends to extend this by a further 40km by the end of 2024-25.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Planning frameworks and briefs provide guidance for specific sites and areas of Camden.</p> <p>This is 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.</p> <p>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, in November 2022 the Gospel Oak and Haverstock Community vision was published.</p> <p>This framework places a significant emphasis on “Creating a sustainable and resilient neighbourhood” as a key priority for change in the area.</p> <p>More information on Camden’s planning framework documents is available here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/planning-frameworks-and-briefs1</p>
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.	Open	Underway (In development)	<p>A feasibility study to test the closure of Camden High Street (North) is now underway and, subject to consultation and approval processes, could be introduced during 2024-25.</p>

Category	Action	Action status	Progress indicator	Progress update
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.	Open	Underway (In development)	<p>Camden completed an updated Workplace Parking Levy (WPL) study in 2023 to gather more recent data from businesses on the feasibility of a WPL due to changes in working arrangements following the pandemic.</p> <p>Camden are currently finalising outcomes of this study, which will determine next steps for the scheme and whether the introduction of a WPL remains viable.</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>CPZ hours of control for priority areas continue to be introduced across Camden. CPZ hours of control in CA-G (Regent's Park area) continues to be trialled to restrict non-resident parking on weekends, and will be consulted on in Autumn 2023 to determine whether to make this change permanent.</p> <p>Controlled parking hours on Saturdays are also now being introduced as a trial in CA-X (Camley Street area). In 2023, Camden also reviewed the feasibility of extended CPZ hours of control in CA-L (Kentish Town West) and CA-F (Camden Town) with decisions on potential extended hours of control taking place in Autumn 2023.</p>
Places	2.2.3: In collaboration with other local organisations and private landowners, increase the number of trees planted in Camden annually in line with Camden's Tree Policy.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden's Tree Planting Strategy was introduced in July 2021, which set out an ambitious target of planting 600 trees per year.</p> <p>In 2022/23 a total of 600 trees were planted by Camden Council, 61 more than what was planted in 2021/22. Third parties planted an additional 83 standard trees and 500 whips.</p> <p>The Strategy also aims to improve collaboration with other organisations to support tree planting across Camden. During 2022-23 the Council have been supporting community groups including Camden Forest and Think & Do to deliver the Communi-trees project, which is helping young people in Camden into work to manage tree planting projects across Camden's estates.</p>

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Places	2.2.4: Extend nature conservation volunteers programmes to support with the maintenance of existing and new green space.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden nature conservation is a partnership between The Conservation Volunteers and the Council, which helps to deliver Camden's Green Gym and other volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>The programme provides opportunities for people to become active, be sociable and help manage habitats for wildlife and provides training opportunities.</p> <p>The programme has now been running for 15 years.</p> <p>In 2022/23 the programme delivered 5154 hours of volunteering, equivalent to nearly £60,000. The Council continues to explore ways in which the Green Gym can be expanded and is working in partnership with The Conservation Volunteers' corporate volunteering team to provide opportunities to organisations to contribute to the management of green spaces through staff volunteering.</p> <p>More information can be found at: https://www.tcv.org.uk/london/green-gym-london/camden-green-gym/.</p> <p>The Green Space team is also supporting volunteering through the council's grounds maintenance services, supporting the expansion of food growing on estates such as the new food growing facilities set up at Sidney Boyd Court in mid-2023, enabling more residents to interact with nature and improve their gardening skills.</p> <p>The team have also been working with our 'Park Friends' groups to increase their capacity and reach.</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	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Low emissions transport projects including closing roads to through-traffic, implementation of segregated cycle lanes and provision of alternative options for low-carbon transport (such as bike hangars, EVCPs and dockless bike hire bays) have been implemented across all these areas.</p> <p>Projects in Camden Town are largely complete, with work continuing to explore options for the closure of Camden High Street (see Action 2.1.7).</p> <p>An additional cycle corridor project and Healthy Street Scheme is planned for Kentish Town in 2024-25.</p> <p>Holborn's Liveable Neighbourhood Project continues to ramp up, with a range of 'quick win' measures to be introduced in the next year including the construction of cycling, walking and road safety improvements to the Holborn gyratory including new cycle tracks and urban greening on Procter Street.</p>
Places	2.2.6: By 2021, introduce planning policy to require all major developments to improve the biodiversity value of their sites	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>The council has implemented Local Plan Policy (A3), which incorporates policy on biodiversity and commits the council to improve opportunities to experience nature where they are lacking.</p> <p>Further updates regarding implementation are provided in Action 2.3.6.</p>
Places	2.2.7: Increase the number of street closures around schools through the Healthy School Streets programme.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Healthy School Streets programme continues to be rolled out in phases, using a set of criteria to assess which schools to prioritise. In 2022-23 Camden implemented three more Healthy School Streets and there are now 30 Healthy School Streets in Camden.</p> <p>A further 6 schools will have restrictions in place by the end of the Autumn 2023 term. Camden intends to deliver Healthy School Streets to all feasible schools by 2025.</p>

