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ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Thursday, 26th January, 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Conference Room, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1

Membership:

Nicki Adeleke (Chair), Chris James (Associate Cabinet Member (Enfield West)), Hannah Dyson, Stephanos Ioannou and Nia Stevens

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Forum are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary, other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relevant to items on the agenda.

3. AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD NOVEMBER 2022 (Pages 1 - 6)

4. CLIMATE ACTION UPDATE (Pages 7 - 28)

To receive a Climate Action Update.

5. UPDATED ENFIELD LOCAL HERITAGE LIST (Pages 29 - 36)

To receive the updated Enfield Local Heritage List.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 2nd March 2023.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 2022

MEMBERS: Councillors Chris James (Vice-Chair), Hannah Dyson, Nia Stevens, Margaret Greer and Tom O'Halloran

Officers: Doug Wilkinson (Director of Environment & Operational Services), Brett Leahy (Director of Planning & Growth), Ian Russell (Principal Engineer), Stacey Gilmour (Governance Officer)

Also Attending: Cllr Rick Jewell (Cabinet Member, Environment), Lindsay Rawlings (Edmonton Hundred Historical Society), John West (The Enfield Society), Paul Hutchinson (Grange Park Conservation Area Study Group), Neil Paddon-Smith (Meadway Conservation Area Study Group), Dennis Stacey (Bush Hill park Conservation Area Study Group), Richard Beaumont (Forty Hill and Bulls Cross Area Study Group), Andrew Newman ((Clay Hill Area Study Group), Juliet Barnett (Trent Park Conservation Committee), Dave Cockle (Enfield Transport Users Group) 2 members of the public.

Observing: Councillor Edward Smith

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Cllr Nicki Adeleke (Cllr Margaret Greer substituted) Cllr Stephanos Ioannou (Cllr Tom O'Halloran substituted), Chris Horner (Southgate District Civic Voice), Denise Gandhi (Southgate Green Association) and Mustafa Ibrahim ((Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group). Apologies for lateness were also received from Cllr Greer and Cllr Jewell. The Vice-Chair, Cllr Chris James chaired the meeting.

The Chair agreed to amend the running order of the agenda to accommodate the request of Ian Russell, Principal Engineer as he needed to leave the meeting early, therefore agenda item no:6 was taken first. However, for clarity the minutes are shown in the order of the published agenda.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest registered in respect of any items on the agenda.

3. AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

The meetings of the meeting held on 22 September 2022 were reviewed.

NOTED

- (i) Amendment to the attendance details. Cllr Reece Fox had not attended the meeting. However, Cllr Lindsay Rawlings had been in attendance as an interested member of the public.
- (ii) Comments were made with regards to the accuracy of the minutes as it was felt that some information was somewhat confusing with other comments having been omitted entirely. Cllr James (Vice-Chair) reminded the community representatives that the minutes were not intended to be a verbatim record of the meeting. She also advised that the minutes had previously been agreed by the Chair of the Environment Forum, Cllr Adeleke. She would however feedback the comments and concerns raised. Action: Cllr James

4. UPDATE ON LOCAL PLAN

RECEIVED a progress update on the Enfield Local Plan 2019-2039.

NOTED

- 1. Key points were highlighted by Brett Leahy, Director of Planning & Growth.
- 2. The Local Plan will have a new spatial vision, spatial strategy, 10 x place-based policies, 36 x strategic policies, 57 x non-strategic policies and 62 x draft site allocations.
- 3. Further information was provided on the Local Plan 2020-2021, where it currently stands (2021-22) and the next steps.
- 4. The Local Plan is very much a technical study that will help to inform strategic policies as well as the infrastructure delivery plan.
- 5. Following consultation there had been 7,267 Regulation 18 responses. Information was not available on where all the responses had come from, however postcodes were known for about three quarters of responses and a breakdown of these were included in the presentation.
- 6. Details of the high-level summary-borough wide were discussed which included the need for additional housing, support for proposed affordable housing targets, opposition and support for Green Belt release, opposition to tall buildings (particularly in Enfield Town) as well as support and opposition to Crews Hill and Chase Park polices. Full details of the summary could be found in the presentation attached to the agenda for this meeting.
- 7. Following consultation work has been ongoing to analyse, digest and correlate over 7,000 responses and these responses will shape the Local Plan.
- 8. Work continues on the preparation of the draft Enfield Local Plan, with further workstreams being undertaken on a number of key evidencebased documents including an update to the Housing and Economy Land Availability Assessment (following the most recent Call for Sites in July 2022), Employment Land Review, the Transport Assessment and continued cross boundary working.

