

## LBHF Climate and Ecological Emergency Commission

### CEEC Engagement Event, Lyric 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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#### Event Context

The London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (LBHF) set up a resident-led Climate and Ecological Emergency Commission (CEEC) in December 2019 to advise the Council on how to reach net carbon zero by 2030 and promote the recovery of biodiversity.

Central to the Commission's work is engaging with residents across the Borough to better understand attitudes, barriers and opportunities. Meanwhile the Lyric Theatre, which declared its own climate emergency in 2016, organised a month of events during February themed on "Emergency".

By partnering with LBHF and the Lyric, the Commission was able to host a public event that would enable us to reach out and engage with the residents of Hammersmith and Fulham at the very beginning of the Commission's programme of work.

#### Event Format

The Commission hosted an event in partnership with the Lyric and LBHF residents at The Studio Theatre in the Lyric on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> February, as part of the Lyric's programme of "Emergency" events through the month.

The evening was planned as the first step in a series of engagement opportunities (both physical and digital) across the Borough and throughout 2020. The format for the evening was as follows:

Welcome: Intro and context by Sian Alexander, Lyric Theatre, and Paul Beaty-Pownall, Chair of the Commission

Talk: How the Climate Crisis affects me – a presentation by Fehinti Balogun

Breakout Sessions: 4 group sessions for residents to engage and share their ideas.

Group 1:

What change or influence could you have on your local community?

Group 2:

How can we envision a better future for our local community?

Group 3:

What immediate steps would you like to see Hammersmith & Fulham Council make in the face of the Climate Emergency?

Group 4:

Examples of good practice

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The event was advertised through the Lyric's own marketing channels, as well as by LBHF and associated local social media channels and newsletters.

The event will be used to build awareness of the nature of the emergency, and to start building an evidence base of residents' appetite for change. The event also provided an opportunity for the Commission to gather ideas for actions that residents feel the Council and the Commission should be considering in their work towards achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

### Report and Actions

Attached to this report are the full list of ideas and comments shared by the residents during the breakout sessions listed above.

The table below provides a summary of the discussions from the breakout sessions. Each Action Idea has been aligned with the Commission's own knowledge topics and Working Groups. Duplications have been removed and some actions have been summarised by the author of this report for clarity. Please refer to the full list of actions attached if further detail is required.

### Summary

The table below provides a summary of actions to be considered by LBHF and the resident-led Climate and Ecological Emergency Commission in response to the residents' engagement event held at the Lyric Studios on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

Knowledge Topic	Theme	Action Idea	Notes
Engagement	Community	Make better use of community spaces to support each other and provide a resource for people to get together around their concerns about the climate.	
		Host monthly meetings with the community to help residents understand the actions required to respond to the emergency.	
		Set up Neighbourhood Watch style network to support the sharing of ideas and events.	
		Encourage an 'Active Citizenship' approach to help people take responsibility.	
		Use existing community networks to engage with residents and businesses including residents associations, ward action groups, neighbourhood forums, BID etc.	
	Information	Provide public information to educate residents and help them develop skills and knowledge.	
		Use lamp post banners, website, social media and marketing to tell the truth and to inform the public	

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		about the emergency, to help them prepare and adapt to the effects of climate change.	
		Set up a community information sharing platform such as a website, community mapping tool or app to enable residents to share ideas and good practice.	
	Education	Put climate change at the heart of the curriculum. Work with schools and raise awareness amongst young people and their families. Work with people of all ages.	
		Set up workshops for healthy living behaviours.	
		Identify Champions that can work with the borough to reach out to the wider community. Look at churches, mosques and specific ethnic and cultural groups.	
Governance and Strategy	Value system	Use well-being as the measure of success. Take into account inequality, fuel poverty, access to good food, health and social care.	
		All council departments to prioritise the climate emergency in their decision making.	
		Provide accreditation system to enable businesses to measure their environmental performance.	
	Benchmarking	Measure existing carbon emissions and set benchmark for future reductions in carbon emissions and progress towards net zero.	
		Clarify role of off-setting in compensating for unavoidable emissions.	
		Twin with other boroughs to benchmark best practice and measure success.	
Adaptation	Emergency Preparation	Establish adaptation plan to mitigate against the unavoidable effects of climate change that are already built into the system.	
		Establish an emergency civil response team to deal with mental health issues, disruption and/or civil unrest related to flood, food shortages and other disasters.	
		Establish storage facilities for clean water and food in preparation for any major climate event.	
		Prepare emergency evacuation plan for flood event or other civil unrest.	
		Locate stockpile of breathing equipment to help in severe air pollution event.	
Built Infrastructure	Housing and other buildings	Set zero carbon housing standards for all new housing. Consider Passive House with additional tests to ensure zero carbon. All housing that is built today will still be	



