

An illustration of a sustainable city. In the foreground, a white electric car is charging at a station. A person is running on the left, and a cyclist is riding a cargo bike in the middle. In the background, a yellow electric bus is labeled "Powered by electric". A worker in a yellow hard hat is installing a solar panel on a building. Another solar panel is mounted on a street lamp. The scene is set against a light blue sky with a white cloud.

Engagement for a just transition



The Just Transition

Climate action + tackling inequality = the just transition

Maximising the benefits of climate action

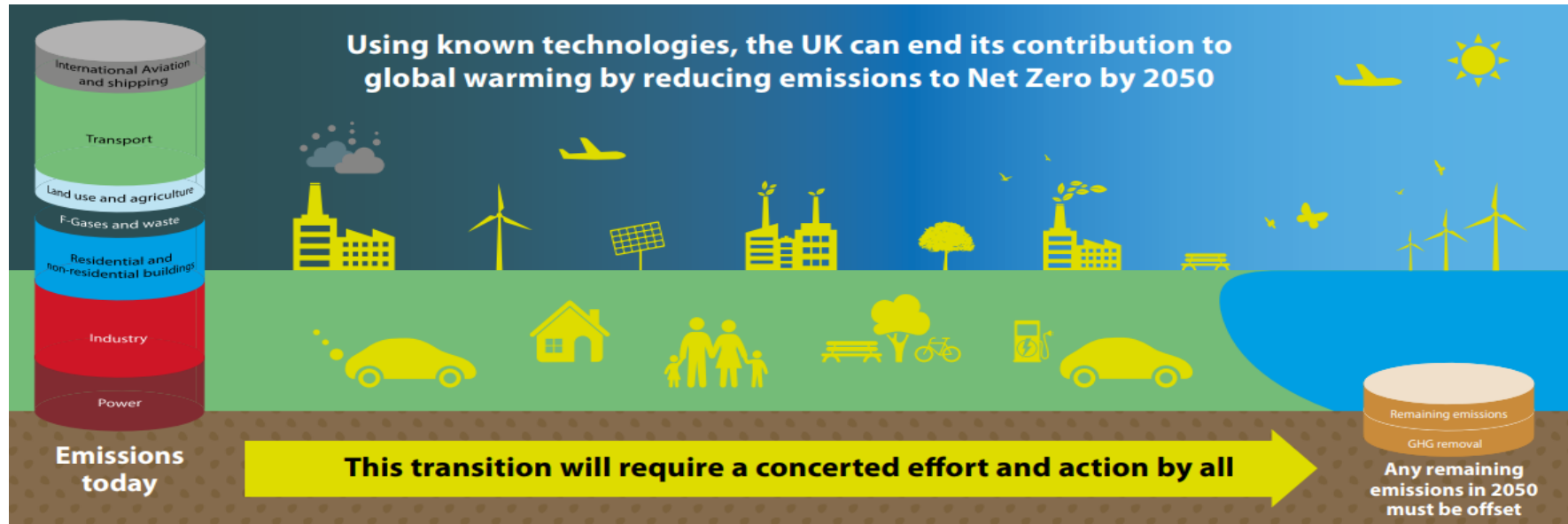
Minimising the negative impacts for workers and their communities

Meaningful engagement and involvement in transition



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The Just Transition



62% of the UK's net zero target requires some form of individual action

Disconnect in concern about climate change (high) and awareness of what it means for their lives and how people can participate (low), and the benefits



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- 73% of workers globally believe that climate change and climate policy will have a major impact on their jobs in the next decade²
- 74% of people more likely to support policy addressing climate change and social justice¹
- 86% globally believe a just transition to a zero-carbon economy is possible³



1 Climate Outreach Information Network

2 International Labour Organisation

3 World Economic Forum



What can we learn from successful social shifts



- Public understanding and awareness of issue.
- Social norms already heading in that direction.
- Public consultation and comms.
- Demonstrate some immediate benefits.