- 9. An updated Local Development Scheme will be published in early 2023 providing updated timescales for the publication of the proposed submission plan (Regulation 19), and submission timetable.
- 10. Details were included on the next steps which included further engagement with stakeholders, refinement and testing of Plan, April-September 2023, seeking approval to consult on Regulation 19, October-December 2023, and consultation on Regulation 19 in early 2024.
- 11. Brett concluded by encouraging everyone to engage in the consultation progress as it was very much a listening exercise, and it was important to hear from local experts to shape and refine policies to progress to Regulation 19.
- 12. Questions and comments were invited.

Comments/Questions.

Q. At a previous meeting of full council it was agreed that they would be full consultation, debate and a vote. Is that on Regulation 18 and the statement? A. Consultation on Regulation 18 had been completed with just over 7,000 responses received. The next key stage in terms of consultation will be Regulation 19. Whatever is finalised from the Reg-19 consultation will then be presented to full council to vote on the next stage. If approved, it will then be forwarded to the Government Inspectorate. It was hoped that a roadmap of timelines would be available to share in March 2023.

Q. Has a cross-party committee now been organised?

A. This is in the progress of being organised. A date has not yet been finalised, but it is endeavoured that the first meeting will take place before Christmas.

Q. When and where will you produce a summary of the Reg-18 consultation?

A. This will be available by March 2023 on the Enfield Council website. Q. How are you engaging/consulting with the harder to reach groups in the parts of the borough which have the highest need?

A. This is a universal challenge for all consultations as often the harder to reach groups do not have the means to respond. However, any approach put forward will be supported by the technical need.

Q. Cllr Rawlings commented on page 11 of the presentation – Placemaking areas in Enfield – and requested that the reference to 'rural Enfield' be changed to 'Green Belt'. **Action: Brett Leahy**

A. What is the 'drop dead' date for finalising this Local Plan and submitting it to the London Mayor's Office or will it roll on for ever?

Q. No, we do not foresee it rolling on for ever as successive governments have always supported strategic local planning. It is hard to predict a definitive final date, but it is hoped that a new Local Plan could be in place by 2025, however, they do take time to finalise and implement.

Q. With regards to the Reg-18 consultation responses, can a breakdown of the 'for and against' data be provided?

A. Yes, this data can be circulated. Action: Brett Leahy

Q. Is there a mechanism to feedback now or do we have to wait for the next consultation period?

A. Wait until Regulation-19 as this will ensure that you are responding to the updated addition.

Q. There needs to be some forward thinking with regards to the next stage of the consultation as it is very disappointing to see the low response to the Reg-18 consultation from the Eastern side of the borough. Consideration should be given to holding community events and roadshows to encourage more engagement and response as this is something that will fundamentally affect everyone in the borough. There needs to be a collective/cohesive response to inform the Local Plan going forward.

A. Brett agreed to feed this back to his team and acknowledged that there were lessons to be learnt when it came to engaging with the hard-to-reach groups/communities in the borough. **Action: Brett Leahy**

The Chair thanked Brett for his informative update.

5. ENFIELD TOWN CENTRE

RECEIVED a verbal update from Brett Leahy, Director of Planning & Growth on plans for the Enfield Town Centre,

Dennis Stacey, Bush Hill Park Conservation Area Study Group had submitted questions to officers prior to the meeting to which Brett provided detailed responses. Full details of the questions and responses can be obtained by contacting the Governance Officer <u>Stacey.gilmour@enfield.gov.uk</u>

6. NEW RIVER LOOP

RECEIVED an update on the New River Loop and the works taking place.

NOTED

- 1. Key points were highlighted by Ian Russell, Principal Engineer.
- 2. Information was provided on the current problems and the actions completed to address these. This included upgrade of pumps, clean petrol interceptor at Chase Green, chalk treatment (annual activity), de-silting of selected areas and improving footpaths and repairing revetments.
- Ongoing actions taking place included an upgrade of the Parsonage Lane pumps (due to be completed in November/December), installing remote water level monitors (scheduled for December) and interpretation features – designs are being developed with input from The Enfield Society.
- 4. A feasibility study is also underway for Chase Green Wetlands, with public consultation taking place in October/November 2022.
- 5. Questions and comments were invited.

Comments/Questions.

Q. What would the wetland area do to take the pollution out of the system?

A. Lowering the ground level of pipes would help with the pollution. It would also provide native plants which would create the right sort of environment to help the filtering process and allow management of any pollution.

Q. Will the upgrade works scheduled for December at Parsonage Lane help to increase the water flow in this area?

A. Yes it will help, but it will never seem like a big flow in this area.

Q. Areas of the New River Loop (NRL) through Enfield Town Park, where it abounds the Golf Course are totally unmaintained and not been touched for several years. One of the heritage bridges is obscured by growth across the river and there appears to be years of leaves on the riverbed that need to be cleared. Is this a case of having capital expenditure to install things such as the Wetlands at Chase Green, but no resources for regular and ongoing maintenance of the NRL?