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Places	2.2.8: By 2022, create a "Parklets" programme that enables residents to transform parking spaces into mini parks	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>A parklet is the re-purposing of a parking bay to create a shared space for people for a variety of functions (other than parking a vehicle in it).</p> <p>A number of prototype parklets have been delivered in previous years, including on Phoenix Road and Great Ormond Street, and Queen's Crescent and Leighton Road.</p> <p>A review of the Parklet programme has now been conducted, with many insights gained into how to run a successful parklet programme.</p> <p>Further updates will be provided in Action 2.5.1.</p>
Places	2.2.9: By 2023, in conjunction with other London boroughs, publish a climate adaptation and resilience strategy	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The development of Camden's first Climate Resilience Plan is underway.</p> <p>In December 2022, a public consultation on climate readiness garnered 112 resident responses, with over half expressing concerns about Camden's lack of preparedness to the climate crisis.</p> <p>To supplement resident views, a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment data review was completed to identify key climate hazards in Camden and undertake a gap analysis of the available data needed to fully understand Camden's climate risk profile.</p> <p>The Climate Resilience Plan aims to identify the climate risks and set a framework for how we can protect people, assets, businesses and the environment against those risks.</p> <p>The Camden Climate Citizen Panel reviewed the proposed approach to the Resilience Plan at their July 2023 meeting.</p> <p>The plan is expected to be published in late 2023.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>One of the core actions within Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan is to develop Camden's Nature Recovery Network.</p> <p>Camden have developed an evidence base for a Nature Recovery Network to consult on in 2024-25.</p> <p>More information on the actions and delivery timeframes within the Biodiversity Plan can be found here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/wildlife-areas.</p> <p>Updates on progress against our targets in the tree planting strategy can be found in Action 2.2.3.</p>
Places	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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden continues to support food growing schemes across the borough. Following the Green Dragon's Den event (see Action 1.4.4), Kentish Town Primary School received a £500 grant after pitching their idea to create a fruit salad garden on their school grounds.</p> <p>So far red and white currants, strawberries and a fig tree have been planted. Apple and pear trees will be planted in late 2023.</p>
Places	2.3.3: From 2021, support the delivery of community-led local road closures and car free days by supporting groups utilising Camden's "How to guide".	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>Camden's 'How To Guide' for road closures was published in 2020.</p> <p>Community road closures are now being incorporated into Camden's 'Safe and Healthy Streets' schemes.</p>

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Places	2.3.5: From 2021, following the delivery of the Camley Street Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS) project, continue to identify funding opportunities to improve Camden's climate change resilience and reduce flood risk.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Council continue to look for and utilise opportunities to install and fund SuDS in Camden. Following the success of the implementation of SuDS in Camden such as Camley Street and Mount Pleasant, there has been continued integration of small-scale SuDS through our highway greening programme.</p> <p>A project is underway on Belsize Road to support the installation of rainwater storage tanks and rain gardens to reduce flooding in the area. The project is being supported by Thames Water and has completed its design phase. Following public consultation, works are proposed to start in late 2023. Another proposal to install two raingardens to reduce flooding in the Hampstead Town area on Parliament Hill is also underway.</p> <p>The project is being supported by Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee funding, and is being developed alongside Cadent Gas, to ensure planned gas pipe upgrades coincide with the installation of new rain gardens reducing costs and disruption.</p>
Places	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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Updates on the Local Plan review (which includes revisions to the biodiversity policy) can be found in Action 3.2.8. Camden continues to invest in our own nature sites and increase the biodiversity value of other green spaces such as the introduction of insect hotels, native hedge planting and relaxed mowing areas to provide forage and habitat for wildlife.</p> <p>Camden have now depaved more than 1850m² through highway greening projects, creating new rain gardens and pocket parks across Camden. An extensive programme of works across Regent's Park Estate has recently concluded, which has transformed underused spaces to green spaces for the community to benefit from.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (In development)	Following the successful implementation of a Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lighting project in 2021-22, Camden are developing a project to expand this across Camden's parks. It is expected that the roll out of LED lighting and sensing will commence in 2023-24.
Places	2.5.1: From 2023, establish a permanent parklet programme to support the roll out of parklets across Camden.		New action (2023 review)	New action, previous progress update in Action 2.2.8.
Places	2.5.2: In 2023-2024, deliver the first phase of Camden's Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP).		New action (2023 review)	<p>The development of a LAEP will ensure there is a coherent strategy for decarbonisation in line with the boroughs network constraints.</p> <p>The LAEP will be a place-based, costed plan detailing project recommendations to achieving net-zero.</p> <p>Camden are working with the GLA to develop a tender for the first phase of the LAEP to be completed by April 2024.</p>

