

Camden
Climate Alliance

BUSINESS CONTINUITY: CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLANNING

Camden Climate Resilience Project Team



AGENDA

Business Continuity – Climate Resilience Planning

Housekeeping:

- Session recorded & slides circulated afterwards
- Please remain muted during presentations
- Questions in the chat function & during dedicated Q&A

10.00 Introduction and Welcome

Abi Roberts, Camden Climate Alliance Lead

10.05 Climate Resilience – what is it and why are we talking about it now?

Zara Scott, Climate Resilience Officer

10.15 Fitzrovia Village Strategy

Dan Johnson, Founder of Placemaking London

Followed by Q&A

10.30 Resilience Planning for Businesses

Zara Scott, Climate Resilience Officer

10.40 Summary and closing remarks

Abi Roberts, Camden Climate Alliance Lead

CAMDEN CLIMATE ALLIANCE

The Camden Climate Alliance (CCA) is not-for-profit organisation set up in 2008 and comprises a network of over **400** Camden businesses, third sector organisations and schools, all **driving change on sustainability**.

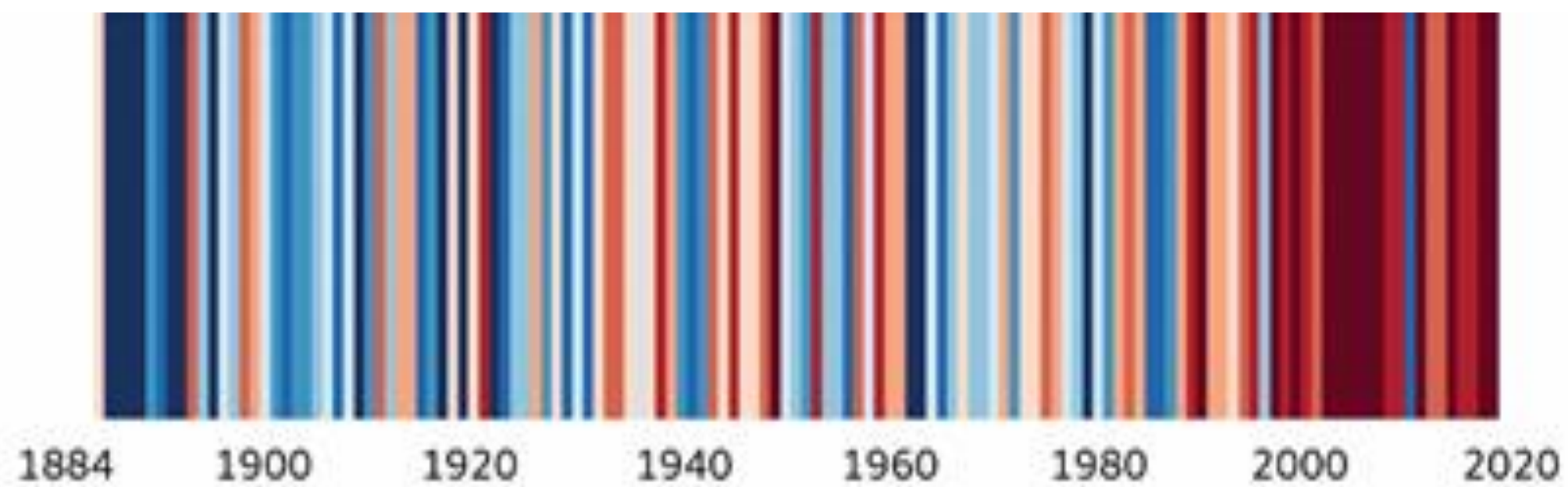
The Alliance is our approach to engaging businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and enable climate action through local partnerships.



#LCAW2023



- 1** Accelerating the global clean economy
- 2** Delivering fair, inclusive and just transitions for mitigation and adaptation
- 3** Expanding networks for Whole Society Action
- 4** Creating a greener London with and for Londoners



POLL:

**I understand what climate
resilience is and how it
could be implemented
within my business**

What is Climate Resilience?