A. To de-silt this section would be a huge undertaking. However, we need to make sure we are working closely with the Operations Team that manage trees and vegetation and it is hoped that more funding will be secured to allow for work on the New River Loop to continue. Doug Wilkinson, Director of Environment & Operations Services acknowledged that there is a lot of work to be done. A maintenance programme started last year and was going well. However, he said that it was important to manage peoples' expectations when it came to the challenge of finances. It was acknowledged that this was a key environmental issue for the borough but there must be a balance of what is feasibly possible

Q. Will birds be able to build nests in future years following de-silting? A. Yes, they will.

Q. There has been a lot of local opposition to the proposed Chase Green Wetlands. Is there the possibility of a different approach being taken which could just involve replacing the petrol interceptor with something different? A. Other options have been looked at, but these are expensive to install and maintain. Wetlands do not need much maintenance as they only need to be cut back once a year and are therefore nice, passive systems which are very easy to maintain.

Q. A lot of residents are against the Chase Green Wetlands as many families gather here in the summer, therefore if this green space is taken away people cannot use it as they traditionally would. Would the Wetland not be better placed at Hillyfields which would be more feasible?

A. The key reason for creating a wetland at Chase Green is to help reduce the flood risk. The wetland will take up 650m² which is only 2% of the area, so there would still be a lot of green space left at Chase Green for residents and families to enjoy. We are thinking about protecting homes and the town centre in extreme weather conditions which we are experiencing more and more. Consultation is ongoing and all responses and views will then be captured, and decisions made.

Q. With regards to repairs is there a strong management link between Enfield Council and Thames Water?

A. Our links are much stronger now than they were eighteen months/two years ago, and confidence has increased.

The Chair thanked Officers for their interesting and informative update.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dennis Stacey, Bush Hill Park Conservation Area Study Group raised concerns regarding Telecommunication Masts in the borough. Brett Leahy, Director of Planning and Growth said that he would be happy for a member of his team to provide a presentation on this topic at a future meeting of the Environment Forum.

AGREED to consider this as a future item on the Environment Forum Work Programme: **Action: Chair/Governance Officer**

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED the date of the next meeting as follows:

• Thursday 26 January 2023

This meeting will commence at 7:00pm and be held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.

Climate action in the borough

Climate conversations – preliminary summary of external engagement

Environment Forum 26th January 2023



Introduction - Purpose of external engagement

- Reflect on the original Climate Action Plan, receive feedback and discuss any amendments to seek a collective response.
- Coordinate our actions with actions of external stakeholders.
- Reach out to a wider group of stakeholders who have not yet been engaged in the process so far but are fundamental to its longer-term success.
- Gather new ideas for climate action.
- Explore new partnerships.

This was not a statutory consultation exercise, or a formal opinion poll.

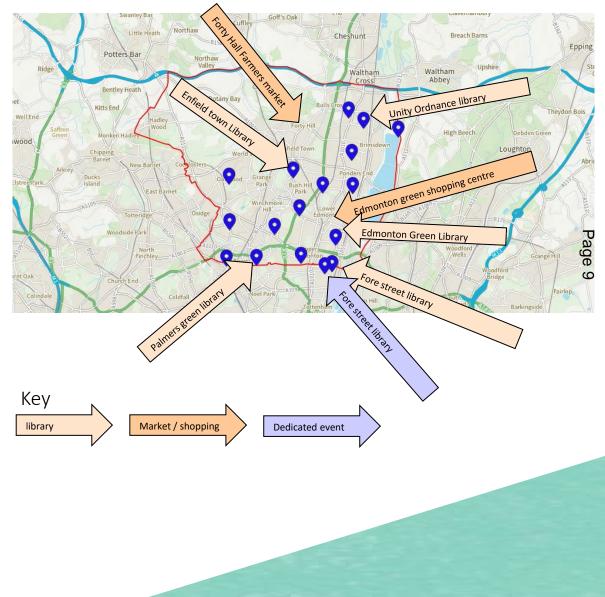


Overview of engagement

Council officers have engaged across the borough in a number of ways:

5 Library drop in sessions2 stand/stall in shopping areas2 open invite events (online and in person)4 dedicated stakeholder engagement session2,779 social media reach with 671 clicks

We used 4 types of survey. One 'easyread' and three different lengths. The survey also formed the structure of interviews when discussing in-person

