Urban Planning and Decentralised Energy in London

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Current CO₂ emissions from London





Emissions Map – Total CO₂ (2003)



Carbon dioxide emissions (tonnes/annum) from all sources in 2003 Source: LECI 2003; Natural break classification

106,000	to	428,000	(34)
48,000	to	106,000	(161)
28,000	to	48,000	(308)
18,000	to	28,000	(451)
13,000	to	18,000	(228)
7,000	to	13,000	(193)
0	to	7,000	(229)

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Planning system in London

Policy

- Government Planning Policy Statements
- London Plan Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London
- Local Development Plan Documents

Decisions

- Application to borough*
- Referable to Mayor (criteria incl. size, height)
- Mayor may "direct refusal" of an application



CO2 targets announced in draft London Plan



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The London Plan

Policy 4A.7

Requirement to include energy efficiency design and technology, and renewable energy technology wherever feasible.

Policy 4A.8

Requirement for energy assessment; Mayor's energy hierarchy for heating.

Policy 4.9

Demonstration of contribution of renewable energy technology

Energy Efficiency



Prioritising decentralised energy generation and renewables

- Design to minimise CO₂ emissions from the outset
- Maximise passive design and integration with CCHP/CHP
- All major new developments should establish or connect to a local combined cooling, heat and power network
- Minimise need for active cooling systems
- Incentivise new technologies, including hydrogen as an alternative to fossil fuels
- Developments are required to achieve a reduction in CO₂ emissions of 20% from onsite renewable energy generation





Map 1:

The heat map for London as mapped by The Community Heating Development Study for London (GLA 2005). It shows the density of the heat loads within the city.

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Supporting publications

Sustainable Design and Construction SPG: Published May 2006 and includes guidance how to approach community heating, CHP and CCHP in planning applications.

London Renewables Toolkit:

Published in September 2005 to provide technical support to GLA planners, London borough planners and applicants on incorporating renewable energy technologies in line with the Mayor's London Plan policies.

Integrating renewable energy into new developments: Toolkit for planners, developers and consultants

London Renewables, match funded by the Department of Trade and Industry, comprises representatives of the Greater London Authority, the London Development Agency, the Association of London Government, the Government Office for London, EDF Energy, London First, Imperial College London, London Sustainability Exchange, solarcentury, the Renewable Power Association, Creative Environmential Networks and the London Environment Coordinators Forum.

http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/environme nt/energy/docs/renewables_toolkit.pdf

Energy Action Areas

Southwark - Elephant and Castle

- Pilot EAA programme
- Network of learning
- ESCOs advice & support
- Guide to Becoming an EAA
- Carbon Accounting
- Round 2 of Energy Action Areas

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Barking Town Centre

Toward Zero Carbon Development

- Supportive information for boroughs
- Target of one zero carbon development per borough by 2010
- Definition of zero carbon development
- Steps a borough can take to take this forward, stakeholders, planning policy
- Published July 2006: www.london.gov.uk/mayor/environment/e nergy/partnership-steeringgroup/index.jsp

Wind Power and Biomass Supply Chain

Builds on the Wind and Biomass study:

- **Wind:** looked at potential for installing commercial-scale non-building integrated wind turbines. (>100kW)
- **50.34MW of wind energy capacity identified** which would lead to 144. GWh of electricity generated annually.

 Biomass: Potential to displace around 10% of conventional energy sources

Ongoing Supply chain work

- Locations have been identified for further tree stations in London.
- Guidelines for biomass use in London for Developers and Planners

Partnership Approach

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