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Buildings	3.1.3: From 2020, require all major developments in Camden to be net zero carbon.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The London Plan and subsequently Camden planning policy sets out requirements for all major developments to achieve net zero carbon.</p> <p>Developers are required to calculate the average expected operational energy use of the proposed development, as per Building Regulations, and must demonstrate how these emissions will be reduced to net-zero.</p> <p>Since November 2022, sustainability officers have provided written consultation responses on air quality, energy and sustainability for 63 major planning applications.</p> <p>From June 2022 until August 2023 Camden have delivered 320 Sustainability Surgery sessions to support case officers in delivering improved environmental outcomes for developments.</p> <p>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, and ensuring all developments are air quality neutral.</p> <p>Training and checklists have also been developed for planning case officers to support in the assessment of all planning applications for their impact on the environment.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The London Plan and subsequently Camden planning policy sets out requirements for all major developments with 'substantial demolition' proposed 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.</p> <p>Enforcement of current planning policy continues through the Council's development management process.</p> <p>The Council is developing new planning policy through the Local Plan review process (action 3.2.8).</p>
Buildings	3.1.5: From 2020, require all Camden led major development under our Community Investment Programme to be zero carbon.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Community Investment Programme continues to improve the energy efficiency of major developments in Camden.</p> <p>There are currently four estates under construction including at Agar, Tybalds, Central Somers Town and Abbey Road. In 2022/23 we completed works at Maitland Park. New developments brought forward will continue to be net zero carbon under the planning definition.</p>
Buildings	3.1.6: By 2021, introduce a new requirement for all future Community Investment Programme development to include a lifecycle carbon impact assessment (retrofit versus new-build) as part of the pre-feasibility appraisal.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden continues to work with developers to ensure all new build proposals complete Whole Life Carbon and Life Cycle Cost analyses as part of the design process.</p> <p>The Climate Resilience plan will also include provisions for overheating and flood risk, which will be delivered through the Community Infrastructure Programme as part of the construction of new homes in Camden.</p>

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Buildings	3.1.7: In 2020, complete a feasibility study to install a large-scale solar project on housing estates. Subject to feasibility, deliver the project in 2021 and extend thereafter.	Closed (22-23 review)	Partly achieved	<p>A feasibility study was completed into looking at whether installing solar PV across 9 housing estates simultaneously and aggregating the power produced to provide an economically viable business case for solar was possible. The study concluded in August 2020 and found that a commercially viable business model could not be produced and that the economies of scale required for the project could not be achieved.</p> <p>The project was not considered an effective use of the Council's limited capital funding available for housing investment, and it was decided that funding should be focused on projects delivering decarbonisation of heat, which will have the greatest impact on reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>Due to the lack of financial viability, the Council are exploring other potential funding mechanisms to deliver this project in Action 3.3.3.</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Energy efficiency improvements across the commercial sector are being supported through the Business Climate Challenge programme, as outlined in Action 3.4.1.</p> <p>As offices and workplaces reopened in 2022 and employees returned to working patterns more closely aligned to pre-pandemic levels, we have seen a slowing in emissions reductions from reporting CCA members.</p> <p>In 2022, 52% of CCA members reporting carbon emissions decreased their year-on-year emissions by an average of 22% (in comparison to 24% in 2021) and 39 members took part in the CCA carbon certification scheme.</p>

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Buildings	3.1.9: In 2020-21, collaborate with private landlords and housing associations develop a programme to ensure all rented homes in the borough (including council housing stock) out-perform the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards defined by government.	Open	Underway (In development)	<p>In 2022-23 Camden established an enforcement process to ensure landlords comply with the Private Rented Sector Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES). The standards ensure landlords improve the thermal comfort of homes with low energy performance ratings. In 2022-23, over 100 letters were sent to over 100 landlords warning that they are not in compliance with MEES and citing that energy efficiency improvement are required.</p> <p>Camden are actively promoting of the support available to assist landlords in improving their properties energy efficiency through landlord forums and newsletters. This includes the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard grants available through the council's Housing Renewable Assistance Policy. More information on the council's Housing Renewal Assistance Policy can be found here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/grants-loans-landlords?inheritRedirect=true</p> <p>Camden will continue to work with the private rented sector to improve the energy efficiency of homes, focussing on properties failing to meet Band E without an exemption and properties without a valid energy performance certificate.</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>A series of retrofit projects implementing fossil fuel free heating systems are now underway across Camden's housing states. This includes a deep retrofit project of 58 properties at 5-7 Belsize Grove (including the installation of Solar PV), energy efficiency upgrades for 32 homes at Brookes Court estate along with upgrades to 27 various street properties to install insulation and heat pumps. The retrofit projects at Belsize Grove and Brookes Court are expected to be completed in December 2023. The Council is also piloting an internal wall insulation project to 50 homes with solid walls as part of the Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods programme (Action 1.4.2). Additional home energy elements are being incorporated into the project, including combatting overheating and producing feasibility reports for further works.</p>