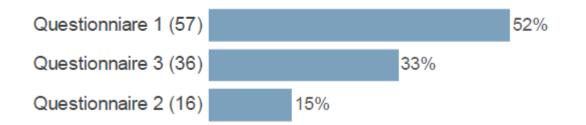


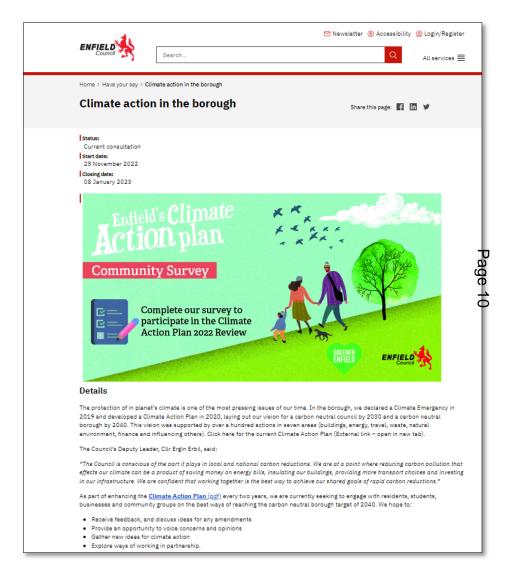
Questionnaire reach

Results, as of 5th January 109 completed surveys 12 interested organisation reached 29 interested contacts

Despite the December cold snap, we were very pleased with the quantity and quality of the feedback received.

Please select the questionnaire you want to complete (click on the image below)

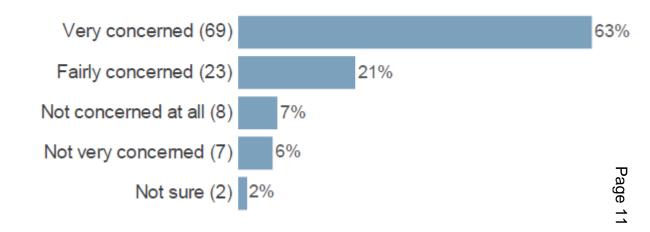




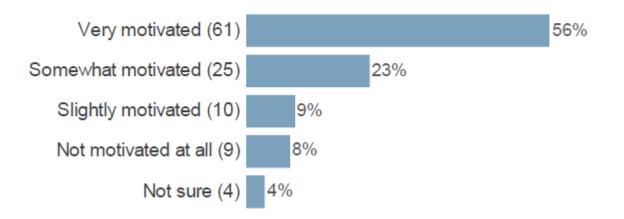
Overall views – concern and motivation

- 85% of respondents were very or fairly concerned about climate change
- 79% of respondents are very or somewhat motivated to help prevent climate change
- Takeaways:
 - Overall, high level of concern and anxiety
 - Many people motivated.

How concerned, if at all, are you about climate change?



How motivated are you to help prevent climate change?



Overall views - ambition and actions

Thoughts on the ambition of the vision and agreement to the actions

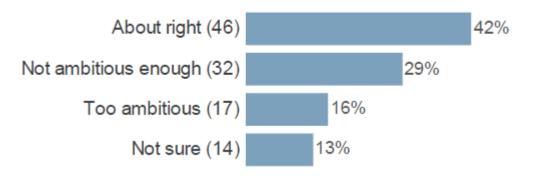
Takeaways

- 71% thought it was either the right level of ambition or not ambitious enough
- 69% agreed with the high level actions

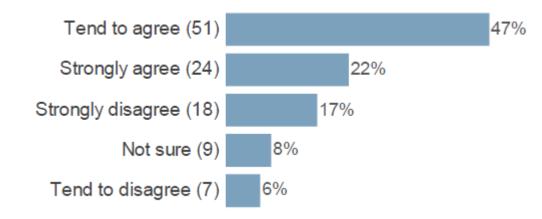
Our vision for climate action:

We will work with our staff, suppliers, residents, businesses, schools, statutory partners and Government to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 and create a carbon neutral borough by 2040. (page 4 of Enfield Climate Action Plan)

Do you think this is ambitious enough?



To what extent do you agree or disagree that the actions set out in the Climate Action Plan are, overall, the appropriate actions to take?



The role of the council

- Some quotes
- "Get in touch with local groups!"
- "Short relevant videos and posters"
- "Educate and lead by example"

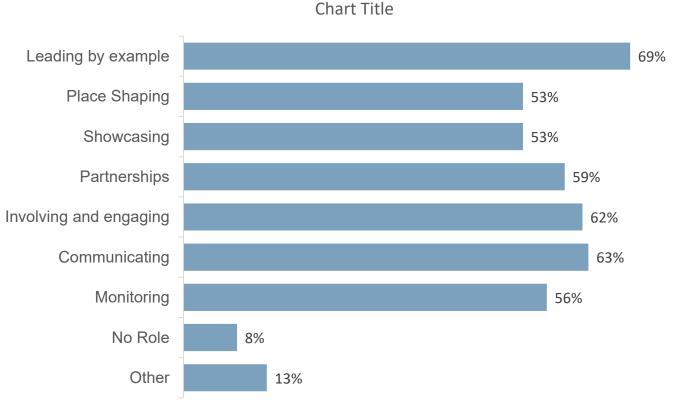
Takeaways:

- Essential for us to lead by example
- Importance of working in partnership
- Want the council to be active in all levels of involvement

Emerging actions:

• More working in partnership with community, business and education groups

What role do you think the local government should play in tackling/adapting to climate change?

