

# Draft Housing Decarbonisation Strategy

Dear Consultee,

Cornwall Council is asking for your views on a Draft Housing Decarbonisation Strategy which you can find on our [Let's Talk](#) and web pages. **The consultation period starts on 5 July and closes at 5pm on Monday 16 September 2024.**

The draft strategy suggests short, medium and long-term actions along with key principles, targets and a 'Road Map' to inform implementation of **housing decarbonisation measures in Cornwall. It looks at how to improve energy efficiency and cut emissions in our homes.**

## **We have a legal duty to decarbonise as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008**

([legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk)). The Climate Change Action Plan 2019, set out a Carbon Neutral Homes Programme. This focussed on whole house retrofit and new build homes and the Climate Emergency DPD was adopted in February 2023 introducing new, supportive planning policies.

**Homes in Cornwall contribute over 20% of total emissions. We know that over 90% of them will need some form of retrofitting to meet our carbon neutral ambitions. Cornish housing is less energy efficient when compared to the rest of the UK and across the Southwest. We have some catching up to do!**

The University of Exeter reviewed existing evidence and data on Cornwall Housing stock to provide a baseline for the development of this draft strategy. Their report suggested that emissions from heating and hot water are persistent with no decline over the past 10 years. In fact, fuel combustion emissions are increasing in Cornwall. The draft strategy identifies pathways to reduce emissions from Cornish housing.

## **How to view the documents and comment**

Please visit [letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk](http://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk) [Housing Decarbonisation](#) to complete our survey and have your say.

If you are unable to view the document in any other way, we may be able to provide a paper copy of the document.

We have arranged some virtual events where you can ask question and discuss the strategy with our team:

Please let us know if you would like to register for one of the sessions by emailing us at: [HousingDecarbonisation@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:HousingDecarbonisation@cornwall.gov.uk) stating which session you would like to attend.

Tuesday 16 July 10am – 11.30am

Thursday 18 July 2pm – 3.30pm