

The London Borough of Sutton's One Planet Living Policy Statement



The London Borough of Sutton aims to help residents lead healthier, happier lives whilst reducing the borough's impact on the environment. In order to achieve this Sutton has committed to becoming a One Planet borough by 2025.

If everyone in the world lived as we do in Sutton, we would need almost three planets worth of resources to maintain our lifestyle (our ecological footprint). We need to change this and reduce our footprint down to a one planet level. Sutton is using the One Planet Living as a framework to achieve a One Planet Living level across the borough.

Sutton Council has adopted One Planet Sutton across all of its services. Working across the borough, the framework is used to implement and monitor the council's commitments within this policy. The council will strive to achieve continuous environmental improvement and compliance with relevant environmental legislation and government targets. Training will be provided to staff on environmental issues to help foster a sense of responsibility for the environment at all levels of the organisation.

Sutton Council aims to...

Cutting carbon emissions:

- Reduce Carbon Dioxide emissions from energy use within buildings, aspiring to become a Zero Carbon borough by 2025.
- Make getting around the borough as environmentally friendly and fuel efficient as possible, making Sutton a cleaner, greener and healthier place to live.

Cutting Waste:

- Reduce the waste that we create, reusing where possible, and ultimately sending zero waste to landfill. Eventually we want to eliminate the concept of waste by creating a culture where everything is reusable and recyclable.
- Reduce the impact of the things we buy. Using products made from sustainable supplies that have a low or positive impact on the environment.

Valuing our Natural Environment:

- Create a borough where communities are involved in growing local produce where residents can walk to buy fresh, affordable produce, and where residents have the skills and resources needed to grow and prepare healthy sustainable meals.
- Protect and expand existing natural habitats and create new spaces for wildlife.
- Tackle local water pollution, use water more efficiently in buildings and in the products we buy. We will also ensure Sutton is able to adapt to changes in climate through tackling the risk of flooding.

Supporting Healthy Communities:

- Enhance the local identity of the borough, ensuring a thriving sense of community.
- Enable all in Sutton to improve and protect their health and wellbeing and enable those with the greatest need improve fastest.

Supporting the Local Economy:

- Ensure that local economic growth is sustainable. Make Sutton fairer, creating an inclusive borough where residents feel empowered to take part and take pride in their community. Our procurement will be fair and transparent.

The London Borough of Sutton will produce an annual sustainability report so the implementation of these policies can be monitored. The policy will be made publically available on the council's website.

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