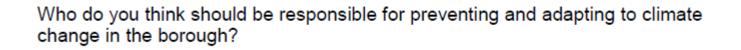


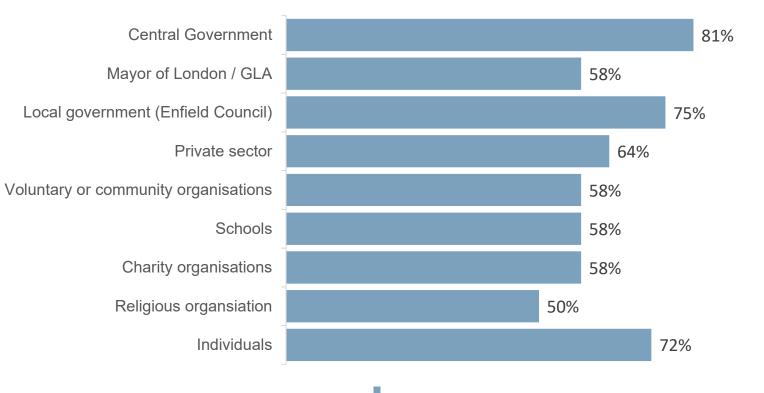
Responsibility

Who should be responsible?

• Takeaways

- Everyone should be involved.
- Emerging Actions
 - Coordination !



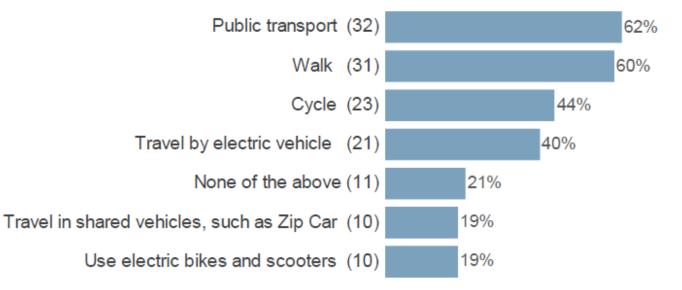


Actions for travel – feedback

Takeaways:

- Popularity of better and safer existing modes of transport rather than on new solutions
- Clear understanding of reduction in car use needs to be compensated by other options
- Emerging Changes to Actions:
- More coordination with public transport providers?
- Communication and pilot projects for new solutions?
- Explore barriers of active travel further?
- Set up or join community green travel working group?

One way in which we can help mitigate the impact of climate change is to encourage more sustainable forms of transport. Which of the following would you like to do, or do more often?



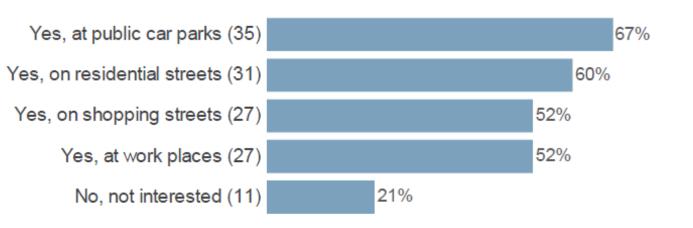
Electric charging points - Interest and location

Takeaways

- High level of interest
- Public Carparks and Residential streets preferred locations

Emerging changes to Actions:

• Accelerate provision of EV charging



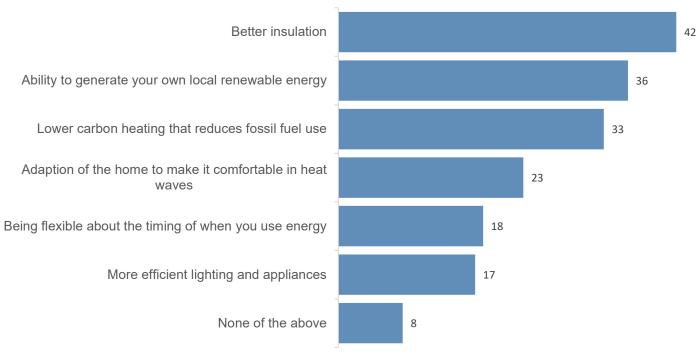
Would you like to see more electric charging points on the borough's streets?

Actions for buildings

Takeaways

- High level of interest in better insulation
- Interest in generating renewable energy

In your home / school / business, which of the following would give the greatest benefit to you and the climate?



Levels of disruption, cost and savings

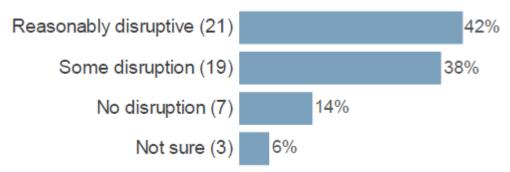
Takeaways

- People prepared to put up with some disruptions and cost – as long as it's reasonable
- Savings are beneficial, but cost neutral is ok for some people too.