When not everyone agrees



- Balancing multiple interests
- Interests from outside the locality
- Nature of funding

Oxfordshire



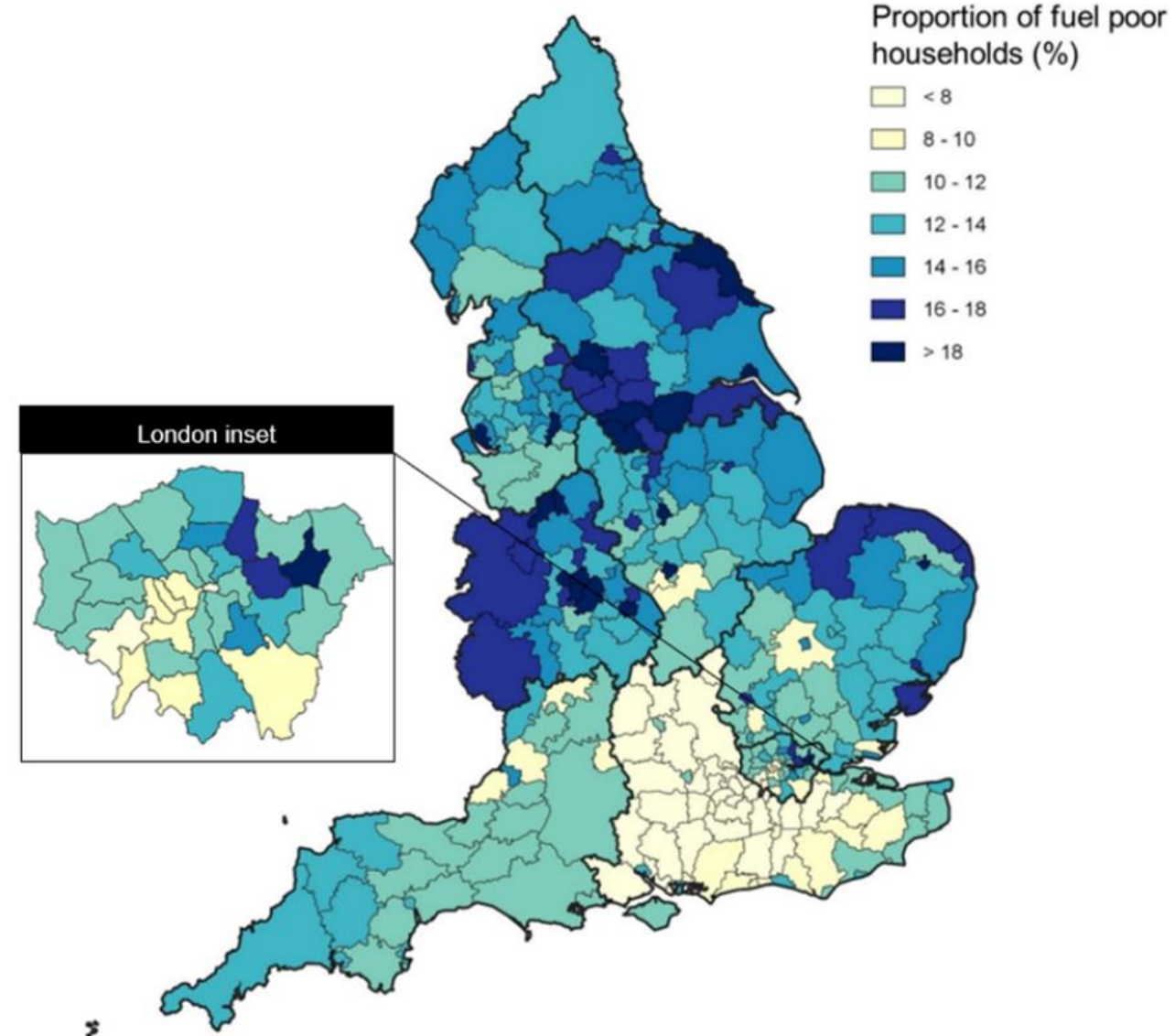
- Affluence with pockets of significant deprivation
- High levels of house building
- Urban and rural divide on pace of climate action
- Strong community capacity
- High cost of living
- £3.5bn investment in net zero by 2030

Current position

Facing a climate and ecological emergency

Cost of living crisis (fuel poverty increasing)

- 2019 7.4% in Oxfordshire (20,746 properties)
 - 2020 8.2% in Oxfordshire (22,861 properties)
 - 2021 8.4% in Oxfordshire (23,109 properties)
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- Two thirds of which live in rural areas...
 - ... However, Oxford City remains significantly worse than the regional average





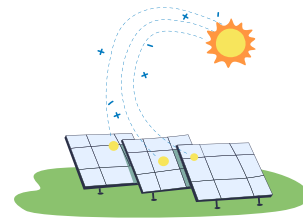
A role for everyone

- We support all our communities and businesses to participate.
- We build partnerships to tackle systemic challenges.



