

Overview of Consultation Responses Received for Reading Climate Change Strategy
Consultation Closed 31st May 2008

Section 1: Pre 1st Draft, findings of survey

UWE survey assessment (CC and AQ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better information • The council taking a lead • Trying to resolve the traffic issue • Giving non-car transport a higher (perceived) priority • Businesses being brought in line and taking action • More attention to greenspaces • Better housing development • Regulation and enforcement
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Section 2: Post draft 2 comments considered

Friends of the Earth	<p>Assurances of Resources, Beyond boundary transport, Embodied energy, more community taken into account. Set against legal framework. Include financial costs of implementation, expected carbon savings, and timescales – so that budgets can be set, cost-effectiveness assessed, and actions prioritised. Weasel words like ‘where feasible’, ‘as much as possible’ should be unpacked and clarified. Inclusion of total impact ‘environmental footprint’ including consumption patterns and resource use per capita. Targets are not strongly enough focused on carbon reduction and embodied energy.</p>
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GREN (Greater Reading Environmental Network)	Develop two targets one for Borough for 90% by 2050 and one for RBC own activities for 80% by 2018, with interim targets. More partnership with communities. Establish a political post for Climate Change. Establish politically empowered cross functional working groups. Bring in transport and economic strategies. Develop house demonstration projects. Review best practice. Allocate responsibility. Develop targets and key performance indicators. Provide Combined heat and power for all council properties by 2015. Create an internal sustainable travel policy, Implement the measures outlined in the traffic commissioners report. Provide Training on climate change for planners. Make Reading a Zero waste town. Sustainable Community Strategy 2020 link, Business surveys.
PCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat wave related problems-heat and pollution related illness and deaths. Very old and young, chronically ill and poor are more at risk-widens health inequalities • Cold-related deaths-likely to decline • Flooding - contamination of drinking water leading to waterborne infections and exposure to toxic pollutants. Injuries, death and psychological consequence. Infectious disease. • Increase in food poisoning and water borne disease • Sunburn and skin cancer- due to greater exposure • Extreme weather related events- social disruption, injury, death, disability, effects of migration, homelessness and world food shortage.
Green Party	Own estate target of 90% by 2030, No borough target,
Member of public	Cheaper Public transport less single passenger cars
Member of public	Comment on Peak oil
Member of public	Advertise sustainable transport in shops and provide bags which attach to bicycles.
Member of public	Lighting
Member of public	More renewables, free loft insulation, Community, business and RBC targets (90% by 2030).

Member of public	Monitoring and reviewing; More data needed in main doc, Better links between targets and data. Contextualise economics, % RBC spend vs business etc. Remove completed actions, instigate green champions. Frame strategy over longer time frame. Look at energy use from lighting of public areas. Boilers unambitious. Implement borough mileage targets. Use Bio-ethanol in fleet and staff travel,. Avoid 'to be developed'. Include waste and recycling targets. Join SE Climate Partnership. Adopt strong Reading 20/20 linkage. Use learning sets. Make Reading a zero waste town.
Member of public	Reading should have annual reduction targets to meet the 90% target. Not enough community involvement in tackling climate change. Free loft and cavity wall insulation for all. The business community being engaged on climate change. Reading's transport strategy being used to reduce traffic and CO2 emissions.
Member of Public	More Trees needed in Borough.