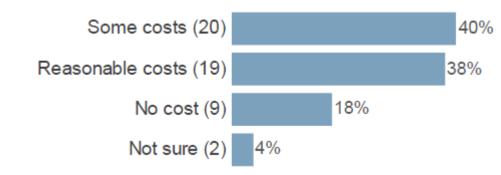
Emerging actions

• Explore coordination with private retrofit projects in the borough, both by individuals and by organisations

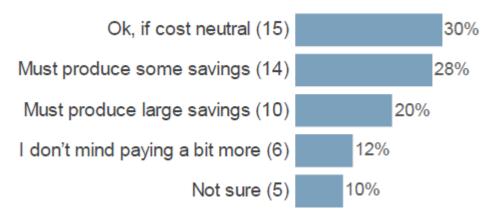
Making these changes often involves disruption, cost but can deliver savings. What is the level of disruption you would be happy to put up with?



What is the level of upfront cost you would be happy to pay?



What is the level of savings would you require?

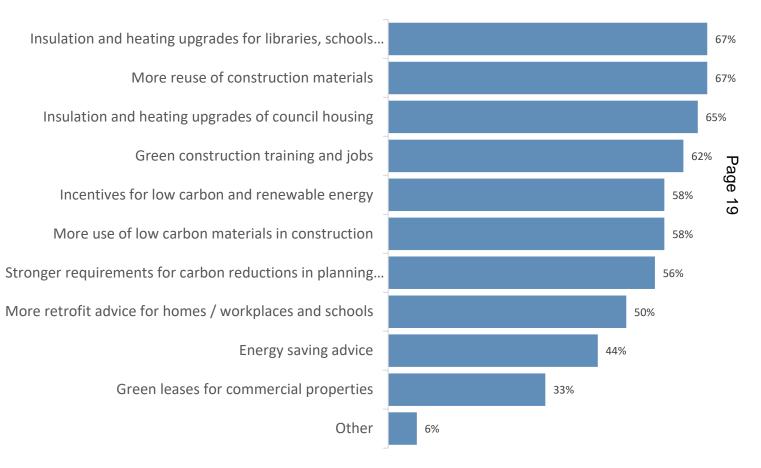


Actions for buildings – your feedback

What building initiatives would you like to see?

- Takeaways:
 - Support for existing actions
 - Retrofit of Council housing and Corporate buildings
 - Focus on reuse
 - High interest in green jobs
- Emerging Changes to Actions:
 - A retrofit programme for the borough, reusing materials, training people and providing jobs, would be very popular.

Which of the following building initiatives would you most want to see more of?



Recycling initiatives – feedback

Which of these initiatives do you think are good ideas?



Initiatives for retailers use less single use plastic packaging Community repair hubs - where we can mend easily repairable items with expert help, such as appliances, homewares and electronics

Deposit, take-back and refill initiatives - for example, getting paid for returning glass bottles

Library of things - where we can borrow (for a small fee) appliances and tools that we don't use very often - like pressure washer or hedge trimmers etc...

Food composting for flats and businesses

Reducing waste - for example textile recycling, coffee pod recycling

Takeaways – there is interest in:

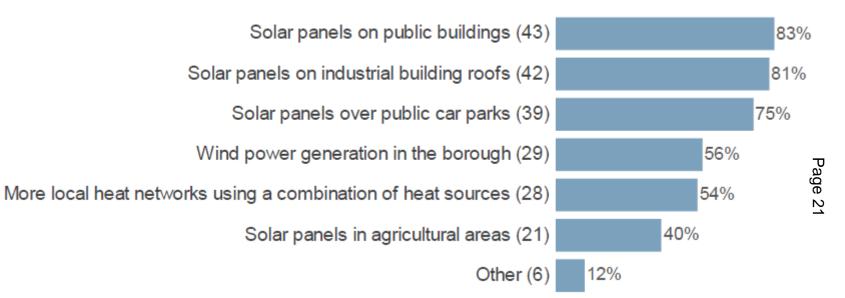
- Pressurising retailers to reduce plastic
- Community repair hubs
- Deposit schemes
- Library of things
- Food composting

- Emerging Changes to Actions:
 - Explore waste reduction through circular economy solutions as well as increasing recycling rates
 - Communications and transparency in partnership with NWLA?

Actions for Energy – your feedback

- What energy actions you would like to see in the borough
- Takeaways
 - Most interest in solar panels on buildings
 - Interest in solar panels over public car parks
 - People interested in wind power in the borough, and more local heat networks.
 - Room for more actions on other opportunities for solar e.g industrial

Would you like to see any of the following in the borough?



- Emerging Changes to Actions:
 - Support for existing actions around solar panels on public buildings and heat networks strengthen our aspiration?
 - Investigate other opportunities for renewable generation in the borough?