The IPCC Sixth Assessment Synthesis Report (2023) set out that climate change impacts are here, the risk is increasing and climate change mitigation and adaptation are required urgently in response.

Climate resilience is the ability of social, economic, and ecological systems to cope with hazardous events, trends, or disturbances related to the climate (e.g. flooding or heatwaves).

Climate adaptation refers to the process of making changes to prepare for and negate the effects of climate change, thereby reducing the vulnerability of communities.



How does this link with climate change mitigation and net zero goals?

Net-zero commitments outline how organisations will stop their net contribution of greenhouse gas emission to the atmosphere to try and limit global warming and climate change.

Resilience and Adaptation to climate change acknowledges that climate change is upon us and until global GHG reduction targets are met, climate hazards are likely to become more frequent and significant.

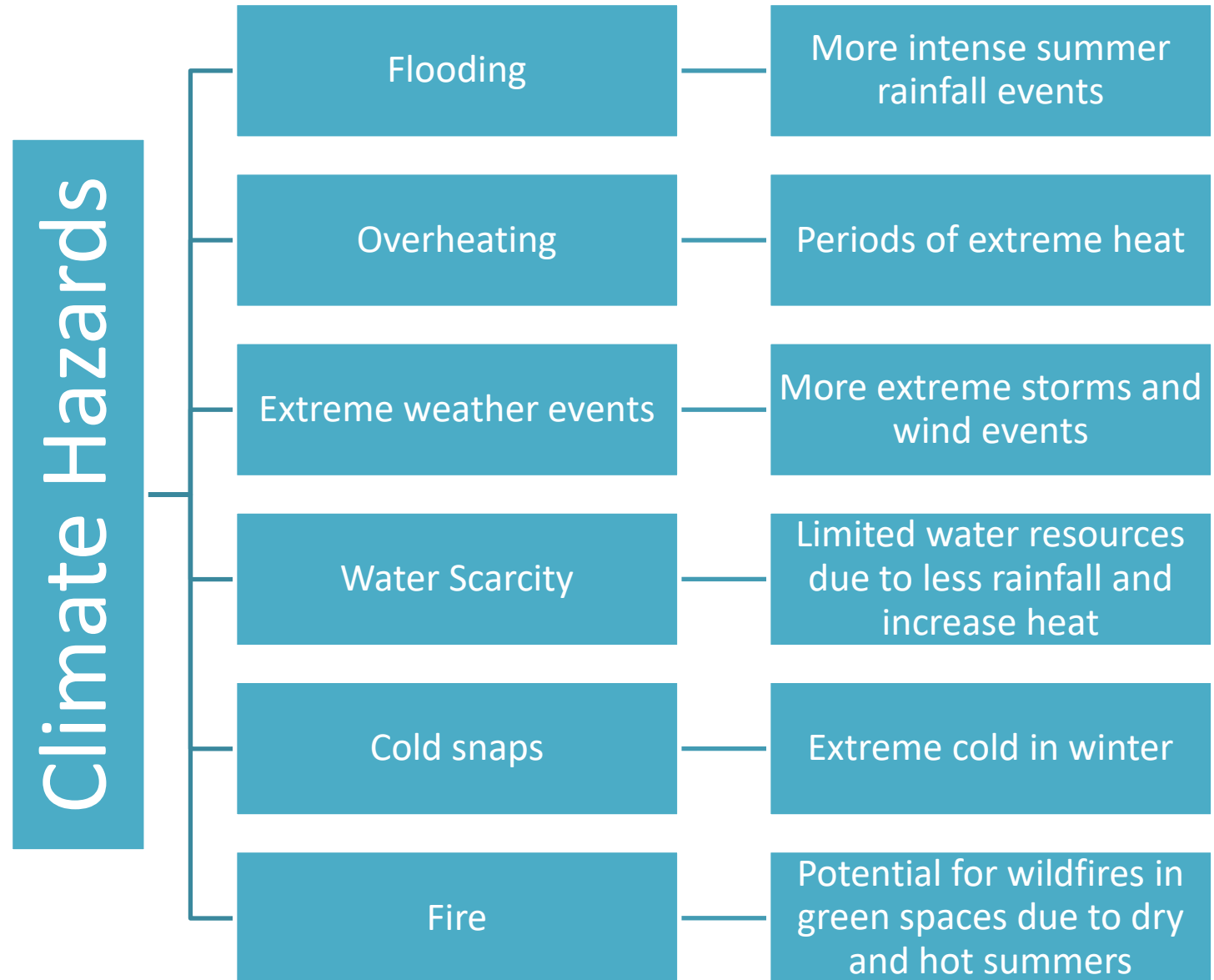
A climate resilient Camden will include organisations who are aware of and prepared for potential climate risks in upcoming years.

