

# North Woolwich Heat and Energy Forum

Newham Council's Response to Forum Recommendations

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Forum's Vision for North Woolwich, Involve [2025]

# A Big Thank You!

On behalf of the Climate Action Team and broader Council at Newham, we want to thank all participants of this important process and work for the commitment, openness and inspiration that came together to form your vision and recommendations for North Woolwich.

We have been weaving your ideas into our work and this document sets out in detail what we are already doing, where the challenges still lay, and what's coming next. Whilst we do not have all the answers, this response tries to acknowledge the complexity of this fast changing landscape and more importantly, a commitment in continuing to support and work with this forum to find those answers and drive the needed change.

We look forward to your continued collaboration to help deliver a reliable, affordable and greener North Woolwich for all our residents.



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# Your Recommendations

## Your Recommendations

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- 1 Focus on increasing solar panels in the area
- 2 Spreading awareness, support and investment in community facilities to support heat and energy initiatives in North Woolwich
- 3 Supporting home energy use reduction by co-funding the costs of installation
- 4 Increased involvement in the community from London City Airport
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- 10 More regular checks on the state of rental stock to make sure it is compliant and energy efficient (for all rented stock, social and private)

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# Increasing Solar Panels

## Forum Recommendation #1

 **We are calling for a focus on increasing solar panels in the area****Our Limitations****Legal constraints on selling electricity**

The Council does not have the power of selling electricity directly to our residents. This process lies with the energy companies. This limits our ability to install solar as a financial investment. To find ways around this, we are exploring various options with innovative partners [as detailed in the next slides].

**Funding needs**

To invest in these projects, we need financing from outside of the Council, which is currently limited for most of these projects, including:

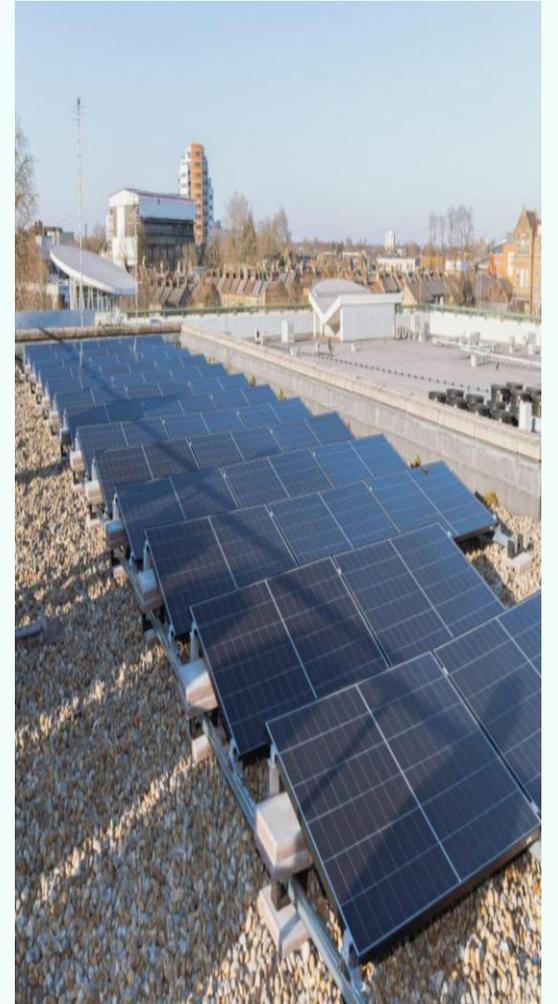
- Community energy initiatives
- Government grants and subsidies

**Building ownership and solar potential**

A significant portion of solar potential in North Woolwich is currently on buildings not owned by the Council, which means that:

- Engaging private landlords will be key - this a long-term and challenging process (see Recommendation 9).
- Tighter regulation would help a lot - plans to make [MEES](#) (Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards) regulations stricter would help accelerate landlord cooperation, but the National Government has not been clear on when these changes will happen.

The Council's ability to control these elements is currently quite limited.



## Forum Recommendation #1

 **We are calling for a focus on increasing solar panels in the area**

## Your recommendation

Council to build a plan to install solar on new 100% council buildings with support from local community groups

## Our Actions:

- Our [Just Transition Plan](#) includes our commitment to move energy system into renewable energy for all our council-owned buildings, including installing solar panels, through community-led models.
- That's why we are continuing to strengthen our collaboration with [Community Energy Newham](#) - leading on empowering communities through installing solar panels across the borough - with potential focus on North Woolwich in the future.
- We would encourage forum and community members who are interested in solar to [join Community Energy Newham](#), with opportunities to volunteer in projects and/or register your interest to be regularly updated on the work.. This will allow you to have their say on our borough's community energy projects and help you develop skills.
- The Council's new [Local Plan](#) is also at examination stage, currently submitted to the Secretary of State in July 2025. This recommends all [new developments to use solar](#) for generating enough energy to meet the entire demand of the site. Where this is not possible, developers will be expected to provide funds to be used for solar elsewhere in the borough.