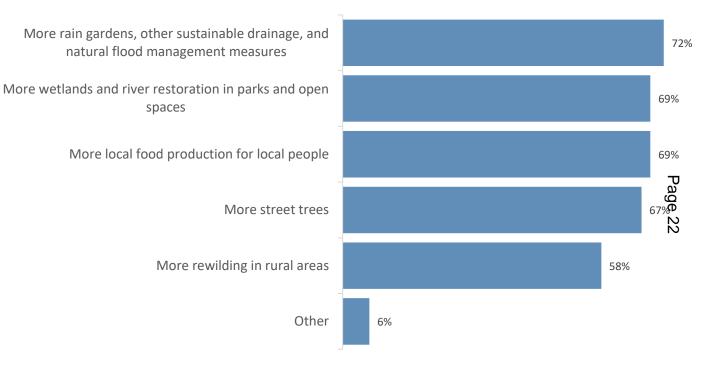
Actions for the Natural Environment – your feedback

- What natural environment actions you would like to see
- Takeaways
 - Support for existing green initiatives
 - High interest in local food production for local people
 - Large interest in more street trees

Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Enhance existing actions in response to this and to reflect manifesto pledges
- New action to be reviewed around food production

Which of the following, if any, would you like to see in the borough?



Actions around Financing the actions – your feedback

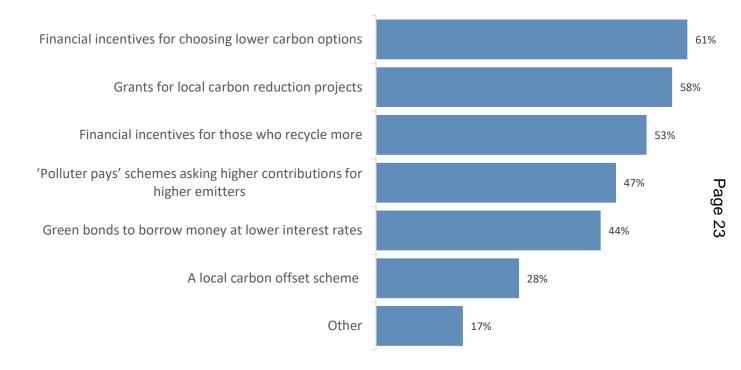
What finance actions you would like to see

- Takeaways
 - Interest in Grants for local carbon reduction projects
 - Interest in financial incentives for lower carbon options and for those who recycle more

Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Explore financial incentives for lower carbon choices
- Develop long and short term energy savings communication further
- Explore how council can support low carbon community projects

Which of these initiatives do you think are good ideas?



Ideas for your area – your feedback

What would you like to see in your area?

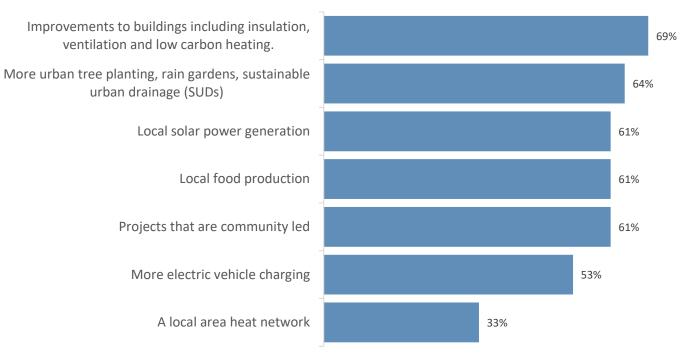
Takeaways

- Highest interest in retrofit building projects
- High interest in natural environment projects
- Interest in local food production, solar power generation
- Interest in projects that are community led.

Emerging Changes to Actions:

• Review idea of piloting a local area multi-intervention project

Which of these ideas would you like to see in your local area ('local area' being within 10 minutes walk of where you live)?