Climate Risks in Camden

Climate change already effects businesses – from floods to overheating, cold snaps and drought. The changing climate could effect your business operations in the future if it hasn't already.

Like any other issue facing your business, it is important to understand and plan for how climate change impacts could affect you.

There are a number of different risks that climate change may pose to an organisation, all risks are shown to increase in potential frequency and severity over time.



CAMDEN IN THE NEWS

Camden street turns into two foot 'river' and floods homes after burst water main

Heatwave travel disruption: Train speed limits amid track buckling and increase in car breakdowns

Shops, businesses and streets flooded by torrential rain storm

Schools close early and barbecues in parks banned amid heatwave

Euston Road one of the most polluted places in Britain, according to latest air pollution figures

What are Camden Council doing?

Implementing Sustainable urban
Drainage Systems across the borough

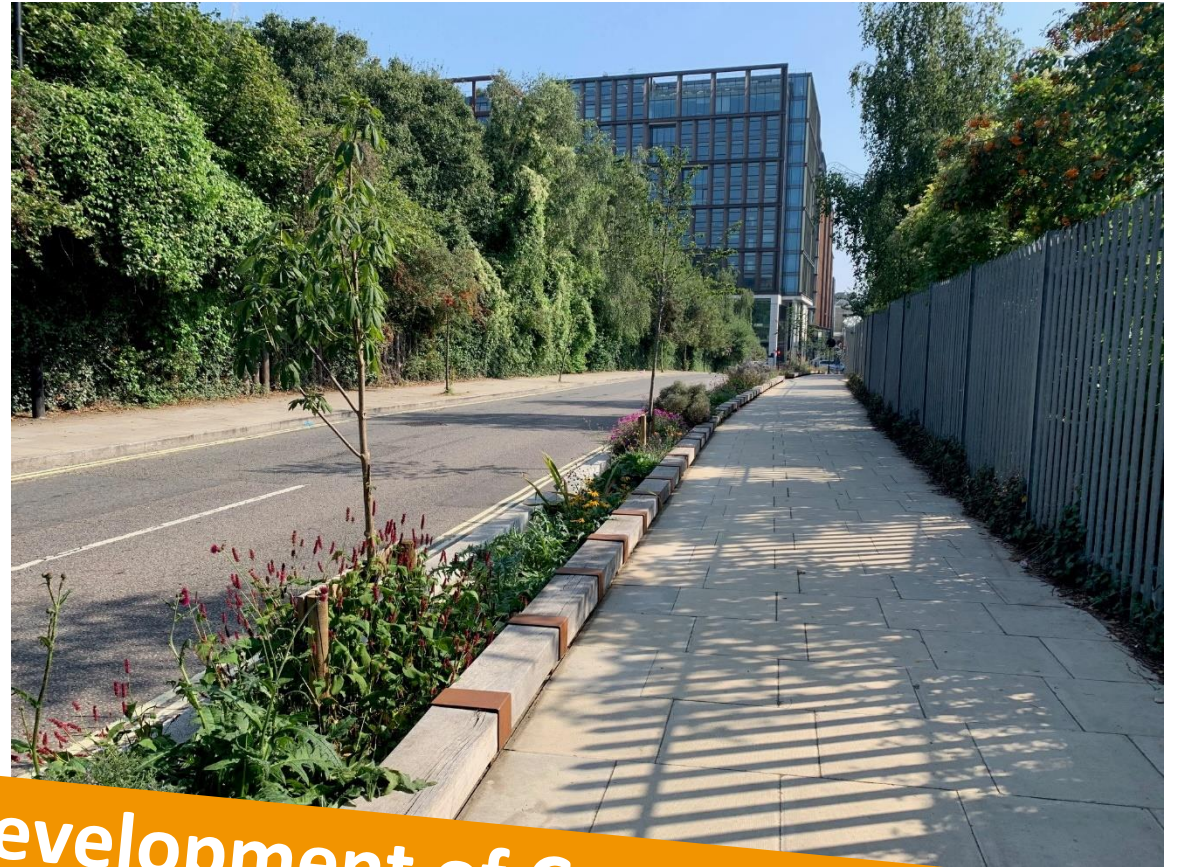
Greening and tree canopy shading
projects