*Current projects & references:*

- [Our Just Transition Plan – Our Climate Action Strategy – Newham Council](#)
- [Community Energy Newham | Repowering London](#)
- [Community Energy London Map](#)
- [Newham Local Plan Review](#)



## Forum Recommendation #1

 **We are calling for a focus on increasing solar panels in the area**

## Your recommendation

Council to offer discounts or loans for installments of solar panels

**Our Actions:**

While the Council does not currently offer discounts or loans for solar panel installation, we are **actively exploring** how we can support residents to **access existing schemes** and **remove barriers to delivery**. We will be looking at how we can improve residents' access to grant programmes like [ECO4](#), which uses financial contributions from energy companies to deliver energy efficiency projects, including heating improvements and energy saving upgrades.

## Your recommendation

Council to push for law change around solar panels at a policy level, locally and nationally

**Our Actions:**

- We are exploring ways to embed using renewable energy, including solar panels, into our **procurement processes** (i.e., the way the Council buys goods and services) for the long-term plan which will make sure there is a wider focus on increasing solar panels across Newham, including North Woolwich, from a policy perspective.
- Our new [Local Plan](#) will also ensure that all new builds, both council-owned and private, will need to **install enough solar** to match their electricity consumption, where possible.
- In the meantime, our campaigning continues through **supporting lobbying organisations**, like [Power for People's](#) Local Electricity Bill and via collective work with London Councils and Greater London Authority to push for more policy and funding for community energy.

*Current projects & references:*

- [Power for People](#)
- [Housing and Energy Support | Newham Council](#)
- [Newham's Local Plan](#)
- [ECO4](#)

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**Spreading awareness,  
support and investment**

## Forum Recommendation #2



## We are calling for spreading awareness, support and investment in community facilities to support heat and energy initiatives in North Woolwich

### Your recommendation

Council to explore engagement options for residents in local community facilities

#### Our Actions:

Community centres such as Woodman Community Centre, and St John's Community Centre are currently being considered as spaces for **voluntary projects** to host **energy awareness and skills sessions**, on top of their already active engagement.

The Council have already **invested £1.9m** bringing the **Tate Institute** back to life which included investment in solar energy provision, improved insulation and other retrofit works. We are working with the operator, Respace, to support further investment into this space for community use.

We're currently running a pilot project of climate workshops across our ESOL centres in Newham and are planning to expand and bring **energy and heat-related workshops** to spaces in North Woolwich, starting with North Woolwich Learning Zone.

### Current projects & references:

- [Community facilities](#)
- [North Woolwich Learning Zone](#)
- [Woodman Community Centre](#)
- [REinsTate Project \[formerly 'The Tate Institute'\]](#)

### Your recommendation

Council to explore funding opportunities for energy-related community facilities other (non-energy related) community facilities

#### Our Actions:

We are exploring whether community facilities in North Woolwich could be suitable for solar as part of our **community energy partnership** with Repowering London. We are considering **alternative funding mechanisms**, including incentives for businesses to invest in energy efficiency. We are also working on making a pot of our **Carbon Offset Fund** available to invest in community energy efficiency projects.

## Forum Recommendation #2



## We are calling for spreading awareness, support and investment in community facilities to support heat and energy initiatives in North Woolwich

### Your recommendation

Take ideas from this forum to the council so that the Council can identify what is missing

#### Our Actions:

We'll be taking forward your recommendations by **sharing** them to senior teams across the council, including our Corporate Leadership Board and relevant departments to spread awareness, increase support and investment from the Council. As things develop, we'll **keep the forum updated** by setting up a **North Woolwich Forum Group** including regular meetings with the Climate Action Team, so everyone can stay informed and involved.

### Your recommendation

Council to disseminate information about what already exists to the community through social media, digital and print marketing

#### Our Actions:

We'll be working with our communications team to **share existing** information [see links on this page] more widely through **social media**, **digital platforms** and **printed materials**, including heat and energy related projects and support resources.

*Newham's social media pages:*

- [Climate Action Newsletter](#)
- [Weekly Updates from Mayor](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [X](#)



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# Supporting home energy use reduction

## Forum Recommendation #3



## We are calling for supporting home energy use reduction by co-funding the costs of installation

### Your recommendation

Promote insulation in people's homes through a loans programme that is interest free and tax free.

