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Brent Climate & Ecological Emergency Strategy Update (2026-2030)

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Introduction

What is climate change?



Climate change causes the world to get hotter and means that our weather will become more unpredictable and extreme in the future.



This means we could see more heatwaves, flooding, and dry weather.

This affects people, homes, businesses and nature.

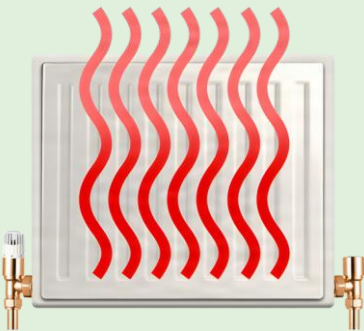


Climate change could also make the sea rise and mean that people have to move homes, or countries, in some parts of the world.



Human activity is the main cause of climate change.

Many of our daily activities can cause pollution, which affects the environment and makes the planet hotter.



In Brent, this pollution mainly comes from:

- energy used to heat our homes and buildings



- The dirty fuel we use when we travel in some cars and vans



- and the products and food we buy

What has Brent done so far?



In 2021, Brent published its first Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy.

The strategy explained how Brent would work with local people to tackle climate change.



Since then, we have worked with residents, schools, businesses, community groups and other organisations to protect nature and tackle climate change.

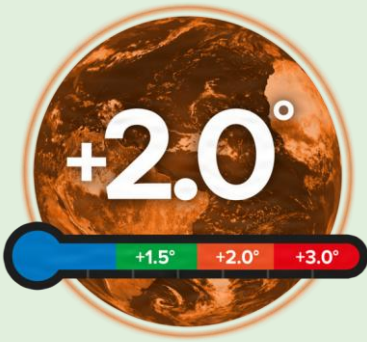


We are proud of what has been achieved, but there is still much more to do.

Why are we updating our plans?



Climate change is becoming more serious, and we are seeing more extreme weather.



We know more about the risks climate change could bring to Brent.



We think it is a good time to update our plans and decide what to focus on next.



We want local people to help shape the new strategy.

What is this document for?



This document is not the final strategy.



It explains our ideas and asks what local people think.



We want to hear what is important to Brent's communities.



Your feedback will help shape the final strategy.

Creating the new strategy

What is important to us?



Climate action is not just about protecting the environment.



It can also improve people's everyday lives.



For example, climate action can:

- Help people save money



- Improve health and wellbeing



- Support local businesses and create jobs



- Make neighbourhoods greener and nicer to live in



We also want climate action to:

- Prepare for heatwaves, flooding and drought



- Focus support where it is needed most



- Help people connect with nature



- Support communities to take action themselves

Working together



Climate action works best when people work together.

Brent Council cannot tackle climate change on its own.



Residents, schools, businesses, faith groups and community organisations all have a role to play.



We want to hear from as many people as possible as we develop the new strategy.

People will be able to share their views online

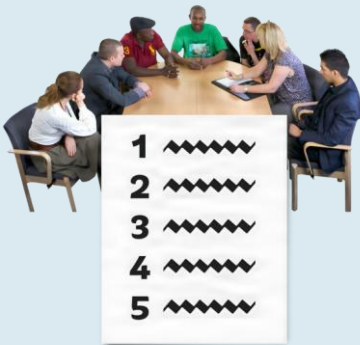


We will also hold events and activities across the borough.

The Key Themes



The new strategy will be organised around five themes.



These themes were originally developed with local residents through the Brent Climate Assembly.

We think they are still the right areas to focus on today.



The five themes are:

1. Consumption, Resources and Waste
2. Sustainable Travel
3. Homes, Buildings and the Built Environment
4. Nature and Green Space
5. Supporting Communities

Theme 1: Consumption, Resources and Waste



What is our vision?

We want people in Brent to waste less and reuse more.



We want more products to stay in use for longer instead of being thrown away.



We want more people to repair, share, borrow and recycle.



This can help reduce pollution and protect natural resources in the UK and around the world.



What have we achieved so far?

Brent has introduced more food waste recycling.



The Library of Things lets residents borrow useful items instead of buying them new.



Repair Cafés have helped residents repair broken items.



Schools and communities have also taken part in refill shops, sharing projects and swap events.



What do we want to focus on next?

We want to make recycling easier and help people recycle correctly.



We want to support more Repair Cafés, refill schemes, sharing projects and swap events.

This is to help us keep things in use for as long as possible.



We would also like to explore a new reuse and repair hub in Brent.

Theme 2: Sustainable Travel



What is our vision?

We want more journeys in Brent to be made by walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport.



We want it to be easier and safer for people to travel sustainably.



This means having better infrastructure such as footpaths, cycle routes, and electric vehicle charging points.



We also want to support people to make sustainable choices.

This is good for air quality and people's health.



What have we achieved so far?

Brent has installed more bicycle storage and electric vehicle charging points.



