



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 net zero 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 127,500 tCO₂e in 2023 (against a baseline of 134,000 tCO₂e in 2019).

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 net zero business district.

The Routemap sets out how to achieve a net zero 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 - have created this Decarbonisation Charter.

Charter commitments

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, regardless of size, business type, whether branch or main office, or where you are on your 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.

By embracing the Charter and 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. Name of Business

2. 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 Q4).

- Yes
- No
- Comment ____

3. This business' individual commitment

Our business is committed to its own decarbonisation target (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
- 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.

4. 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 will contribute to reducing emissions in London Bridge (select all that apply).

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.

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, where possible, invest in local renewable energy generation and/or switch to renewable energy.

Waste: We will apply waste hierarchy principles, with a priority to reduce followed by re-use, recycle, recover and finally dispose.

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

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.

Green infrastructure: We will either deliver, or be supportive of, initiatives that increase green and blue infrastructure to help London Bridge better adapt to climate change and to support local biodiversity.

Other: Please specify other areas where you are reducing emissions, for instance something specific to your sector, investments, pensions, scope 3 or offsets

Details ____

5. Is this a first time commitment or a renewed commitment?

- We are signing the Charter for the first time (go straight to Final Details).
- We are signing for the first time, but would still like to review our effort.
- We have signed the Charter before so are renewing and reviewing.

Review (unless you are a first time signatory and decided not to review)

Please indicate how you feel your business is doing against the Charter themes.

Under no condition will TLB share your individual review scores. We may share average findings across all respondents and monitor year-on-year.

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6. Setting targets

Please indicate how you are progressing with setting your carbon target over the last year.

- We have a target already, it hasn't changed
- We have set a target
- We have revised our target
- We have started work towards setting a target
- We haven't started working towards a formal target yet
- None of the above

Further details ____

7. Please assess how your business is doing in reducing emissions over the last year.

We suggest you give an overall assessment, and review the individual themes that are covered by the Charter (Q5).

The Charter contact person may do this, or better still, pull together relevant colleagues so that the review process helps get organisational buy-in for ideas to put into action.

Theme (each theme also gives an option to provide details)	Reduced emissions	No change	Increased emissions
Overall assessment			
Monitoring and reporting			
Energy efficiency			
Energy procurement			

Waste			
Circular economy			
Supply chains			
Upskilling and knowledge sharing			
Transport			
Green infrastructure			
Other			

Final Details

8. 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.

Contact name

Position/job title

Email

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

Yes

No

10. Authorisation provided by

Name

Position/job title

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

Yes

No

12. **Publicity:** TLB will only share publicly that you have signed the collective commitment in the Charter, we will not be specific about your individual business commitments. This will be listed on our dedicated charter webpage alongside other signatories, or on social media. Please confirm you are happy

for us to indicate that you have signed the Charter on our website and social media.

Yes

No

Comment ____

13. Celebrating business efforts.

We want to celebrate best practice amongst our business community, including an annual event, networking events in person and online, and through communications. Please tell us if there is an action you have taken that we could celebrate, particularly if it can inspire or provide information to other businesses in London Bridge. Ideally it will correspond to one of the Charter themes in Q5. We will not share this without contacting you first.

Details ____

14. Supporting business efforts.

We want to support our businesses to be sustainable. Tell us if there are any tools or services you think we could help with, or content/training that it would be helpful to promote through our Green Network programme, such as carbon literacy training. Our existing services are listed on our website – [here](#)

Details ____