### Our Next Steps:

We're really focused on finding ways to deliver **energy efficiency interventions** like insulation, double glazing and solar panels at a low cost to residents but currently can't promise that it will come in the form of a loans programme.

We do, however, have our sights set on signposting and enabling government funding initiatives like [ECO4](#) (Energy Company Obligation scheme) to be more accessible to Newham residents. We're also exploring funding models for making energy improvements to different types of homes through our [Net Zero Neighbourhoods](#) programme with Living Places. This will aim to create a business case and demonstrator project to attract investment into Newham's housing.

### Your recommendation

Promote installation of various sensors to raise awareness of energy use. Create smart homes for lights, temperature and humidity. Those that install these should be offered reduced council tax.

### Our Actions:

We are rolling out **environmental sensors** for social housing with the view to these helping us identify where interventions are needed to prevent damp and mould and improve energy efficiency.

**Limitations:** Due to the financial difficulties facing the council at the moment, we cannot offer reduced council tax to residents, but we are aiming to show that understanding our buildings better will lead to improved decision making, lower bills and better health for our residents.

### Current projects & references:

- [ECO4](#)
- [Net Zero Neighbourhood](#)
- [Ei1025 Environmental Sensor – Aico](#)

## Forum Recommendation #3



## We are calling for supporting home energy use reduction by co-funding the costs of installation

### Your recommendation

Encourage rainwater harvesting through selling or giveaways of water butts/harvesting systems

#### Our Actions:

We will explore ways to **encourage rainwater harvesting**, which is something that we have been investing in a lot at schools and other public buildings. This may be possible through our upcoming 'Warm Homes' programme, a grant funded programme to improve home energy performance and reduce bills for up to 359 council homes, including homes in North Woolwich, by 2028.

### Current projects & references:

- [Warm Homes](#)
- [The Newham Food Alliance – Newham Council](#)

### Your recommendation

Reduce wider energy use by investing in local food growth.

#### Our Actions:

We are working on a number of local food growth projects across Newham and hoping to bring an innovative **small farm programme** to the Royal Docks after a successful pilot at Royal Docks Academy. There is also a new permanent home for [Newham Food Alliance](#) in the works in Silvertown, as well as a circular construction hub. We hope that we can find more opportunities to bring planting opportunities to North Woolwich as these projects develop.

We are also working on developing a **place-based strategic framework** for the area coinciding with new development building across North Woolwich, which will include a comprehensive community engagement plan, including activities around food growth.

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# **London City Airport Community Involvement**

## Forum Recommendations #4



## We are calling for increased involvement in the community from London City Airport

### Your recommendation

We are calling for increased involvement in the community from London City Airport

#### What's Been Done So Far:

**Community investment:** City Airport has a [community fund](#) for Newham, including North Woolwich, that groups can apply to for support with local projects [see link in the box on the right].

**Community forum:** Our Cllr for the Royal Albert ward is currently part of the City Airport community forum. Residents can speak with her directly at her surgery at North Woolwich Library on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, from 10am to 11am, to get updates or raise any concerns.

**Raising awareness:** We've shared recommendations from the recent report with City Airport's Senior Corporate & Community Stakeholder Manager. They're aware of the feedback, and we'll keep the conversation going.

**Council officer:** The Council has a dedicated Principal Aviation Officer leading on City Airport matters. He's working with other council teams to make sure updates between the Airport and local community groups are regular and useful.

**Community involvement:** City Airport is open to ideas from the community and has good links with [One Newham](#), which represents voluntary and community groups across the borough. They've already supported initiatives in North Woolwich.

#### Our Next Steps:

We're continuing [conversations with City Airport](#) to increase their involvement across the area as part of our strategic framework initiative in North Woolwich. This will be a long-term process involving relationship building and continuous communications.

#### Current projects & references:

- [London City Airport Community Fund | London City Airport](#)
- [One Newham](#)



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# **Tate & Lyle Supporting Local Energy Needs**

## Forum Recommendations #5



## We are calling for Tate & Lyle to be a centre for community and a source of heat energy for the local residents

### Your recommendation

We are calling for Tate & Lyle to be a centre for community and a source of heat energy for the local residents

#### What's Been Done So Far:

- **Community investment:** Tate & Lyle has a [community fund](#) that groups in Newham, including North Woolwich, can apply to for support with local projects [see link in the box on the right]. We've also asked whether Tate & Lyle could open a funding pot specifically for North Woolwich. This has been passed on to our Council officer who works closely with Tate & Lyle and leads on voluntary and community sector projects. We'll keep the forum updated on any progress.
- **Heat / energy network:** We've shared your recommendations with Tate & Lyle's Head of Property and Local Affairs. They've previously explored similar suggestions, but currently face technical and logistical challenges, so this will need a long-term partnership.

