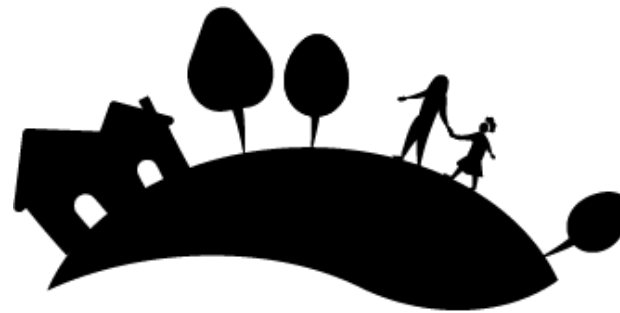


Merton's Climate Delivery Plan for Year 4 - Workstream 3- Summary 2024



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WS 3: Future new build and regeneration: Successfully delivering this work stream will require that all new developments in Merton, and Merton's energy infrastructure, are compatible with our climate commitments and adaptable to a changing climate.

Key areas of progress in 2023:

- Supported the Examination in Public of Merton's draft Local Plan.
- Formed part of the steering group for a consortium of 18 London boroughs to develop the Delivering Net Zero study which supports more ambitious local planning policies.
- Lobbied Government for faster change to national and regional planning policy to ensure that all new development is compatible with our net zero commitments.
- Provided energy comments for major planning applications in Merton to ensure that new developments maximise carbon savings on site through a fabric first approach, low carbon heating systems and renewable energy technologies.
- Collaborated with the Greater London Authority, London Councils, UK Power Networks (UKPN) and neighbouring boroughs in developing a South London Local Area Energy Plan to identify the changes needed to the local energy system and built environment to achieve our local and national Net Zero targets.

Key priorities for 2024:

- Adopt Merton's new Local Plan and develop guidance to support its implementation.
- Support the development of the South London Local Area Energy Plan in collaboration with the Greater London Authority, London Councils, UKPN and neighbouring boroughs.
- Commission a Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) for the borough of Merton once the sub-regional South London LAEP is complete.
- Continue to lobby for faster change in the built environment, e.g. through the Future Homes Standards consultation in early 2024.

Acronyms

- CDP – Climate Delivery Plan
- ECO – Energy Company Obligation
- EV – Electric Vehicle
- FY – Financial Year
- GLA – Greater London Authority
- LBM – London Borough of Merton
- LED – Light Emitting Diode
- MEES – Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards
- PPA – Power Purchase Agreement
- SLP – South London Partnership
- SuDS – Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems
- TFL – Transport for London