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Buildings	3.2.5: Over 2021-22 complete a feasibility study into the retrofit opportunities on non-domestic council buildings including schools.	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>In 2021-22 Etude, RAFT and Currie & Brown undertook an initial analysis of three schools in the borough to show how far they can get towards net zero carbon and implications for all schools in Camden. The report showed meeting the net zero carbon target is possible but will require significant financial commitment. The cost for all sites (community schools and children centres) to be zero carbon is calculated at an estimated £112m.</p> <p>For Camden's corporate property, the council commissioned the Carbon Trust to develop a new Carbon Management Plan. In 2022-23 the Carbon Trust completed a report which showed that the council can achieve a reduction of 78% by 2030 by decarbonising heat and rolling out deep retrofit across our corporate estates. The cost for all sites to be retrofitted is estimated to sit between £55-69m. The plan has also set out the buildings and projects that should be prioritised for works between 2023 and 2030. This now being used to inform the delivery of retrofit projects across the council's corporate estate.</p> <p>Further work is detailed in Actions 3.3.8, 3.4.3, 3.4.4.</p>
Buildings	3.2.6: By 2022, launch a new retrofit programme for Camden.	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>A retrofit programme to improve the energy efficiency of Camden's estates is now underway, including two major retrofit projects at 5-7 Belsize Grove and Brookes Court. A retrofit of a further 27 street properties is planned or 2023-24. Camden secured £4M in funding through the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund to support initial projects, with a further £3.1M secured in March 2023. Following the economic impact of the pandemic, an emphasis has been placed on supporting job security for Camden residents through projects. Provisions for this have been incorporated into the 5-7 Belsize Grove retrofit tender, enabling Camden apprentices and residents to participate in the projects. Further updates on the implementation of Camden's retrofit programme can be found in Action 3.2.2</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Local Plan sets out the vision for future developments in the borough for the next 5, 10 and 15 years and includes planning policies to help achieve this.</p> <p>The review of the Camden Local Plan has commenced and will be undertaken in line with national policy and the London Plan 2021. The Plan will be supported by an updated evidence base, to justify the policy approach taken, and informed by community and stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>A draft of the Local Plan will be published early for comment to seek resident views on whether the policy will effectively address key issues, such as climate change, the provision of affordable housing, the changing role of Camden's high streets, housing delivery, job creation and economic development.</p>
Buildings	3.2.9: By 2025, develop a carbon-offsetting scheme for local developments, residents and businesses to offset their residual emissions. The scheme will require participants to have done all that they can to reduce direct and indirect emissions before looking to offset	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>Camden council, in partnership with Retrofit Credits, is pioneering a new approach to carbon offsetting for businesses and organisations in the borough to create further climate investment for Camden.</p> <p>Retrofit Credits allows Camden based organisations to offset their residual carbon emissions locally by purchasing carbon credits secured directly from energy efficiency improvements made to social housing in Camden.</p> <p>The health and wellbeing benefits of the energy efficiency improvements are also calculated and reported using metrics developed by the UK Social Value Bank.</p> <p>Find out more here: https://news.camden.gov.uk/camden-pioneering-a-new-approach-to-carbon-offsetting/ Further updates on this work will be provided in Action 3.5.2.</p>