#### Our Next Steps:

- We're [continuing to work with Tate & Lyle](#) across different Council teams to make sure local priorities, like funding and energy, are taken seriously. We're pushing for clearer updates, stronger community involvement, and practical progress on things like the heat network and local investment. We'll keep the forum informed as things move forward.

#### Current projects & references:

- [£50,000 Lyle's Local Fund launched to support a safe, prosperous and healthy Newham – Newham Council](#)
- [Tate & Lyle Sugars Joins Royal Docks Enterprise Zone, Newham Council and Businesses in Ambitious Climate Agreement | ASR Group](#)



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# **Stronger Cross Sector Relationships**

## Forum Recommendations #6



## We are calling for stronger cross sector relationships for economic development

### Your recommendation

We are calling for stronger cross sector relationships (e.g. between the private sector and local community groups) to raise funds and encourage economic investment in North Woolwich

### What's Been Done So Far:

- We currently hold regular meetings with local businesses in Royal Docks, covering North Woolwich, through our **Royal Docks Sustainability Network** at UEL, including City Airport and Tate and Lyle amongst others. We will look to expand the agenda to include residents, when possible, as this would lead to further connections, updates and co-creation of work.

### Our Next Steps:

- We will set up a **North Woolwich Resident Group** so members can get regular updates and have a space to raise ideas and concerns. We'll also explore how local businesses can be part of these meetings, so there's more joined-up thinking between residents and employers.
- We will continue to hold **conversations with key stakeholders such as businesses** on ways to engage with our community groups. Setting up regular forums and increasing communications will help with this.
- We will identify **vacant spaces** and **underused assets** that could be **repurposed** for community use or regeneration projects in North Woolwich and share these opportunities with the community.

### Current projects & references:

- [Climate agreements between council and business leaders in Royal Docks](#)



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# **Energy-support related education programme**

## Forum Recommendation #7



## We are calling for an education programme to support people to reduce their energy use

### Your recommendation

#### Council to form network of providers for an education programme

#### What's Been Done So Far:

- We're already **delivering workshops** on energy reduction support for ESOL learners across our Newham learning centres via [Our Newham Learning & Skills](#), and we're in early conversations about extending these workshops to **North Woolwich Learning Zone**. This could potentially evolve into a sustainability-focused course for residents.

#### Our Next Steps:

- We will explore opportunities to **work with partners** such as Community Energy Newham and University of East London to shape a **training offer** that includes academic courses, apprenticeships, short workshops, and tailored sessions for mature learners.
- We will work with our retrofit team to **create educational material** for residents to support with reducing energy use, and explore how best to share this through leaflets, social media, council newsletters, and public signage. We'll also look to signpost to organisations like [National Energy Action](#) and [Green Doctors](#), who offer funded energy advice services.

#### Current projects & references:

- [ESOL Centres](#)
- [North Woolwich Learning Zone](#)
- [Woodman Community Centre](#)
- [REinsTate Project \[at 'The Tate Institute'\]](#)
- [Community Energy Newham](#)
- [University of East London](#)
- [Green Doctors](#)
- [National Energy Action](#)

## Forum Recommendation #7



## We are calling for an education programme to support people to reduce their energy use

### Your recommendation

Council to identify funding sources (business sponsors, grant funding, charitable trusts)

### Our Actions:

We will be exploring a range of external funding sources — including business sponsors, grant funding, and charitable trusts — to help embed green skills sessions within community and educational centres. To support collaboration, we will look at how we can build a network of providers, including schools, UEL, and energy companies, by drawing on existing platforms such as the Royal Docks Sustainability Network and our Schools Network.

### Your recommendation

Council to explore incentives to increase intake of education programme

### Our Actions:

We will look at how incentives can be built into the programme, drawing on models like our volunteer programme, which offers reward points, reference letters and certifications to support future job opportunities. While council tax discounts may not be feasible, we'll explore partnerships with organisations like TfL to identify other forms of support, such as travel discounts.

### Current projects & references:

- [Climate agreements between council and business leaders in Royal Docks](#)



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# **Corporate social responsibility for community**

## Forum Recommendations #8



## We are calling for local corporates to use their corporate social responsibility in the community

### Your recommendation

We are calling for local corporates to use their corporate social responsibility in the community

### What's Been Done So Far:

We currently hold regular meetings with local businesses in Royal Docks, covering North Woolwich, through our **Royal Docks Sustainability Network** at UEL, including City Airport and Tate and Lyle amongst others. We will explore the potential for businesses who are part of the network to be involved with or fund community projects.