Inclusive transition

- Seek costs and benefits fairly shared.
- We seek to design out energy inequality.

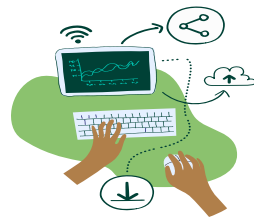


Maximise Oxfordshire benefits

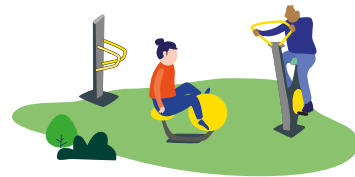
- We support communities to own energy projects and retain the benefits locally



Continuous improvement Living lab



Evidenced-based decisions



Healthy Place Shaping



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Growing community-led action – CAG Oxfordshire



- Community Action Group (CAG) network
- Over 100 groups – waste, transport, food, energy, biodiversity and social justice
- 100K person reach
- Collaborate groups – share skills, common goals
- Projects – Community Wealth Building/ Repair Cafes / Library of things / Communities and Nature
- Council – CAG Liaison



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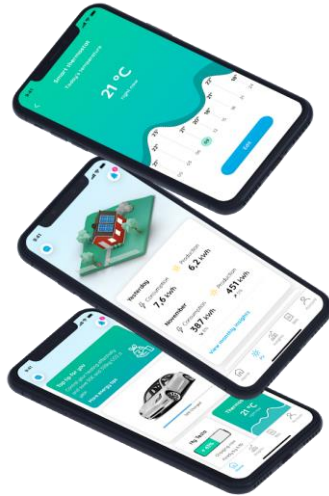
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- Locally-owned plans for climate action
- Driven by local interests / issues
- Demonstrates community mandate for climate action
- Trusted and independent voice
- Network to partner in wider council programmes / bids
- Inspiring and energising



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Barriers to scaling retrofit delivery



Financial

Consumer engagement across all audiences

Capacity, capability and skills

Material supply issues



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Smart and Fair Neighbourhoods

Understanding how the energy system of the future will work to benefit people.

What is a 'Smart and Fair' Neighbourhood:

- zero carbon
- putting people and communities at its core
- designed to meet everybody's needs, leaving no one behind.

Eynsham, Deddington, Rose Hill, Osney, Westmill and Springfield Meadow.



Smart and Fair Neighbourhoods

- **A new energy system can support a just transition:**

Residents – reduced energy bills, increased usability and control, climate action

Communities – new opportunities for community run energy services

- **Agreeing a set of principles on community engagement in energy projects helps maintain focus**

- **Community scale LAEPs could help create a local mandate for climate action.**

Principle	Description
Collaborative design	We will design service offerings in partnership with the community in which they are to be delivered, so everyone potentially impacted by the service can influence its design.
Inclusive offering	When we design a service offering we will seek ways to minimise the barriers to individuals benefiting from the offering.
Fair distribution of benefits and costs	The success of a service offering will depend on the efforts of many stakeholders. The value created by the service, and costs that arise should be fairly distributed amongst these stakeholders.
Minimise risk	No one should be materially worse off as a result of the service. This does not preclude individuals being exposed to some level of risk through their involvement in the trial (e.g. financial), as long as it is with full information regarding the risk, participation is their own free will, and should it arise, the risk does not cause significant or lasting harm.
Informed consent	We will ensure potential service users have adequate information, presented in a clear and accessible way, about the benefits, costs, and risks associated with using the service to make an informed decision about participation, including influencing decisions around the wider infrastructure.
Respect	We will treat all those affected by the service with respect and sensitivity.
Data fairness	We will be open and transparent about the data we are collecting through use of a service, how it will be used, managed, owned and shared, and seek informed consent from service users.



Thank you

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