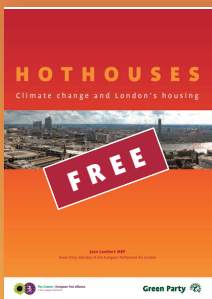


“A skills/training programme should match London’s unemployed people with the new jobs needed to expand home insulation.”

Jean Lambert MEP

“Home insulation and energy saving are easy wins, which reduce emissions and fuel bills – but it needs to happen on a massive scale, and quickly.”

Darren Johnson, Green London Assembly Member and Chair of London Assembly Environment Committee.



Jean has explored these issues in more detail in her report **Hothouses: Climate change and London's housing**. To obtain free copies either post the form below to her office, email a request, or download from her website. See overleaf for Jean's contact information.

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“Climate change is a major challenge of our time. There is growing agreement that we need to make real and rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

This means investing to reduce energy demand and increase energy efficiency.

The urgency of the situation means we need action to get the fastest possible reductions as well as greater progress in more difficult areas.”

Jean Lambert MEP



Is your home insulated? Jean with Green London Assembly Member Jenny Jones in Southwark.

There have been a range of Government initiatives in recent years to deal with the problems associated with climate change, but they have failed to make a serious impact and have not delivered for London.

London’s housing and emissions

It’s impossible to understand and tackle London’s climate change emissions without looking at London’s housing.

- Over 37% of London’s carbon emissions come from the domestic sector (housing) – more than the national average and more than the emissions from London’s surface transport.
- It’s about existing stock and older housing, not new buildings – 97% of London’s current housing was built before 1995.

Why are domestic emissions so high?

Over half of all domestic sector emissions come from space heating. Yet one third of heat produced in the home can be lost through uninsulated walls.

Despite being a modern city, London’s housing is often inefficient, uninsulated or hard to heat. Too much energy is being used to heat and power London’s homes.

The challenges facing London

- Nearly one million homes have uninsulated cavity walls.
- Over half of all homes have solid walls – but there has been no financial help on offer to insulate them.
- Improving energy performance of private rental homes presents particular difficulties – and London has over half a million (22% of the English total).
- Fuel poverty in London has doubled since 2003.

What needs to be done?

- The Government must adopt a truly coherent and consistent approach.
- **Decent Homes** and **Warm Front** need to work to the same – but higher – standards.
- **Energy Efficiency Commitment (EEC) / Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT)** needs to be much more ambitious.
- A much greater year-on-year funding commitment is needed for insulation and renewables in the home.
- A strategic regional approach is needed to reduce London’s housing emissions. The Government’s poor national framework will not help the Mayor’s **Climate Change Action Plan** achieve this.
- New EU rules in the **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive** could make a big difference – but only if linked to energy saving measures.

Particular initiatives should include:

- **Free insulation, prioritising vulnerable groups.**
- **A London-wide network of ‘one-stop shops’.**
- **Better targeting of help for people in fuel poverty and in private rental accommodation.**
- **A plan to insulate solid wall homes.**

“There is a pressing need for joined-up thinking. The urgency of climate change and fuel poverty requires much greater and more focused commitment from the Government.”

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