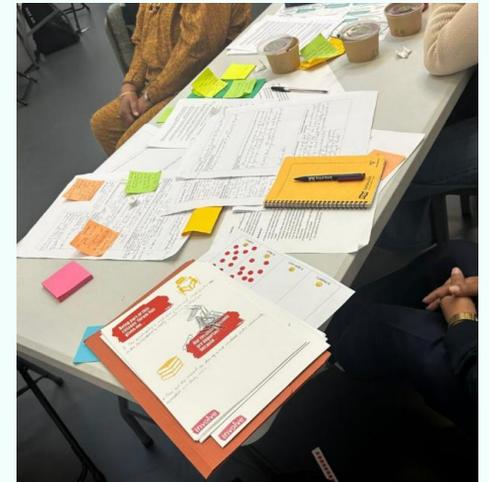
We are also working with our anchor institutions through our **strategic work specifically in North Woolwich**, understanding how businesses can contribute and collaborate with us.

### Our Actions:

- We will be working with communities to understand local needs, asks, and generate ideas and exploring how these can be incorporated through the **Council's Social Value framework** to secure support from businesses we work with.
- We will be exploring **funding mechanisms** to help bring local projects to life and support long-term community-led change.
- We will create a **list of significant businesses** in the area, to understand key stakeholders and use this as a basis of engagement.

### Current projects & references:

- [Climate agreements between council and business leaders in Royal Docks](#)



**9 & 10**

# **Our Housing Situation**

## Forum Recommendation #9 &amp; #10



## Recommendation #9 and #10

### Our Limitations

#### Our Current Housing Situation:

Improving our housing stock is a huge challenge for the council, as highlighted in [our response to the serious failings highlighted by the social housing regulator](#) last year. Significant progress has been made over the last year, but there are still **many improvements** that are required if we are to make our social and leasehold homes more comfortable, warm and cost-effective.

#### Our Actions:

**Essential repairs** and **fire safety** must take priority, but we believe that a **holistic approach** to improving the qualities of our homes is needed and have a target of 2030 for **achieving EPC C** across all social homes.

Improving the energy efficiency of our homes can also help prevent issues like **damp and mould**, and we are planning to use our **Warm Homes programme** to demonstrate this on 359 social homes by March 2028.

We're also working on **funding models** to help us deliver this at scale in the future.

#### Our Barriers:

Unfortunately, the council has less control over **non-social housing**, beyond enforcing regulations set by central government.

Overcoming these challenges are **longer-term ambitions** and require **significant investment**. We will try our best to **show progress** on your final two recommendations as quickly as we can.

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# **Landlord responsibilities for energy efficiency in homes**

## Forum Recommendation #9



## We are calling for the council to incentivise landlords to make homes more energy efficient

### Your recommendation

Raising awareness on tenants' rights and benefits of having long term changes to their houses [i.e., through retrofit]

### Our Actions:

We completely agree that **greater awareness of tenants' rights** will lead to better outcomes and are glad to see this as a recommendation. We will look at how we can help tenants and landlords better understand their rights and responsibilities when it comes to making homes more energy efficient. This includes **directing people to trusted independent advice** and providing **clear, accessible information** around what the law requires, such as minimum Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) ratings and Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards [MEES] in private rented homes.

Government plans for MEES to become stricter by the end of 2025 have been postponed, and it is not clear at the moment if there will be changes to energy efficiency regulations before 2030. [Some information about this is already available on our Newham Council website](#), but the policy landscape around this is often changing, and we need to make sure that we are keeping track of the government's plans and updating the website accordingly.

We also appreciate that you want to hear about the long-term value and benefits of retrofit measures, such as improved comfort, health and wellbeing, lower bills, lower risks of damp, condensation and mould. Our plan is to use our **Warm Homes programme** to demonstrate these benefits as we upgrade 359 social homes over the next three years. Not all of these are in North Woolwich, but we will certainly be using the learnings from each home upgrade to show residents and potential investors what is possible, and why we should be doing more of it!

### Current projects & references:

- [EPC ratings](#)
- [Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards \[MEES\] | Newham Council](#)
- [Council Tenants and Leaseholders | Newham Council](#)
- [Tenants' Rights \[Private Renting\]](#)



## Forum Recommendation #9



## We are calling for the council to incentivise landlords to make homes more energy efficient

### Your recommendation

When landlords accept council or government funds to improve their property they should sign an agreement that they cannot increase the rent of the property for 2 years

### Our Actions:

We know how important it is going to be to work with landlords to improve the quality of Newham's private rental homes, but we also know that it will not be easy! Although the Council does not have the power to impose rent controls or change the terms of government grant funding, we are very conscious of the risk that rents could increase following energy efficiency upgrades, and this clearly is not fair.

