

# Rising to the Challenge

A Climate Change Action Plan for England's Northwest

## FEEDBACK FORM

The consultation draft of the region's action plan on climate change has been developed with excellent input from a number of regional partner organisations and experts, but it will only be truly effective if it is owned across the region by the broad range of stakeholders that will be pivotal in delivering real action on climate change.

Please take the time to read the action plan and then give us your feedback and further suggestions using this form. If we work together, the Northwest can lead the way in tackling climate change.

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**Consultation closes: 5 September 2006**

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For a hard copy of the full Action Plan or for further information on the consultation process, please email [climate.change@nwda.co.uk](mailto:climate.change@nwda.co.uk).

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<b>Level of Energy Usage</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Particularly high energy user <input type="checkbox"/> Particularly high transport user <input type="checkbox"/> Significant producer or consumer of goods and services

**Please do not feel that you have to answer all questions. Limiting your answers to the *KEY* issues for you or your organisation/group will assist in the analysis of responses. If you require more space for your comments please use the *Additional Comments* section at the end of this document.**

## 1. VISION - 'A low carbon and well adapted Northwest by 2020'

1a) Do you agree with the Vision above?

Yes No   
If Yes, please go to Q2

1b) If no, do you think the Vision is

Too ambitious

Not ambitious enough

1c) Do you have any additional comments on the Vision?

## 2. MEASURES, INDICATORS AND TARGETS

2a) Do you mostly agree with the proposed measures, indicators and targets on Page 3 of the consultation document?

Yes No   
If Yes, please go to Q2c

2b) Do you have any comments on the measures, indicators and targets?

In general there are too many targets and these need to be focussed. The measures proposed on Page 3 seem to be resonable. I am less sure about M3 (land use) as there will be obvious conflicts with non-energy use of land. There is an obvious need to improve public transport and so reduce energy use on transport and also an obvious conflict with increasing airtravel.

2c) Are there any other measures, indicators and targets that should be included?

Although I realise it is difficult, the conflict with air travel needs to be addressed. This is a subset of the apparent conflict with economic development. I think this conflict is not real as we will not achieve sustainable economic development at the expense of the environment but the idea of continuuiing growth (including energy use) is attractive to some colleagues.

## 3. ACTION AREA A: Building awareness, evidence and co-ordinated delivery

a) Please check the boxes in the table below to tell us if you agree with the primary actions identified on pages 5- 7 of the consultation document. Please use the Comments column to inform us of your views.

Ref.	Primary Action	Agree Y/N	Comments
1	Develop and deploy criteria and tools against which all plans and strategies can be appraised for their effectiveness at addressing climate change.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Define, develop, implement and maintain a targeted regional energy and climate change communications strategy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Establish local targets for the uptake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	But I remain confused as to the role

	of renewable energy generation on brownfield land and public sector land holdings.		of the Region, Sub-Regions and local authorities
14	Identify and alert regional organisations and business sectors most likely to be affected by climate change.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	

3b) Do you have any comments on any of the secondary actions under Action Area A?

ACTION REF	Comment

3c) Would you / your organisation agree to be involved in delivering any of the primary or secondary actions? If so, please indicate whether this would be in the form of a lead or support role and comment on the role you could play.

ACTION REF	Lead (L) or Support (S) Role	Please comment on the role you could play
1	S	The Joule Centre would hope to provide academic support for this

3d) Are there any other priority actions that should be included under Action Area A?

Suggested Action	Purpose	Lead Organisation

**4. ACTION AREA B:  
Increasing the region's energy efficiency**

4a) Please check the boxes in the table below to tell us if you agree with the primary actions identified on pages 8-10 of the consultation document. Please use the Comments column to inform us of your views.

Ref.	Primary Action	Agree Y/N	Comments
20	Improve awareness of energy efficiency amongst householders, landlords and tenants and encourage them to take energy saving actions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	Set minimum standards that go beyond building regulations for energy use in all public sector funded new and refurbished buildings.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	Deliver a 'step change' in the effectiveness of regional business support organisations to prioritise and better co-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	

ordinate energy efficiency advice.		
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4b) Do you have any comments on the secondary actions under Action Area B?

ACTION REF.	Comment
20,26	The Joule would hope to provide academic support for these activities

4c) Would you / your organisation agree to be involved in delivering any of the primary or secondary actions? If so, please indicate whether this would be in the form of a lead or support role and comment on the role you could play.

