Transport decarbonisation plan: call for ideas

Your details

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Q2. Are you responding:

on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation details

Q9. What is the approximate total number of employees in your organisation?

1 to 29

Q10. What best describes your organisation?

Other:
Community Group - there are NO employees

Share your views

Q11. What do you think government should be doing to reduce the greenhouse gases that are produced from:

cars?	significantly reduce the number of cars on the roads - stop building new roads - if promoting electric cars, remember they are still polluting (and use responsible purchasing - no child labour in the production of materials), incentivise individuals to walk/cycle,
buses and coaches?	introduce cycling buses (we'd be delighted to pilot these - they are already in use in Netherlands and France), explore trackless trams andmove to electric (again responsible purchasing, no child labour in battery production),
vans and lorries?	significantly reduce the use of vans and lorries - move to railway, canal and other water-based transportation,
passenger rail?	speed up electrification without impacting ecology, biodiversity, ancient woodlands, etc (stop HS2 and put the funding into other initiatives)
aviation?	significantly reduce flights, incentive people to holiday in the UK, stop all Government funding for aviation (people should pay the full cost of flights)
freight?	introduce incentives for reducing carbon footprint and home production of as many food sources as possible
maritime?	-
other transport?	make funding available for communities to introduce cycling buses for all school journeys

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Local journeys

Q12. What, if any, changes to reduce the greenhouse gases produced by your local transport, would you like to see made?

Remove all city centre car parks (and reuse the space for social housing) - make it harder for people to use cars in cities, incentivise walking and cycling and create safe routes for people to use for those active transport methods, incentivise the use of e-bikes to increase the use of bikes for longer journeys, incentivise local authorities to introduce more public and community transport and make sure there are convenient bus stops, shelters and seating, with digital bus times and CCTV for safety, provide communities with funding to introduce cycling buses for all school journeys

Q13. What, if any, examples of good transport initiatives in your local area do you have (with a particular focus on low or zero emission initiatives)?

Trafford recently introduced a number of cycling lanes - which were very well used. Unfortunately the driving lobby has pushed back on some of them. It is time to stop prioritising the driver (and I say that as a driver who would love to be a cyclist). We are monitoring air pollution in our local area but as a community group we have to raise money to pay for this, we do not think this is appropriate, air quality measures should be taken in every neighbourhood and the results should be published.

Longer journeys

Q14. What changes would you like to see that will help to reduce the greenhouse gases produced from longer journeys?

More monitoring of air pollution and the publication of results, creation of a truely integrated public transport network with feeder bus services connecting with rail and with proper rural coverage - and incentivise the public to use it (ie make local journeys free of charge), accelerate electrification of the railways (without impacting ecology/biodiversity), stop building new roads and prioritising the driver, have a public information drive to support the reduction of car journeys, incentivise and encourage uptake of electric and other zero-emission vehicles by installing more charging points

Purchasing goods

Q15. What action do you think government should take to reduce the greenhouse gases produced from the:

distribution of goods across the country?	Introduce more monitoring of air pollution across the country and publish the results. The use of HGVs should be significantly reduced, all freight should be moved to rail and water transport, there should be incentives to encourage local production of food and local purchasing of foods, agricultural land should be given protection against development and should be used for crop production, encourage and incentivise more electric vehicle / cargo bike deliveries for urban areas - not HGVs/LGVs
delivery of goods to shops or residences?	Introduce more monitoring of air pollution across the country and publish the results. The use of HGVs should be significantly reduced, all freight should be moved to rail and water transport, there should be incentives to encourage local production of food and local purchasing of foods, agricultural land should be given protection against development and should be used for crop production, encourage and incentivise more electric vehicle / cargo bike deliveries for urban areas - not HGVs/LGVs

Travel choices

Q16. Do you find it:

difficult to make informed travel choices in relation to the emissions produced?

Information to inform travel choices

Q17. What information would you find helpful in making those choices?

The approximate measurement of greenhouse gases emitted as a result of your journey

A comparison of the greenhouse gases emitted as a result of your journey relative to other forms of transport

A comparison of the greenhouse gases emitted as a result of your journey relative to other lifestyle choices

Other:
Planning applications should include the estimated impact on local areas (increased green house gases to be emitted as a consequence of the development, increased air pollution, etc), there should be a public information drive to raise awareness about the "cost" of travel/journeys, information should be wider than emissions - air quality and fitness / health impacts should be included

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Final comments

Q18. What other views do you have on how to decarbonise the UK transport network?

Give local communities access to funding to reduce car journeys locally (for example, to introduce cycling buses for all school journeys and for older people to go shopping, etc). Set mandatory carbon budgets for transport (separate for both surface transport and aviation) with a clear pathway to net zero at both a national and regional level,
Set a road traffic reduction target nationally to give a clear steer that technical solutions are not enough,
Create an affordable, clean and fully integrated sustainable transport network, including for rural areas, funded by road pricing, Create a fair and just transport system that doesn't leave people behind and improves public health and wellbeing, Increase faster broadband rollout, increasing speeds and capacity

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Q19. Any other comments?

Stop making the situation worse!!! Bring HS2 to a halt and use the funding for other transport initiatives, stop all new road building and improve the existing roads and public transport, use the savings to support local public and community transport initiatives, ensure all new developments are not car-dependent!