We will continue to **advocate for more considerate policy** that protects renters' rights and will continue trying to find ways to ensure that landlords improve their properties without passing costs onto tenants. We are hopeful that **future changes to Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards** will help with this, and will be providing **information on the Renters' Rights Act**, which has just become law and should offer tenants more security.

### Current projects & references:

- [Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards \[MEES\] | Newham Council](#)
- [ECO4](#)
- [Warm Homes Local Grant](#)
- [Renters' Rights Act 2025](#)

### Your recommendation

Give grants to landlords to retrofit the properties in ways that benefit tenants' homes to prevent rent increases

### Our Actions:

Government grants like [ECO4](#) and [Warm Homes Local Grant](#) can be used by landlords to upgrade the energy efficiency of their properties, but there is no guarantee that such improvements won't lead to higher rents in the future. A mixture of regulation and incentivisation will be key to improving privately rated homes, so we will continue to **work with partners** to identify how best to support renters with energy efficiency. It is worth noting that the new [Renters' Rights Act](#) does strengthen renters' rights in general, and in particular with regard to evictions.

## Forum Recommendation #9



## We are calling for the council to incentivise landlords to make homes more energy efficient

### Your recommendation

Lobby the national government to reduce energy costs for renters

#### Our Actions:

- We will **lobby central government** through established local government networks and advocate for reform that benefits private renters.
- There has recently been a **consultation on reforming MEES** (Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards) for the Private Rental Sector; we are supportive of this much needed reform and raising of this standard - which currently does not go far enough. When MEES is strengthened, this will place greater responsibilities on landlords to improve energy efficiency of tenanted homes. So, we will continue pushing for a positive reform and clearer timelines from the government.
- The Council will check which private rented homes in Newham are exempt from energy efficiency rules **and review leasehold restrictions** that may block retrofit work. We'll explore ways to combine funding so leasehold flats—many of which are privately rented—can be upgraded alongside social housing. This will link to national leasehold reform to make retrofitting easier in leasehold blocks.

#### Current projects & references:

- [Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards \[MEES\] | Newham Council](#)
- [Housing and Energy | Newham Council](#)



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# **Rental stock energy- efficiency and compliance**

## Forum Recommendation #10



## We are calling for more regular checks on the state of rental stock to make sure it is compliant and energy efficient (for all rented stock, social, and private)

### Your recommendation

Council to update information on rental stock and energy efficiency ratings

#### For Socially Rented Homes:

- We are currently **reviewing and updating Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)**. This process will take place over the next three years and will be carried out alongside other essential surveys including stock condition surveys to assess property condition and compliance.

#### For Privately Rented Homes:

- **Initiating conversations** with the relevant teams to better understand current assessment processes and identify opportunities to strengthen them.

### Current projects & references:

- [EPC ratings](#)
- [Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards \[MEES\] | Newham Council](#)

### Your recommendation

Council to set up a portal

#### Our Actions:

EPC information is already publicly available through the **UK Government's EPC portal**. Rather than duplicating this, we will explore creating a **Council-hosted landing page** that links to the national portal and provides guidance to help residents interpret their EPC results. This could also include information on when EPCs must be renewed, what to do if a valid certificate is missing, and how to report concerns about non-compliance with Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES).

## Forum Recommendation #10



## We are calling for more regular checks on the state of rental stock to make sure it is compliant and energy efficient (for all rented stock, social, and private)

### Your recommendation

Prioritise houses that have not been checked for 3-5 years (try to get feedback from renters)

### Our Actions:

Stock checks on our social housing have been accelerated since last year's decision from the regulator. It is expected that half of the homes will have been checked by December 2025, and 95% by December 2026. We are also taking feedback from tenants during delivery of our Warm Homes scheme, with the hope of applying learnings on a wider scale.

### Current projects & references:

- [Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards \[MEES\] | Newham Council](#)

### Your recommendation

Bring the houses up to living standards while improving efficiency in a timeframe of 6 months to 1 year from the check

### Our Actions:

In practice, whilst 6 months to a year from the check is a good target to set, the resource and cost implications mean that we will not always be able to deliver improvements as quickly as we would like. Much of our wider work on financing retrofit is aimed at closing the gap to ensure that we can move quicker in the future. Central government targets are also longer term, however as of October 2025 Awaab's law requires social housing landlords like Newham to respond to damp and mould problems within stricter timelines, and this is positive.