ACTION REF	Lead (L) or Support (S) Role	Please comment on the role you could play
20,26	S	The Joule Centre would hope to provide academic support for this
30	S	The NWECC has expressed the view on a number of occasions that it would like to see better co-ordination of business support measures aimed at energy/climate change

4d) Are there any other priority actions that should be included under Action Area D?

Suggested Action	Purpose	Lead Organisation

## 5. ACTION AREA C: Adapting to the impacts of climate change

5a) Please check the boxes in the table below to tell us if you agree with the primary actions identified on pages 11-12 of the consultation document. Please use the Comments column to inform us of your views.

Ref.	Primary Action	Agree Y/N	Comments
38	Introduce climate proofing criteria attached to all public sector capital spend through grant conditions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
47	Undertake a climate impact assessment of key regional business sectors to identify areas for growth resulting from the impacts and mitigation of climate change.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

5b) Do you have any comments on the secondary actions under Action Area C?

ACTION REF	Comment
47	The Joule Centre has not, so far, focussed on adaptation. I am very open to a discussion as to whether this should be part of the Joule area of activity or should be undertaken by others.

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5c) Would you / your organisation agree to be involved in delivering any of the primary or secondary actions? If so, please indicate whether this would be in the form of a lead or support role and comment on the role you could play.

ACTION REF	Lead (L) or Support (S) Role	Please comment on the role you could play

5d) Are there any other priority actions that should be included under Action Area C?

Suggested Action	Purpose	Lead Organisation

**6. ACTION AREA D:  
Securing major carbon emissions at source**

6a) Please check the boxes in the table below to tell us if you agree with the primary actions identified on pages 13-15 of the consultation document. Please use the Comments column to inform us of your views.

Ref.	Primary Action	Agree Y/N	Comments
54	Adopt a more co-ordinated approach to the promotion of travel plans through a roll out of best practice and encouraging organisations to make transport decisions on available sustainable options.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes   No <input type="checkbox"/>	The region probably needs to engage more effectively with "Transport" as we are not to my knowledge addressing the energy issues of Transport effectively at present
59	Investigate the potential for and, if appropriate, facilitate carbon capture and storage mechanisms.		
61	Stimulate an expansion of existing low carbon Research and Development schemes and other business funding streams.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes   No <input type="checkbox"/>	

6b) Do you have any comments on the secondary actions under Action Area D?

ACTION REF	Comment

6c) Would you / your organisation agree to be involved in delivering any of the primary or secondary actions? If so, please indicate whether this would be in the form of a lead or support role and comment on the role you could play.

ACTION REF	Lead (L) or Support (S) Role	Please comment on the role you could play


6d) Are there any other priority actions that you feel should be included under Action Area D?

Suggested Action	Purpose	Lead Organisation

**7. ACTION AREA E:  
Increasing low carbon energy supplies**

7a) Please check the boxes in the table below to tell us if you agree with the primary actions identified on pages 15-17 of the consultation document. Please use the Comments column to inform us of your views.

Ref.	Primary Action	Agree Y/N	Comments / Additional activities
68	Encourage public sector organisations to require a minimum of 10% renewable energy in new developments or refurbishments rising to 15% from 2010.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	Should the requirement be for renewable energy or higher standards of energy efficiency?
73	Develop large-scale low carbon supply schemes, conduct feasibility and impact assessments for all potential future projects and work to increase good practice in community engagement.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	
78	Increase the regional availability of funding for R&D and demonstration projects on low carbon energy supply sources and implement if feasible.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	

7b) Do you have any comments on the secondary actions under Action Area E?

ACTION REF	Comment

7c) Would you / your organisation agree to be involved in delivering any of the primary or secondary actions? If so, please indicate whether this would be in the form of a lead or support role and comment on the role you could play.

ACTION REF	Lead (L) or Support (S) Role	Please comment on the role you could play
78	L	The Joule Centre is focussing on Research and the NVEC is in dialogue with the RBA about Development and Deployment

7d) Are there any other priority actions that you feel should be included under Action Area E?

Suggested Action	Purpose	Lead Organisation

**8. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

8a) Please rank the Top 10 Actions in order of priority (1=Highest, 10 = Lowest)

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Please use the space below to make any other comments that you wish. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

See separate sheets recording the joint Joule Centre/NWEC meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> August

Thank you for completing this form. All forms should be returned either electronically to [climate.change@nwda.co.uk](mailto:climate.change@nwda.co.uk) or by post by no later than **5 September 2006** to:

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