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Buildings	3.3.1: In 2022-23, deliver a Retrofit Summit for residents, businesses, and community groups to develop our understanding of the retrofit challenge.	Open	Underway (In development)	<p>The Camden Climate Alliance hosted a series of events to support businesses to learn more about retrofit. As part of the post COP27 CCA workshop in November 2022, businesses explored ways for how they could reduce their emissions and the barriers to doing so.</p> <p>This was supported by a workshop in May 2023 with Business Climate Challenge participants, where businesses were able to learn about the feasibility of retrofit and explore the challenges associated with retrofit through a case study of Shakespeare's Globe's three sites.</p> <p>Camden also shared details about the financial assistance available for retrofit through the Camden Climate Fund.</p> <p>Camden is also supporting community action to drive retrofit. Think & Do and Power Up North London hosted a "Energising Communities : Let's talk about a whole home approach to energy" stakeholder event seeking to find new models of collective working and engagement to tackle the challenges facing North London communities around energy and climate change.</p> <p>The Council are working with T&D and PUNL to move forward the recommendations. The Inkerman Resident's SustainIARA group along with the Retrofit Kentish Town are local groups working to educate and support Camden residents to retrofit their homes.</p> <p>In 2023, the Council is also looking to launch a new retrofit support offer for private sector residents. Further updates on this work will be provided in Action 3.5.1.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Retrofit London is a collaborative programme being led by London's local authorities which aims to achieve mass home retrofitting to achieve an average Energy Performance Certificate Level of B by 2030 across London.</p> <p>The ambitious collaborative approach and London-wide leadership role of the Programme was key to winning the MJ Award for 'Leadership in Responding to the Climate Emergency' and securing a UK Housing Award in the category of 'Climate Change Project of the Year'.</p> <p>The partnership of boroughs, helped secure £12m of Home Upgrade Grants from Government for the delivery of energy efficiency projects in low-income properties across London.</p> <p>More information and programme priorities are available to view here: https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/climate-change-0/our-seven-themes-tackling-climate-change/retrofit-london-programme</p>
Buildings	3.3.3. From 2021, following completion of the feasibility study, seek funding to facilitate the installation of a large-scale solar project on housing estates.	Closed (22-23 review)	Partly achieved	<p>In 2022, the Council launched the Camden Climate Investment, an innovative Community Municipal Investment (CMI), allowing residents to invest in a cleaner, greener future for the borough.</p> <p>One of the projects proposed for funding through the investment was delivering a site from the large-scale solar project. Work is underway to deliver the solar project with delivery expected before the end of 2023.</p> <p>Innovative financing solutions are being explored with private-sector partners to see if the project can be scaled up, whilst delivering cost savings to residents.</p> <p>Work is continuing through Action 4.4.1.</p>

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Buildings	3.3.4: From 2021, collaborate with private landlords and housing associations to utilise available funding to ensure all rented homes in the borough (including council housing stock) outperform the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards defined by government.	Open	Underway (In development)	<p>In 2021-22 Camden secured £1.6m from government funded Sustainable Warmth Competition.</p> <p>The funding was used to provide low-income residents and landlords in the private rented sector grants of up to £10,000 to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.</p> <p>Camden completed a series of engagement activities in 2022-23 to promote uptake including a targeted mailout to over 600 households. Results of the scheme are expected in 2023-24.</p> <p>This action will be also supported by work under Action 3.1.9 and Action 3.4.5.</p>
Buildings	3.3.5: From 2021, continue to explore and promote group purchasing schemes which support building retrofit and provide grant funding support where possible.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Since of launch of the Climate Action Plan, the Council has supported 3 rounds of Solar Together, a group buying scheme for solar panels.</p> <p>For Solar Together Round 4, a total of 27 installations have been completed. For Solar Together 5, 20 installations have now been completed.</p> <p>The Council continues to support ECOforb, the low carbon homes service, helping residents to identify what measures they can install in their homes to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p>Camden continue to promote the programme to support uptake of the service, including through the delivery of a new Private Sector Retrofit Scheme (Action 3.5.1).</p>

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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 deployment across Camden.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Following the review of the Camden Climate Fund (action 3.2.3), the fund has been promoted as part of the Council's public information campaign on the climate crisis.</p> <p>The fund is closely linked to the Business Climate Challenge, with organisations being signposted to funding available on completion of energy audits completed through the scheme (Action 3.4.1).</p> <p>Bids for funding are expected to increase in 2023-24. The Council continues to identify opportunities to promote the initiative to residents and business to increase uptake.</p> <p>The Camden Climate Fund's home energy fund has now awarded over £10,000 to support households to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.</p> <p>A further £15,000 was approved through the Community Energy Fund to support the installation of community renewable energy projects.</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Phase 1 works at Brookfield Primary School are currently in the design phase, with this school being the first in Camden to follow the PAS2038 standard.</p> <p>For this project, Camden are looking to install double glazing, internal wall insulation, mechanical ventilation with heat recovery, solar PV and heat pumps. Works are expected to start on site in spring 2024.</p> <p>The Swiss Cottage Library retrofit has been completed, where the Council installed roof and wall insulation, ventilation improvements, double glazing, LED lighting and heat pumps. The project will reduce emissions by more than 138 tCO₂e per annum, when compared to pre-refurbishment levels.</p>

