



Islington Council Environmental Policy

Islington Council is committed to protecting the environment of the borough and minimising our impact beyond the borough's boundaries. Having declared an environmental and climate emergency in 2019 and adopted our Vision 2030 strategy, we have the ambition to eliminate the carbon emissions of the borough by 2030.

The council will lead by example by:

- Reducing carbon emissions from our corporate buildings and housing
- Electrifying our vehicle fleet and equipment and encouraging staff to use sustainable modes of transport
- Working with neighbouring boroughs and the Mayor of London to improve air quality
- Maximising local renewable energy generation and purchasing the remainder of our electricity from renewable sources
- Using the planning system to enable new development that supports the net zero commitment
- Considering the impact of our contractors and supply chains during procurement and encouraging the development of a sustainable local economy and green jobs
- Protecting and enhancing our natural environment and biodiversity
- Maximising reuse and recycling and reducing the overall amount of waste we create
- Ensuring our staff are aware of the importance of these actions
- Engaging with residents and local businesses to encourage and enable them to do the same, working in partnership to achieve the net zero ambition

This will be delivered through our Net Zero Carbon programme and overseen by the Net Zero Carbon Executive Board.

The council also commits to complying with environmental legislation and any other environmental commitments we have signed up to. We will continuously improve our Environmental Management System, within which we will set and review objectives on an annual basis, and will strive to prevent all other forms of pollution wherever possible.

This policy applies to all activities undertaken by Islington Council.

Signed:

Keith Townsend, Corporate Director for Environment & Regeneration
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