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		used in 2030, so all new housing must be built to zero carbon standards now to avoid expensive retrofitting works before 2030.	
		LBHF to build their own social housing to get the benefit of the investment and enable control over the standards.	
		Provide funding / grants to support privately owned housing upgrades to improve insulation and install zero carbon heat sources, eg: solar panels, air source heat pumps etc.	
		Install fire sprinklers to reduce need for fire appliance movements.	
		Review landlord license rules to enforce improvements to private rented sector housing.	
		Upgrade all council owned housing to zero carbon standards.	
		Upgrade all council owned property including schools, community centres, offices etc. to zero carbon standards.	
	Funding, tax and incentives	Lobby central government to stop charging VAT on refurbishment and start charging VAT on new build.	
		Offer incentives to upgrade of existing housing and other buildings. For example council tax rebate.	
		Set zero carbon standards in all procurement activities.	
	Planning and Building regs	Demand that Part L of the building regs allows zero carbon standards for all construction projects.	
		All home-owners to complete Energy Performance Certificates for their homes so they can see the problems and work out what to do.	
Transport	Cycling	Promote cycling and design roads to encourage family friendly local cycling routes. Introduce Low Traffic Neighbourhood Programmes eg. Mini-Holland style cycle scheme instead of cycle super-highway style. All cycle routes to be suitable for a 12 year old to cycle unsupervised.	
		Provide new cycle route on a cantilevered route along the length of the Thames.	
		Provide lots more bike parking spaces, bike storage and bike share schemes.	
	Cars	Stop cars from using rat runs and pedestrianize many more local streets (particularly outside schools – see healthy school streets) so that they are family friendly	

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		and allow children to play, allowing more space for trees and enhanced biodiversity etc.	
		Provide more shared car electric services.	
		Provide lots more electric car charging points in the lampposts. Don't move the existing ones!	
		Introduce smart traffic management schemes to help reduce air pollution (see City of London).	
		Use NO IDLING signs and enforce regulations to stop engines running when not moving. More public information and warnings required.	
		Use recycled aggregates in all road building and repair projects. Introduce clause in procurement rules.	
		Introduce work-place carpark parking levy to discourage people from driving to work.	
		Increase parking permit charges for most polluting vehicles.	
		Do not provide support for any 'Traffic Enhancement Schemes' that encourage more people to travel by car.	
	Public Transport	Provide much more, better and free electric powered public transport to provide a better alternative to using private motor vehicles. Set up scheme for all residents to travel by public transport for £1.	
		Introduce trams to provide high volume public transport system.	
	Walking	Improve pedestrian crossings to make them safer. Raise them to make them clear and to give pedestrians priority.  Many of the new style crossings (without lights) are extremely dangerous. A good example is where Edith Rd meets the A315. It is impossible to know when to cross safely and no parent can teach their children to navigate the crossing. We need to incentivise walking - not put people off. Perhaps zebra crossings if traditional green person/red person lights are being phased out?	
		Re-open Hammersmith bridge to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport only. Consider 'garden bridge' style solution.	
	Policy	Set up a sustainable travel team to review all aspects of LBHF travel and transport policy.	
Ecology	Trees	Plant lots more trees.	

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		Plant trees in front gardens. LBHF to provide trees, skills and resource to make sure trees are planted well to survive.	
		Carry out an audit of all street trees. Fill in gaps and carry out maintenance to enhance their quality. Protect nests and ban the use of netting to prevent nesting.	
	Rainwater	Ensure sustainable urban drainage systems are used in all new developments	
		Use rain gardens to reduce the impact of severe rain events.	
		Landlords license to require all properties to be provided with water butts. Grants to be provided for private owners to install water butts to all gardens – to reduce impact of flood event and discourage the use of potable water in gardens.	
	Gardens	Set up knowledge base to share gardening skills. Encourage ecologically rich gardening.	
		Support community gardens. Provide advice, grant funding and resources to help them become established. Connect community growers across the borough. Provide network and support. Support the protection of Wormwood Scrubs community garden and all the surrounding biodiversity.	
		Encourage garden pods and parklets and help residents make better use of green spaces. Create more green spaces by reducing space given to cars. Open up roads, dig up the tarmac and replace with planting.	
		Provide more space for allotments.	
		Forbid the paving over of front gardens. No hardstanding to be used to enable rainwater drainage and encourage biodiversity.	
		Forbid the use of fake grass in all gardens. Demand that planning permission is required for fake grass and refuse permission unless it can be shown that it is required for competitive sports use.	
	Soil	Establish community compost schemes. Provide facilities and support residents with information and skills.	