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Buildings	3.3.9: In 2021-22, further to feasibility study analysing the approach for retrofit of Camden-owned housing stock, complete retrofit pilot projects across different property archetypes to inform future retrofit programme	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>A series of pilot retrofit projects (as outlined in Action 3.2.2) are underway and are taking place across a range of property types including flat blocks, bungalows and townhouses.</p> <p>Camden is working with both SME's and Large Tier 1 Contractors to understand how this shapes new upcoming property frameworks to give us streamlined approach for procuring contractors for future retrofit works. In 2022-23, Camden secured a further £3.1M from the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund to retrofit a further 280 of our least efficient homes.</p>
Buildings	3.4.1: In 2022-2023 work with the Mayor of London to identify 50 Camden-based SMEs to have energy audits of their buildings through the Business Climate Challenge.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The CCA has partnered with the Greater London Authority to provide bespoke technical energy efficiency support to SMEs in Camden. The Mayor of London's Business Climate Challenge is a voluntary energy efficiency programme developed to support businesses to reduce their energy consumption, costs and carbon emissions.</p> <p>More than 40 businesses have progressed to receive full energy audit and recommendation report from consultants Turner & Townsend and WSP, detailing measures and interventions to support commercial buildings to achieve net zero. In addition to technical support, businesses have received training on energy management, net zero and staff engagement, with further training sessions planned in Autumn 2023. The programme is expected to finish by December 2023.</p> <p>More information can be found here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/get-involved/business-climate-challenge/</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Further to the work outlined in Action 3.4.1, two businesses have applied to the Camden Climate Fund.</p> <p>Others have also expressed interested interest in applying, with further applications anticipated in Autumn 2023 when the final reports are issued.</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Since 2022, the council has been awarded an excess of £2.6m of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding for energy efficiency measures at Acland Burghley Secondary, Eleanor Palmer Primary, Kingsgate Primary and Hampstead Secondary schools.</p> <p>Works at the first two schools have now been completed and will reduce emissions by around 45 tCO₂e per annum.</p> <p>The other two schools are expected to deliver more than 200 tCO₂e per annum. The design for the pilot site, Brookfield Primary, is ongoing and works are expected to start in spring 2024.</p> <p>The council is also developing a bid for retrofit works at two additional schools.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Following the deep retrofit of Swiss Cottage Library and Camden Town, the council has been successful in receiving further funding from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund 3b to deliver heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency projects at 5 corporates buildings.</p> <p>This includes the Netherwood Youth Centre, Waterlow Park Visitor Centre, West Hampstead Library, York Way Depot and West Hampstead Library. The projects will be delivered between 2024 and 2025. Decarbonisation studies are currently being developed for other corporate and leisure buildings on a rolling basis with studies for 1 leisure centre and 2 corporate buildings currently in development. Once complete, the studies will be used to inform future bids for government funding.</p> <p>Full details of the council's carbon reduction programme can be found here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/carbon-reduction-programme</p>
Buildings	3.5.1: From 2023, deliver a Camden-led scheme to support residents to improve the energy efficiency of private sector households		New action (2023 review)	Camden has had discussions with retrofit service providers to discuss the feasibility of a whole house retrofit support scheme for Camden residents. The aim of the scheme would be to provide bespoke advice on home retrofit to residents and encourage them to make energy efficiency improvements to their properties. The design phase is underway with launch expected to take place in 2023-24.

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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.		New action (2023 review)	New action. Previous progress noted in Action 3.2.9.
Buildings	3.5.3: From 2023, deliver a programme that builds on the successes of the Business Climate Change, to scale energy efficiency support and emissions reduction from SME buildings.		New action (2023 review)	Building on the work outlined in 3.4.1, In early 2023, Camden secured £650,000 in funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to expand the Business Climate Challenge. The funding will support an additional 125 businesses across Camden and Brent to reduce their energy consumption and deliver realistic plans to decarbonise and achieve net-zero. The project is expected to launch in Autumn 2023.
Organisations	4.1.5: In 2020, switch the Council's corporate estate and schools to green electricity, and look at further ways to reduce the emissions associated with our energy supplies through renewable energy.	Open	Underway (On track)	In October 2020, Camden switched its corporate and schools' estate to 100% renewable electricity supplies, using REGO (Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin) backed electricity tariffs. The Council's corporate estate and majority of schools continued to opt for green electricity on our current contract to September 2024.