Getting involved

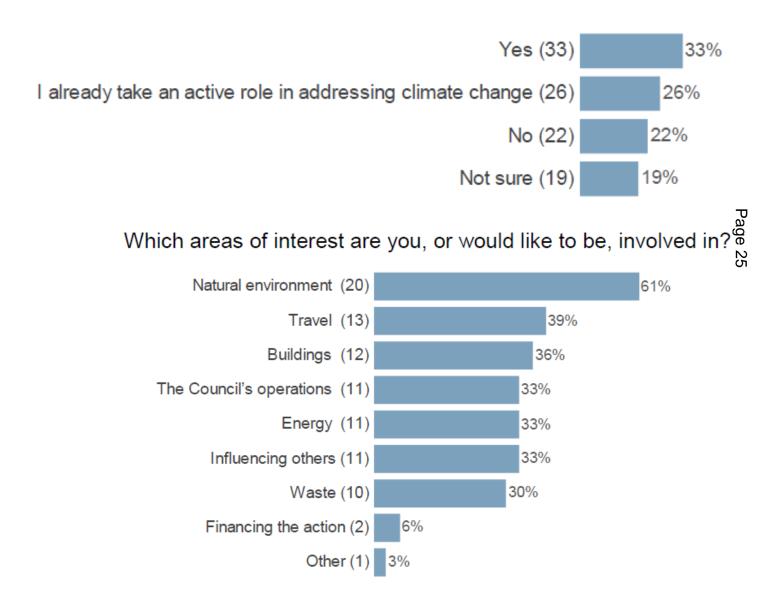
Takeaways

- Natural environment sparks the most interest
- Residents want to start an Enfield Community Energy Company
- Scout groups would like to get involved in reuse and recycling schemes
- Community climate hubs could this engagement on a month-bymonth basis, rather than every two years.

Emerging Changes to Actions:

- Make adaption to climate change in a critical part of the plan?
- Set out ongoing ways to increase our 'Working in Partnership' part of the CAP

Would you like to take an active role in addressing climate change in the borough?



Overall reflections of the engagement so far

Communication of this complex subject is challenging Any overview needs to start very simply and clearly.

Priorities - not everyone is interested, or has the capacity to be interested With the current cost of living crisis, reducing emissions by financial incentives and other co-benefits will be important

So much is going on in the borough and embedded in organisations already. Need to engage with groups to coordinate more on an ongoing basis.

Please note, these are high-level, preliminary reflections

The Questionnaires are still open – until 30th January

- Search 'Enfield council have your say' or use link
- Point your phone camera at the QR code below
- Useful background information and links to the Climate Action Plan
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Next steps

Review and collate after 30th January

Review outcomes of internal engagement

Strengthen existing actions, add additional actions where missing Draft next version

While continuing to work to reduce emissions

Bring progress to review at the next Environment Forum

Local Heritage List review

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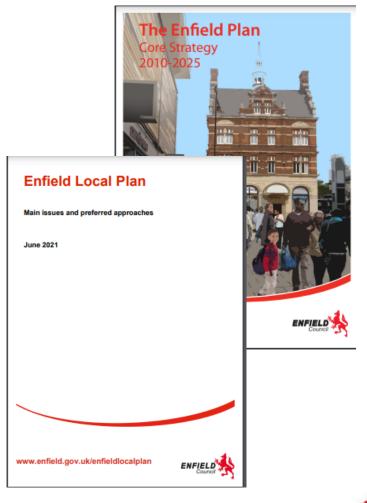
Local List 2018

- Local Heritage List approved 2018
- Project run with The Enfield Society and led by trained volunteers
- Informed by Historic England best practice in Guidance Note 7 (2nd edition): *Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage*
- Nominations subject to a Review Board and 8 week consultation
- 263 entries range of asset types including Council-owned properties



Planning framework

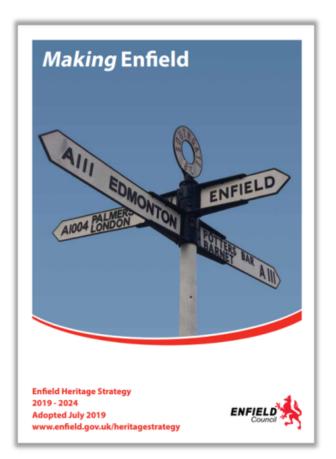
- PPG 040 encourages use of Local Lists
- Material consideration when deciding planning applications
- No additional permissions above those already required
- Local Plan Policy on identifying heritage assets
 - Core Strategy CS31
 - DMD Policy DMD 44 and para 6.5.2
 - Reg 18 draft ELP (2021) DE4.4
 - Heritage Strategy SPD





Monitoring

- PPG recommends review every 2 years (para 043)
- Heritage Strategy SPD (2019) 06
 commits to annual review emphasis on
 greater community ownership
- Document consistency curtilage & listed buildings
- Programme disrupted by pandemic
- PPG 40 allows for identification of non designated heritage assets through Neighbourhood Planning -Draft Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Plan





Review

- Shared project with The Enfield Society (TES)
- Trained volunteers recruited through TES and Heritage Forum – broadened engagement and awareness
- Criteria based on those used in 2018
- Volunteer reviews through summer 2022
- Focus on :
 - heritage in east of borough
 - industrial heritage
 - war-time heritage
 - heritage of communities who have settled in the borough since the end of the C19th
 - art/sculpture
- Review Board Dec 2022







Consultation

- Recommendations:
 - 46 New entries
 - 4 Removals
 - 8 amendments to increase
 - 1 amendment to reduce
- 8 week public consultation through direct mail and website
- Minor updates not subject to consultation
- Portfolio decision





Next steps

- Start 8 week consultation direct mail and website
- Review consultation responses
- Make amendments only where factual inaccuracies
- Portfolio report
- Expected publication spring-summer 2023





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