

## **APPENDIX 2 - Climate Action Plan – Public Consultation Questions.**

<b>Status</b>	Public Release – Appendix 2 of July Cabinet Report, Strategic Climate Action Plan (for adoption)
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<b>Comments</b>	This document contains the information relating to the council's public consultation on the strategic climate action plan. It provides the background, aims of the survey and the specific questions that were presented to the public.

### **Background to survey**

Hillingdon Council is striving to be the greenest London Borough. We wish to protect and enhance the environment and to provide a brighter prospect for future generations.

Over the past ten years the council has made significant progress to reduce carbon emissions and has now committed that it will be carbon neutral by 2030. This commitment was made at full council in January 2020 in the form of a climate emergency declaration. Acting on the declaration, the council drafted a climate change action plan, which is now ready for public consultation.

### **Aims of the survey**

The climate change action plan has a clear focus on the council leading by example and helping the wider community play their part. Additionally, this climate change plan supports other objectives, such as air quality, fuel poverty and preventing flooding. This is important to our residents, especially those who may be more vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

To be effective, Hillingdon's Climate Change Action Plan needs to be informed by the many views and ideas from residents, community groups, non-governmental organisations, commerce, industry, and other stakeholders. This will help the council ensure successful outcomes are achieved.

The plan sets out seven themes of focus and outline targets to achieve the goal of becoming carbon neutral. This council wishes to understand the views of consultees for each of the themes set out below.

- 1) Community leadership
- 2) The council's own operations
- 3) Building better places
- 4) Using clean and green energy
- 5) Waste management
- 6) Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- 7) Carbon offsetting

The format of the consultation is an online survey, which asks some general questions and questions relating to the themes.

## **General Questions: Tell us a little bit about you.**

### **1. Please tell us the sector which best describes your current setting.**

	School, college, or university	
	Part of a community or residents' group	
	Representing a non-governmental organisation or charity	
	Representing a government agency or authority	
	Small or medium sized business	
	Major business	
	Transport sector	
	Not in work or education	

### **2. Are you living or working in Hillingdon?**

	Living	
	Working	
	Both	
	Neither	

### **3. Please tell us your age group**

	Under 18	
	18 to 24 years	
	25 to 34 years	
	35 to 44 years	
	45 to 54 years	
	55 to 64	
	65 and above	

### **4. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest score, how important to you are these climate related issues?**

	Air quality	1	2	3	4	5
	Changing weather patterns	1	2	3	4	5
	Flooding	1	2	3	4	5
	Fuel poverty	1	2	3	4	5
	Resource depletion	1	2	3	4	5
	Other: free text comments					

**Themed Questions: These relate to our proposals and ideas set out in the climate action plan.**

**Theme 1 Community leadership** – We believe the council should lead the borough, set the example and, identify the ways to become greener and less polluting. We want to promote carbon reduction for our residents and businesses. We will do this with activities such as raising awareness of grant funding for housing energy improvements and working with schools to be carbon neutral.

5	Is our approach to this area clear to you?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
6	Have we missed anything you expected to see?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
7	Do you have any comments or suggestions for the council?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Free text comments		

**Theme 2 the council's own operations** – The council must reduce the carbon emissions coming from day-to-day service delivery. For example, we must reduce our energy consumption, explore new ways to increase renewable energy, introduce a green travel plan for staff and, aim to buy products or services with a lower carbon impact.

8	Is our approach to this area clear to you?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
9	Have we missed anything you expected to see?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
10	Do you have any comments or suggestions for the council?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Free text comments		

**Theme 3 Building better places** – We shall use the local authority planning process to influence new developments to be carbon neutral. For example, this means developing policies to reduce fossil fuel use, consider flooding impacts, increase sustainable transportation and, ensuring that any trees lost through development are replaced elsewhere.

11	Is our approach to this area clear to you?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
12	Have we missed anything you expected to see?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
13	Do you have any comments or suggestions for the council?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Free text comments		

**Theme 4 Using clean and green energy** – We can make big changes to carbon emissions when we ensure the energy the council uses comes from renewable sources. When renewable power is not possible to use, we aim to make changes to our buildings to reduce the use of fossil fuels.

14	Is our approach to this area clear to you?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
15	Have we missed anything you expected to see?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
16	Do you have any comments or suggestions for the council?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Free text comments		

**Theme 5 Waste management** – Everyone has a part to play in this area. The council must first minimise its own waste and reduce the existing carbon footprint. We also want to lead campaigns to encourage everyone to reduce their waste footprint for example through helping residents to reduce the use of plastics, to promote the buying and growing of food locally and working with businesses to reduce commercial waste.

17	Is our approach to this area clear to you?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
18	Have we missed anything you expected to see?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
19	Do you have any comments or suggestions for the council?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Free text comments		

**Theme 6 Climate change adaptation and mitigation** – We believe the changing weather patterns mean we must act now to prevent greater damage to our environment. Adapting and mitigating involves putting in place changes to everyday activities and our approach to managing natural resources. We must renew our focus on areas such as flood alleviation schemes, water efficiency schemes to store water, tree planting and providing advice and encouragement to residents and businesses to take action.

20	Is our approach to this area clear to you?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
21	Have we missed anything you expected to see?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
22	Do you have any comments or suggestions for the council?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Free text comments		

**Theme 7 Carbon offsetting** – When we have reduced emissions as far as possible, we can compensate for the remaining carbon we emit. This is called offsetting and involves measures such as large-scale tree planting, plus active woodland and vegetation management. We can also provide information to residents and businesses to choose their own methods of offsetting.

23	Is our approach to this area clear to you?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
24	Have we missed anything you expected to see?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
25	Do you have any comments or suggestions for the council?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Free text comments		