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		Make use of horse manure from Hammersmith Police Station	
		Use woodchip mulch for all parks and community ecology boxes.	
	Thames	Protect the Thames Ribbon and enhance the biodiversity along the length of the Thames.	
		Monitor and repair the Thames wall (Check condition of wall adjacent to The Ship Pub).	
	Biodiversity	Promote green roofs.	
		Deliver on all the recommendations of the Biodiversity Commissions report.	
		Establish and use principles of re-wilding in all council owned spaces. Land use to return to same ecological impact as original use (regenerative principles).	
		Establish Biodiversity team to monitor use of private gardens to encourage biodiversity. Provide significantly more public information on the importance of biodiversity in our gardens. Make people responsible for their actions.	
Energy	Energy source	Relax planning restrictions on installation of carbon reduction methods such as solar panels in conservation areas.	
		Make use of waste heat from London Underground to power homes. (See Bunhill Heat Network, Islington).	
		Decarbonise the domestic gas network.	
	Insulation	Make use of Energy Company Obligations where companies have a legal obligation to insulate homes for fuel poor or vulnerable individuals.	
	Lighting	Turn off street lights at night. Introduce movement sensors to maintain safe streets.	
		Enforce regulations that require all commercial premises to turn their lights off at night.	
		Reduce use of high intensity LEDs that have a severe impact on night flying insects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enforce reduction or switch off of lights on Fulham Football Club contractors compound that flood lights the playing field</li> <li>- enforce the reduction of bright lights in Bishops Palace</li> </ul>	
Waste	Consumerism	Enforce principles of polluter pays. Either return all waste to producer or charge them for the cost of managing the waste.	

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		Name and shame businesses in the borough that generate large volumes of waste.	
		Enforce the consistent labelling of packaging and other waste products to inform customers on how to dispose of items correctly.	
	Recycling services	Provide more information on where our waste goes.	
		Team up with all boroughs to provide a consistent system of recycling.	
		Provide more public recycling bins throughout the borough.	
	Plastic	Ban all plastic bags and other single use plastic items from ketchup sachets to tea bags.	
		Provide and enforce the use of bio-degradable doggy bags.	
	Food waste	Provide separate food waste collection services to reduce impact of methane generated from waste food.	
Finance	Retailing	Set up and support share and repair shops across the borough.	
		Share information about sharing networks such as Olio and Freecycle and Too Good to Go app. Provide skills, education and support to encourage people to re-use and repair rather than throw away.	
		Demand that shops provide refill stations to re-use packaging.	
		Set up accreditation system that retailers can use to demonstrate good behaviour. Demand that this is made visible to all shoppers. Contact all local businesses to give them the heads up that the Council will be creating a ranking/scoring system for H&F businesses according to their environmental credentials - and that this information will be shared with residents.	
		Use this shop that sells food with zero waste in Turnham Green as an example: <a href="https://www.thesourcebulkfoods.co.uk">https://www.thesourcebulkfoods.co.uk</a> . Residents need to be told that this sort of shop exists to enable them to use their consumer power better. Supermarkets need to offer more fresh goods loose so customers can bring their own reusable containers.	
	Workplace	Adjust business rates to incentivise better behaviour – or apply penalties for bad behaviour. Offer micro grants for good behaviour.	





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		Support small enterprises. Provide community spaces for local businesses. Set up and promote social enterprise hubs (see Open Cell Hub).	
		Promote the use of Ecosia search engine on all computers. (Ecosia uses all profits to support carbon reduction projects)	
		Create work hubs with high speed broadband connectivity at the heart of all local communities to help people reduce the need to travel to work, but not necessarily work from home.	
		Make use of existing empty commercial space for community work hubs.	
	Money	Reduce the focus on economic growth and concentrate on reducing inequality. Excessive consumption promoted by the drive to economic growth must stop. Less 'mindless shopping'.	
		The High Street needs to look very different. Fewer traditional retail outlets and more community spaces: mini parks, libraries, centres for learning, share & repair cafes etc.	
		Establish a mutual bank that is to invest in local infrastructure and housing projects and owned by savers. The value of the housing will provide ample returns.	
		LBHF to create our own local debt-free complementary community currencies to facilitate the exchange of local goods and services without creating debt and the need for constant economic growth that debt-based money systems entail.	
		Divest from all fossil fuel investments.	
		Zero carbon procurement policy initiative. Demand that all council contractors illustrate their plan to working towards zero carbon.	
Food	Source	Promote availability of bulk food supply system and loose items (ref Markets) to reduce packaging and make use of all items, reducing waste.	
		Make fresh food more readily available to all communities.	
		Promote the use of allotments.	
		Set up systems for sharing un-used food.	
		Provide more public information on the importance of fresh locally sourced food systems.	



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		More public information on not throwing waste food away.	
		Promote the eating of less meat.	
		Support breast feeding friendly culture in our society. Ban the promotion of Formula milk products unless required for medical reasons.	
Health	Air Pollution	Use air pollution capture technology.	
		Why doesn't H&F feature on The London Air Quality Map run by Kings College? Share the data on the H&F air quality website more widely to shock and stir residents to make changes: <a href="http://lbhf.gov.uk/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/air-quality">lbhf.gov.uk/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/air-quality</a> . The reports aren't particularly user friendly so could do with some simplification and more infographics.	
		Air quality and vehicle idling – take more action over this. Police attending football matches are the worst offenders and set a bad example – police vans idle their engines for the entire attendance period – up to an hour either side of match times around Fulham Broadway. Enable residents to report this problem.	
		Prioritise the reduction of air pollution to protect the health and well-being of our children.	
		Reduced traffic also reduces noise. Helping insects, birds and people live a healthier life.	