The Council is also responsible for enforcement of MEES in private rentals and has a dedicated team for this. Some homes may be registered as exempt, and part of this work will involve identifying where barriers to meeting MEES exist — including leasehold properties where the Council may be the freeholder. This ongoing work will continue to hold landlords to account for meeting energy efficiency standards.

## Forum Recommendation #10



## We are calling for more regular checks on the state of rental stock to make sure it is compliant and energy efficient (for all rented stock, social, and private)

### Your recommendation

Upskill existing employees for house checks or on the phone checks with the renters

### Our Actions:

We will **review the current skillsets** within relevant teams to identify where additional training may be needed, whether for in-person inspections or phone-based checks with renters, to ensure staff are equipped to assess energy efficiency measures effectively.

### Current projects & references:

- [Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards \[MEES\] | Newham Council](#)

# Support Available

# Support schemes in Newham

## Sustainability Related Support Schemes in Newham



Newham's Just Transition Plan means we are committed to fostering a sustainable and equitable future for everyone in the borough. Find out more about schemes, events and funding available from the Council and our partners to help you actively live a more sustainable life.



WE ARE NEWHAM.

## Reduce your energy bills

### Get expert energy-saving advice through our Stay Warm in Newham scheme

Get help managing your energy bills from experts who can help you save money! The Stay Warm in Newham Scheme provides appointments with 'Green Doctors' to give you energy related support and advice, including help with grant applications and home visits, free of charge!

Refer yourself or someone you are concerned about using this online form: <https://groundwork.my.salesforce-sites.com/StayWarmInNewham>

or scan the QR code:



The Green Doctors are also available for in person support at Renewal Program – 395 High Street North, E12 6PG – every Tuesday from 11am- 1pm.

For more information contact [info@renewalprogramme.org.uk](mailto:info@renewalprogramme.org.uk) or via telephone 02084716954



### Energy-saving home improvement grants if you live in private housing

Repowering London is supporting homeowners and renters to plan, finance and deliver energy efficiency upgrades. This service is free for eligible households and offered at a subsidised rate to those who are not. If eligible you could receive help to cover the costs of insulation work or replacing/repairing your boiler!

To be eligible, you must privately rent or own your home and be in receipt of benefits, and your home must have an energy efficiency rating of D, E, F or G. You must have the owner's permission.

If you wish to apply or get more information regarding contact Repowering London at [FutureFitHomes@repowering.org.uk](mailto:FutureFitHomes@repowering.org.uk) or call on 020 3674 7519.

## Reuse & Recycle

### Support for families with little ones

Growbaby provide **free clothing and equipment** for young children aged 0-5 for anyone who needs it in the Newham Area.

**Where?** Highway Vineyard Church, Romford Road, E15 4EH

**When?** Tuesdays, 10am-3pm



### Eco-friendly fashion

Free **Clothing Swaps** and **Repair Cafes** take place regularly in locations across the borough. Bring your unwanted, clean, gently used clothing, to swap for a new garment, or learn how to mend or upcycle with our clothing repairers.

Visit [www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/campaigns/clotheswaps](http://www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/campaigns/clotheswaps) for **dates and locations** of upcoming clothing swaps!

Or scan the QR code:



### Discard your bulky waste at Jenkins Lane

Jenkins Lane Resue and Recycling Centre, IG11 0AD is your local centre to dispose of your bulky, household waste.

Open Monday-Sunday, 8:30am-5:30pm

Book your slot online at

[www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/recycling-locations/jenkins-lane](http://www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/recycling-locations/jenkins-lane)



## Healthy, sustainable food

### Newham Food Alliance can help you access the food you need



If or someone you know is experiencing financial challenges that are preventing them from getting the food they need, then please make a referral to the Newham Food Alliance.

Refer yourself or someone you know at: [www.newham.gov.uk/advice-support-benefits/newham-food-alliance](http://www.newham.gov.uk/advice-support-benefits/newham-food-alliance)

Or scan the QR code:



To contact directly, phone **07790 975 086** or email [FrontDoor@NewhamFoodAlliance.org](mailto:FrontDoor@NewhamFoodAlliance.org)

### Weekly community hot meal at FoodCycle

FoodCycle provide a free hot meal once a week. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up on the day.

