

**EAST HERTS  
DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

**Consultation questions: 79 Questionnaires returned completed**

Comments are invited on the Draft East Herts Climate Change and Action Plan. You may wish to use the questions below to help formulate your response.

1. How important is it to you that climate change is tackled?

(where 1 is very important and 5 not at all important)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	2	3	4	5
25	27	25	1	1

2. How well informed generally do you think you are about climate change?  
(where 1 is well informed and 5 not very informed)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	2	3	4	5
12	17	21	18	11

3. Please indicate what the big climate change issues are for you?  
(where 1 is very important and 7 is least important)

Health impacts	<input type="checkbox"/> 3=
Transport	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Changes in habitats/biodiversity	<input type="checkbox"/> 3=
Tourism / Economy	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Water supply / river flows	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Other – please state

Human Rights and ethical issues 6%

4. Thinking about the Draft Climate Change Strategy do you feel the 10 key objectives listed on pages 22/23 are the right ones?

Comments:

40% responding said yes. Rest unanswered. There was no negative comment

- Effective leadership is key – 6 comments
- We need much more local PR – 12 comments
- Big community campaigns required – 5 comments
- Need for everyone to work together – 11 comments
- Can we be a No to climate change district!! – 2 comments
- Make education and awareness the top priority – 5 comments
- Get out to the schools, including secondary – 3 comments

5. The Council is proposing an overall aim of reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions from the operations of East Herts Council as well as that of the wider District, whilst where possible, improving the quality of service provided to the residents of the District? (Page 20 refers).

Do you agree with this statement as an overall aim

Yes  99%      No  1%

Comments:

- Targets need to be tougher – 2 comments
- Need to budget for climate change – 4 comments
- Need more advice on what community can do – 12 comments
- Need for demonstration lifestyle project – 5 comments

6. Are there any projects that you/your organisation is involved with that are helping to reduce carbon emissions in your local area?

3 comments mentioned links to faith groups but not identified

7. Are there any specific actions or measures that you feel the Council or other statutory organisations can implement to help give you/the community mitigate or adapt to climate change?

- Improve public transport – 12 comments
- Reduce council tax for most energy efficient homes – 9 comments
- More help /advice /education – 15 comments
- Bring the community together to take action – 10 comments
- Blitz spirit – we did it in the war – 2 comments
- Need for more national legislation to be carbon friendly – 7 comments
- Local grants on renewables – 11 comments
- Work with businesses – 8 comments

8. Do you have any other comments about the Draft Strategy and Action Plan?

'Well done East Herts doing something positive for a change'  
'Good policy and actions – get on with the action'  
Increase council tax to pay for project proposal – 5 related comments  
Don't publish paper copies of document – 2 related comments  
General praise – 15 related comments

Please return your comments on  
the East Herts Draft Climate Change Strategy / Action Plan to:

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If possible all comments should be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

Thank you.