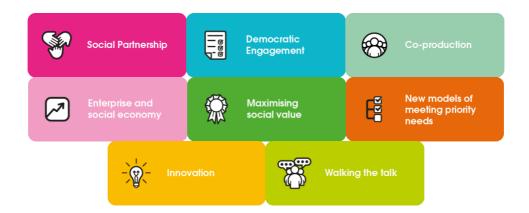


## **CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT**



# London Borough of Hounslow

### **CLIMATE ACTION**

Hounslow's Labour Council is proud to be a leader in the UK's climate action space, and is continuing to invest, and take bold steps towards our net zero by 2030 ambitions, both within council-controlled services and throughout the borough.

Decarbonising council-controlled buildings, numerous retrofit projects (including retrofitting 32 schools and 29 corporate buildings), greening our fleet of vehicles, and offering more sustainable recycling services are just some of the primary ways the Council and partners like Lampton Services are reducing carbon emissions from council operations.

We recently reported that the Council has recorded a 10% reduction in our Council carbon footprint, which is pleasing. However, we set a target of a 50% reduction by 2026, and we intend to achieve this.

Our carbon reduction projects go beyond decarbonising council-owned infrastructure, with initiatives introduced to help residents and businesses reduce energy consumption. Campaigns and projects to encourage residents to live more sustainably include the campaign <a href="No Time to Waste">No Time to Waste</a> where the Council is supporting Hounslow residents to recycle more, waste less and increase the amount of stuff we reuse.



#### https://youtu.be/eSiK2u1mrhE

No Time to Waste will raise awareness about the environmental and financial benefits of these actions. These steps will protect our environment by lowering our communal carbon footprint and help save households and the Council money.

The Council's <u>Community Energy Fund</u> also relaunched this year with £150,000 available to support community-based projects that cut carbon and improve energy efficiency.

To support the transition to electric vehicles, we're delivering our Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and will roll out an additional 2000 EV charge points across the borough by 2026. We are also working with public transport providers to improve and increase the availability of sustainable transport in the borough.

To develop healthier and more physically active communities, active travel (walking, wheeling, and cycling) plays a vital part in our borough's pathway to a carbon-neutral future. Our Dr Bike repair sessions are popular with residents, and our kerbside strategy will rebalance space currently used primarily for parking. It's also wonderful to see more people taking up cycling because of initiatives such as Cycleway 9, and other cycle routes in the borough.

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