

London Bridge Decarbonisation Charter

Purpose

The London Bridge Decarbonisation Charter is a framework for business members of Team London Bridge (TLB) and area stakeholders to commit to making London Bridge one of the most sustainable places to do business in the world.

The Charter is collective commitment to work with TLB towards being a carbon neutral business district, as well as individual businesses making their own sustainability commitments. This will be achieved through the application of a number of charter themes, set out below, that will each help reduce emissions in London Bridge, calculated at around 130,000tCO₂ in 2019 baseline.

The Charter is not a legal framework, but a commitment to improve and work together (see FAQs section).

Context

The [London Bridge Business Improvement District \(BID\) Carbon Neutral Routemap](#), published in July 2022, identified how the local business community, supported by TLB, can collectively and individually reduce carbon emissions to become a carbon neutral business district.

The Routemap sets out how to achieve a carbon neutral target by 2030, aligning with Southwark Council's own climate strategy. We know this challenge will be impossible without the spirit of collective endeavour set out in this Charter. The Routemap also recommends that businesses within the BID area, including TLB, set science-based or net-zero targets. This Charter will support progress on both collective and individual business paths.

Three types of action are set out in the Routemap to help us achieve these aims: enabling mechanisms; communal projects; and business-led initiatives. A sustainable transition fund, spent on local sustainable projects to deliver local benefits, is also recommended to help offset residual emissions.

To support the delivery of the Routemap, TLB and the London Bridge Net Zero Steering Group – made up of member businesses to steer work in the Routemap - have created this Decarbonisation Charter.

Charter commitment

There are two commitments that businesses can sign up to in this Charter:

1. A collective commitment to decarbonise the business district and be one of the most sustainable places to do business in the world. It is open to any organisation with a stake in the London Bridge BID area, and applies to any business, regardless of size, business type, whether they are branch or main office, or where they are on

their decarbonisation journey. The more businesses that sign, the greater indicator of the strength of this collective endeavour.

2. An individual business commitment to move towards net zero. The Charter will inspire businesses to become a Trailblazer by setting an earlier more ambitious science-based target, but recognises that businesses need to work their way towards that. The aggregate of these individual commitments will indicate how much progress the wider business community is making.

The Charter will be backed up with funding, resources, tools and networking via TLB to enable businesses to decarbonise more effectively across the charter themes set out below.

Your company's commitment to reducing carbon emissions in the London Bridge business district

By embracing the Charter themes set out below, your company along with others will shape a district that leads on decarbonisation, remains competitive, builds resilience, and offers innovative products and services for businesses, residents and visitors.

1. This business' collective commitment

Our business makes a commitment to support the collective aims of the London Bridge BID Carbon Neutral Routemap and play a positive contribution to its delivery through application of the charter themes (set out in Q3).

Yes

No

Comment

2. This business' individual commitment

Our business is committed to its own net zero target, through application of the Charter themes in Q3 (please select one of the options below).

- Net Zero Trailblazer = by 2030 in accordance with the Southwark Council and London Bridge BID target.
- Net Zero Champion = by 2050 in accordance with the UK Government target
- Net Zero Pathfinder = working towards setting a net zero target through application
- Not quite ready for this, but we have made a collective commitment

Please provide a date you are committed to, or other information you want to share.

3. Charter theme commitments to decarbonise London Bridge

Whether at a collective or individual business level, this business will work to continually improve on the following themes which are sources of emissions in London Bridge (select all that apply).

Energy efficiency: We will minimise our use of energy, exploring ever more efficient measures and behaviours for our buildings and other assets.

Energy procurement: We will, when and where possible, invest in local renewable energy generation and/or switch to renewable energy.

Waste: We will reduce the amount of waste we generate, abiding by the principles of reduce, recycle and reuse.

Circular economy: We will explore circular economy opportunities, including business models, new products and service offerings.

Green infrastructure: We will deliver or be supportive of investment in green and blue infrastructure in London Bridge and its surroundings to improve our climate resilience and support local biodiversity increase.

Supply chains: We will prioritise working with local, sustainable, low-carbon suppliers where possible to meet our business needs and seek decarbonisation through our supply chains

Transport: We will consider our transport emissions and encourage sustainable, public, and active modes of transport among employees, customers, clients and suppliers.

Upskilling and knowledge sharing: We will encourage our employees to upskill to increase our capacity to deliver the aims of this Charter and share knowledge to support the collective efforts of the London Bridge business community.

Monitoring and reporting: We will monitor and report on our carbon footprint, sharing as much data as possible to support the monitoring of London Bridge's aggregate carbon emissions.

Other (please specify)

4. Charter contact details:

This should be the person that TLB can contact about the Charter, renewal of the Charter and other sustainability services and events. Please indicate to TLB if this contact changes.

Name

Position

Business name

Address

Email

5. Please confirm this person has the authority on behalf of the organisation to support for the Charter

Yes

No

6. Authorisation provided by

Name

Position

7. Please confirm if you are also happy for TLB to contact the person providing authorisation, in addition to the main Charter contact

Yes

No

8. Please indicate if you would like your organisation's commitment to be visible on the relevant TLB web page

Collective

Your individual business

Comment