**FoodCycle East Ham:**  
Pilgrims Way Church, Pilgrims Way (entrance via Myrtle Road), East Ham, London, E6 1HW  
When? **Tuesdays 7pm**

**FoodCycle Plaistow:**  
Memorial Community Church, 395 Barking Road, London, E13 8AL  
When? **Wednesdays 7pm**

## Grow your own

There are many community gardens open to public access across the borough that offer the perfect opportunity to keep active and meet new people while enjoying the rewards of growing your own fruit and vegetables.

A map of all our green spaces in Newham is available at [www.growsie.net/map/](http://www.growsie.net/map/)

or scan the QR code:



Email [info@activenewham.org.uk](mailto:info@activenewham.org.uk) for more information.



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## Climate Action in Newham

Information about Climate Action in Newham



Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time and disproportionately affects Newham in various ways. Our Climate Action Strategy sets out how we are tackling these issues and working towards a fairer, more sustainable and liveable Newham.

[Find out more about our Climate Action Strategy](#)

<a href="#">Sustainable Transport</a> →	<a href="#">Food and Health</a> →
<a href="#">Housing and Energy</a> →	<a href="#">Waste, Consumption and Recycling</a> →
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### Get involved in Climate Action

We are always looking for opportunities to support community groups, businesses or residents with climate action, if you have any ideas on what else we could be doing or want to get involved email us. To keep up to date with any future climate events, schemes and latest news sign up to our newsletter below.

**Email:**  
[climate.action@newham.gov.uk](mailto:climate.action@newham.gov.uk)  
 → [Sign up to our Climate Action Newsletter](#)

## Housing and Energy

Advice and support for **homeowners & tenants** on **saving energy and keeping warm**

### What is retrofitting?

Retrofitting is the process of fitting new energy saving measures to buildings that were previously built without them. This can range from small measures such as LED lighting and draught proofing to big changes like wall insulation and solar panels.

There are various government schemes to help people install energy efficient measures in their homes to save money. Click the links below to find out more about the schemes to see if it's right for you:

#### For Homeowners

- Interested in replacing your gas boiler with an ecofriendly alternative that could save you money in the long run? Check out the [Boiler Upgrade Scheme](#)
- Need help installing measures to lower your energy usage? Check out the [Great British Insulation Scheme](#)
- Repowering London is supporting Newham homeowners to future proof their homes. Find out more about [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO\)](#).

#### Financial support with home bills

- See what [Government Financial support](#) you could be eligible for.
- [Energy-efficiency grants, advice, and services for residents](#)
- [Stay Warm in Newham](#) is a free service that provides energy efficiency advice to help people save money on their bills and live more comfortably.

#### For Businesses and landlords



# Newsletter



## The Climate Action Newsletter: Your guide to a sustainable Newham

Stay informed about Newham's journey toward a just and sustainable future! Our Climate Action Newsletter delivers the latest updates on our plans, projects, and opportunities to make a difference. Whether you're a resident, business owner, community group member, or student – this newsletter is for anyone passionate about building a greener and more equitable borough.

### What you'll find inside:

- **Exciting local projects:** From tree-planting initiatives to sustainable shopping resources.
- **Practical tips:** Get actionable advice for tackling climate challenges like heatwaves.
- **Support and resources:** Discover funding opportunities and helpful links to boost your own sustainability efforts.

**Join the movement:** The Climate Action Newsletter is your connection to a thriving community dedicated to shaping a brighter future for Newham. Subscribe today and become a part of the solution!

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What the team is up to...

Ways to get involved!

Community funding opportunities



Sign up here >>



# Get Involved

# Join us



**Share offer OPEN**

**You can bring a cleaner, brighter future to your community!**

Buy your share in Community Energy Newham from as little as £50

- Become a member of Newham's community-owned energy co-operative
- Take local action for the climate
- Receive a 3% return
- Raise money for local projects

Scan here to learn more



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Note: £50 investment applies to Newham residents only. Standard minimum £100



**AQA Accredited**

40 hours of paid learning (London Living Wage)

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**Can you imagine your future in a GREEN career?**

There's a new Youth Training Programme for 16-19 year olds in Newham, starting in January 2026. Get inspired to be part of the green economy and develop skills for your career.

**Starts Jan 2026 • Apply Now**

- Green Skills • Career Advice
- Fun Workshops • Solar Power • Community Energy
- Retrofit • Employability

Scan the QR code to apply





**WOOLWICH** Newham London

**NORTH**

**Community Workshop and Clothes Swap**

25 November 2025, from 3pm - 7pm  
Tate Institute  
1 Wythes Rd, E16 2DN

**Come along to:**

- Share your ideas about North Woolwich
- Swap clothes, learn to repair and upcycle textiles, and make festive jumper decorations
- Share food with your friends and neighbours





Find out more about the clothes swap at [www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/whatson)

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