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Organisations	4.1.6: From 2020, ensure all council decision-making includes an assessment of the decision's environmental impact.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Council's Constitution was amended in 2020 to introduce a new duty for elected Members to ensure that all decisions protect or improve the natural environment. When decisions are taken, the Constitution states that the process of consideration should be recorded within the decision-making report. All formal decision reports and procurement reports now include a mandatory environmental implications section, which require the author to assess the environmental impact of the project in question and to set out mitigation measures. The environmental implications sections are reviewed by the Head of Sustainability, Air Quality and Energy and form part of the formal decision-making process of Camden's Cabinet.</p> <p>A training module was developed and added to Camden's Learning and Development portal in 2022 to help inform officers about the key environmental issues in Camden and how projects can improve or protect the local environment. In 2023, an all-staff Environment Day was held at 5 Pancras Square to promote the new e-learning module.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>A Climate Action market was hosted in October 2022 at Chalton Street to promote circular economy focused products. The Somers Town Future Neighbourhood programme continues to successfully trial circular trading at the Market, focusing on reducing waste and upskilling residents to trade in the market using their skills. The market is helping to support local chefs, upcycle products, re-style second hand textiles and allow residents to sell pre-loved items of clothing. There are currently a minimum of 10 traders joining the Friday market and a smaller group joining on Wednesdays and Thursdays.</p> <p>The intention is to refine the branding and collaborate with local businesses with a solid and attractive offer to expand the market and ensure it continues.</p>
Organisations	4.2.3: Work with other London Councils and local authorities to agree a London-wide lobbying position to Government on the climate and ecological crisis.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>In November 2019, and London Environment Directors' Network (LEDNet) agreed a joint statement setting out the ambitions of Directors and Cabinet Members to act rapidly and collectively on the climate crisis.</p> <p>The statement led to seven pan-London climate action workstreams which have now been established.</p> <p>The approaches to delivery and lobbying are outlined on the London Council's website here: https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/climate-change-0</p>

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Organisations	4.2.4: From 2021, Camden continue to support plastic-free alternatives and plastic-free initiatives within the borough by removing single-use plastic items from our premises, encouraging plastic-free initiatives in our communities, and promoting plastic-free campaigns and supporting events.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden continues to work with our partners to promote Plastic Free July and to further reduce the amount of plastic used in Camden's businesses, markets, schools and community events. Issues centred around single-use plastics cannot be solved by Camden alone and the issue requires the Council to draw on all its links with residents and the local community.</p> <p>To promote reuse and support the reduction of waste across our street markets, Camden has partnered with Raze to replace single-use plastic with reusable bags which traders will give to customers from September 2023. Customers will gain points each time they are used, which will be logged on the Raze app, which can then be spent with a range of approved sustainable businesses. In addition, several food traders in Leather Lane market are trialling reusable 'Junee' food containers with customers.</p> <p>Camden is also supporting schools through the commitments of the School Climate Charter, which includes a commitment for schools to significantly reduce the use of single-use plastic with the aim of becoming a single-use plastic free school.</p>
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.	Open	Underway (In development)	<p>Camden Accessible Travel Solutions (CATS) invited third parties to tender for production of a fleet decarbonisation plan.</p> <p>The Energy Saving Trust (EST) was successful and commenced their work in June 2023. The project will be delivered in four phases: assessment of Camden's fleet operational requirements, establishing future optimum fleet composition, evaluation of electric charging infrastructure needs across Camden sites and exploration of funding opportunities.</p> <p>This work will result in a proposed approach to decarbonising the remainder of the Council's vehicle fleet. Current progress shows that 20.5% of the vehicle fleet is now classified as low carbon.</p>

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Organisations	4.2.7: Grow and develop the Camden Climate Alliance environmental business network as a platform for engaging and collaborating with businesses.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden Climate Alliance (CCA) is a sustainability network working with businesses, schools and third sector organisations to drive sustainability action across Camden.</p> <p>Collectively organisations The CCA supports the network through various deliver carbon reduction and social value projects.</p> <p>Each year the CCA reports on member progress. Current all-time membership stands at 428 organisations, a 7 per cent increase from 2021 (28 new members). In 2022 notable new members included Gaucho, Wac Arts, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, International House Trust and Phoenix ME.</p>
Organisations	4.2.8: Provide an annual update on the divestment of Camden's pension fund to ensure transparency.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>In 2012 the Fund had 7.2% of its equity assets invested in fossil fuels. As of 31 March 2023, this has reduced to 2.37%. Much of this can be attributed to the continuous move to more carbon-neutral equity holdings.</p> <p>More information can be found in the Pension Committee performance report here: https://democracy.camden.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CIId=652&Year=0</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Following the conclusion of the panels first cohort in mid-2022, Camden re-recruited for a second cohort in late 2022, with a focus on selecting a range of individuals from varying demographics, including those who are usually underrepresented in climate change conversations.</p> <p>The second cohort is made up of 20 residents from across the borough. The Panel have already participated in two meetings: an introductory session and a discussion around Climate Resilience in Camden. The third session is planned for late 2023 and will focus on improving domestic energy efficiency in Camden.</p> <p>Find out more about the current Climate Citizen Panel here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/citizen-panel</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Camden Climate Alliance continues to promote the Camden Climate Pledge.</p> <p>A total of 35 businesses have now committed to take action to help make Camden net zero carbon by 2030.</p> <p>Promotional work continues through information events and monthly news bulletins. Programmes such as the Business Climate Challenge, Climate Connectors and the forthcoming UKSPF funded project is supporting businesses to achieve their pledge commitments.</p> <p>More information can be found here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/get-involved/camden-climate-pledge</p>
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	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Councils procurement team continue to monitor provider performance against social and environmental commitments across all contracts over £100,000 with its social value tracker.</p> <p>Camden have developed a series of measures that can be provided in addition to the delivery of the core service awarded.</p> <p>Such measures are presented to suppliers in our social value matrix which offers suggestions and guidance aligned with our 'We Make Camden' initiatives.</p> <p>Some examples of social value outcomes tracked include ensuring contractors working on large projects in Camden are utilising public or active transport modes, ensuring all vehicles used are low-emission vehicles or a percentage of goods in the contract are reused.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden are engaged with the Renewable Power for London working group, which focuses on funding routes to accessing or buying more affordable renewable energy.</p> <p>Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are still in their infancy for local authorities, and there is currently no established "gold standard" for the process.</p> <p>Camden are following developments closely. Camden have explored costs and availability of purchasing low-carbon gas as part of energy procurement processes, but this was deemed as not technically or financially feasible.</p>
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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>In the latest investor update to July 2023, funding has been utilising to install new Healthy School Streets on Belsize Lane and Lyndhurst Gardens, bringing the total number of Healthy School Street schemes in the borough to 24, covering 30 schools.</p> <p>Funding has also been used to provide 8 fast Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs), with installation completed in March 2023, and match funding for a further 32 fast EVCPs.</p> <p>Work on the installation of Solar PV on a Shelter Housing block has commenced, with a planning application being considered and procurement routes being explored.</p>