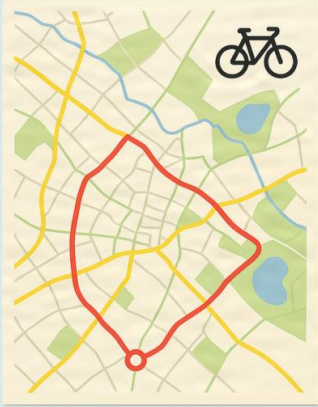
School Streets have helped create safer routes to school.



More schools are now supporting sustainable travel.



Air quality has improved in many parts of the borough.



What do we want to focus on next?

We want more cycle routes and safe places to walk.

We also want more bicycle storage and electric vehicle charging points.



We want to help more people feel confident using sustainable travel.



We also want to continue introducing Green Corridors across Brent.

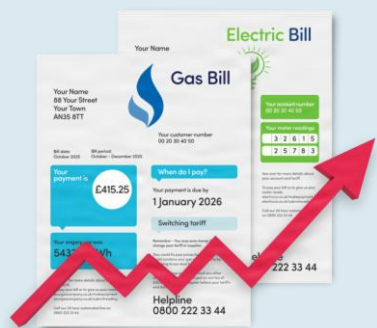
This means making our walking and cycling routes greener and nicer to use.

Theme 3: Homes, Buildings and the Built Environment



What is our vision?

We want homes and buildings to use less energy.



We want people to have warmer homes that cost less to heat.



We also want homes, buildings and streets to be better prepared for extreme weather.

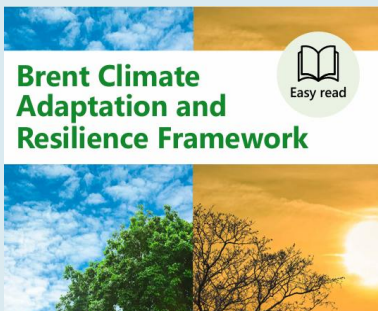


What have we achieved so far?

Brent has improved the energy efficiency of many council homes.



Residents have received support through energy advice services.



Brent has developed plans to help prepare for heatwaves, flooding and drought.



Work has also taken place to reduce pollution from council buildings.



What do we want to focus on next?

We want to make our council buildings as environmentally friendly as possible.



We want to continue improving homes, schools and other buildings.

We also want to support people struggling with their energy bills.



We want our buildings and public spaces to be able to cope with extreme weather.

Theme 4: Nature and Green Space



What is our vision?

We want Brent to be greener and more nature friendly.



Trees, parks, rivers and canals are important for people and wildlife.



Trees and green spaces can also help protect Brent from hot weather and flooding.



What have we achieved so far?

Thousands of trees have been planted.



Parks and green spaces have been improved

This includes growing plants and flowers that are good for wildlife.



Community gardens and orchards have been created.



We have created new planted areas that help soak up rainwater and reduce flooding.



What do we want to focus on next?

We want to keep planting more trees.

We also want to create better places for plants, birds and other wildlife.



We want cleaner and healthier rivers and canals.



We also want more people to spend time in nature and learn about it.

Theme 5: Supporting Communities



What is our vision?

We want everyone in Brent to have the chance to take part in climate action.



Local people and communities play an important role in helping Brent tackle climate change.



We want climate action to be fair and open to everyone.



What have we achieved so far?

Thousands of people have joined the Brent Environmental Network.



We have funded more than 100 community environmental projects.



Schools, businesses and faith groups have taken climate action.



Local people have helped design projects to improve their neighbourhoods.

What do we want to focus on next?



We would like to create a new Climate Action Forum where people can share ideas and help shape climate action in Brent.

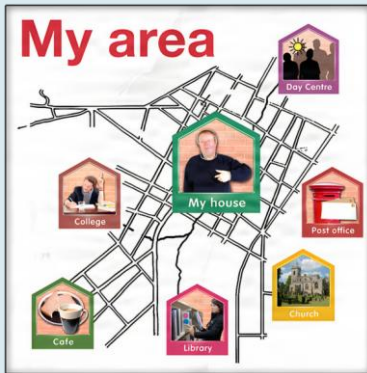


We want to support people who may be affected most by climate change.



We want to help more people understand what they can do to protect the environment and take climate action in their everyday lives.

Green Neighbourhoods



Green Neighbourhoods are local areas where we are testing new ways to tackle climate change and improve the environment.



Projects can include greener streets, more trees, better walking and cycling routes, and community activities.



Brent currently has four Green Neighbourhood areas.

We want to continue learning from these projects and use the ideas in other parts of Brent.

What happens next?

Have your say!



We want to hear what people across Brent think.



We would like your views on the ideas in this document, and Brent's future climate goals.



Your feedback will help us create Brent's next Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy.



You can share your views online and at events across the borough.

Writing the strategy



We will read and review all the feedback we receive.



We will use this feedback to help write the new strategy.



We will explain how people's views helped shape the final document.



The new strategy is expected to be published in 2027.

How will we check our progress?



We will check our progress every year.



We will report on what has been achieved and publish it online.



We will continue to collect information about climate action across Brent.



If needed, we will update our plans and actions.

For more information



To provide feedback on the Strategy, please visit this website:

<https://haveyoursay.brent.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/help-shape-the-future-of-climate-action-in-brent>



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Or to learn about our wider work on climate change, please visit our website:

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