

CARBON NEUTRAL RANDWICK - DISCUSSION GROUP 1

NOTES ON THE DISCUSSION

Our discussion really ranged across all three questions with the most attention being given to Transport and Buildings (specifically individual homeowners). We touched on issues surrounding new builds but not as much as the other questions.

1/ Energy performance of buildings — and 2/ New build

- * Tighter regulations for new housing development
- * Reintroduce thermal imaging as a means to assess heat loss / retention performance of buildings new and old
- * Programme of applying better insulation to existing housing / housing stock
- * Support re-introduction of the Feed in tariff / work with energy suppliers to provide incentives for homeowners to contribute to the grid
- * Financial incentives for fitting housing with solar / batteries. Green investment, low priced loans, energy suppliers to provide equipment and fitting in exchange for 20+ year contracts
- * Provide better information to homeowners about what they can and cannot do, a registry of reputable local equipment suppliers.

3/ Transport

- * BUSES, BUSES BUSES
- * Greater frequency of bus journeys particularly at key school / work times of the day
- * New buses, biomass fuelled
- * Reduced fares / free travel for under 21s to de incentivise car ownership
- * Better communication of bus availability (eg. electronic signs on bus stops showing waiting time, mobile app with buses plotted on the map)
- * Better provision for cycling along key routes
- * Electric bike incentive
- * Flexible working initiatives, to spread out rush hour. Teleworking, shared offices
- * Walking buses for school runs
- * Nudge people to walk more often, use the car less, especially for short journeys
- * Encourage smaller cars
- * Car share schemes / prioritise cars with multiple passengers