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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.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>The Camden Climate Alliance continues to work with schools to encourage sign-ups to the Camden Schools Climate Charter, which now has 26 signatories. School engagement work continues through the School Peer Support Group and Climate Connectors programme.</p> <p>More information is available here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/get-involved/camden-school-climate-charter/</p>
Organisations	4.4.3: From 2022, work with schools to increase the uptake of meat-free days across Camden schools and work with school catering providers to reduce the environmental impact of all school meals.	Open	Underway (On track)	<p>Camden is working with a catering provider to deliver meat-free meals to primary and secondary schools, with Meat-free Mondays being rolled out across the borough.</p> <p>An opt-out approach was introduced in primary schools in September 2023, with a view to incorporating this approach into secondary schools in early 2024.</p>
Organisations	4.4.4: In 2023, in collaboration with Power Up North London, deliver a community funded solar PV project at Talacre Leisure Centre.	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>Works on the community funded project to support the installation of 200 solar panels was completed in June 2023.</p> <p>The project was completed alongside Power Up North London, who raised £80,000 through a community share offer to fund the project. The panels now provide electricity to the leisure centre throughout the year and is reducing the centre's carbon footprint by approximately 12 tCO₂e per annum.</p> <p>More information is available here: https://powerupnorthlondon.org/punl-projects/talacre-community-sports-centre/</p>

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Organisations	4.4.5: In 2022-23, deliver the Camden Climate Connectors programme, identifying local businesses to support the delivery of climate action projects in schools and by third sector groups.	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>Think & Do were appointed to deliver the programme from September 2022 until June 2023 and secured more than £27,000 in funding from businesses, £5,000 in corporate volunteering time and 239 hours volunteered to support local climate action projects with schools and community organisations.</p> <p>Some of the programme highlights included KOKO supporting the Communi-Trees project and funding planting across 6 residential estates while creating paid roles for young residents to maintain the new trees. Troup Bywaters + Anders, The Crick and PUNL also provided £15k to fund LED lighting upgrades to 74 flats in Somers Town, helping residents save energy and 2.7 tCO₂e per annum. 3 Verulam Buildings also donated £1k to Acland Burghley school to install recycling bins in classrooms, which lead to a five-fold increase in recycling rates.</p> <p>The programme has been renewed for 2023-24 with further updates to be provided in Action 4.5.1.</p> <p>Information on the Climate Connectors Programme can be found here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/get-involved/climate-connectors/</p>
Organisations	4.4.6: In 2022-23, re-design the Camden Climate Alliance website to better communicate and support business, schools' and community climate action.	Closed (22-23 review)	Action achieved	<p>Rebranding and redesign of the website was delivered and launched in February 2023. In the two months after launching the website received 4.1k views and gained 15 new members alone.</p> <p>Google analytics show that visitors to the website are spending more time browsing pages on the website. The new website can be found here: https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/</p>

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Organisations	4.5.1: From 2023-2024, in partnership with Think & Do and Clean Air Camden, continue to deliver the Climate Connectors programme to connect businesses with environmental projects		New action (2023 review)	New action, previous progress update in Action 1.3.3 and 4.5.5.

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