Redesigning our public space

Working with community groups

Introducing more green infrastructure

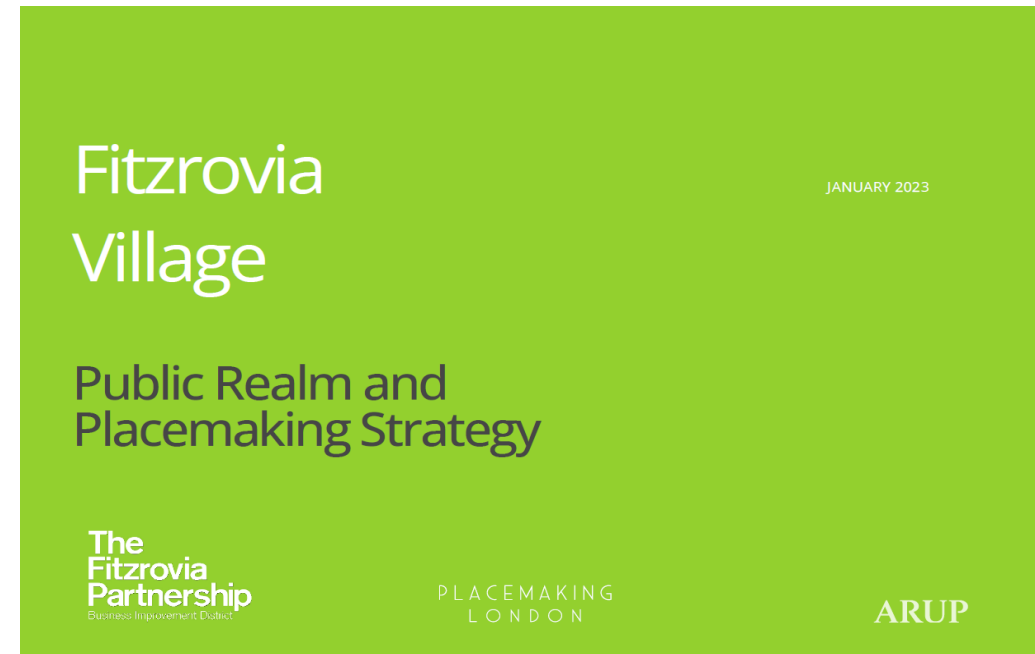
Collaborating and educating



Development of Camden's first
Climate Resilience Plan

HOW ARE LOCAL BUSINESSES RESPONDING?

Dan Johnson from *Placemaking London* on the Fitzrovia Village Strategy.



Fitzrovia Village Strategy and Climate Resilience

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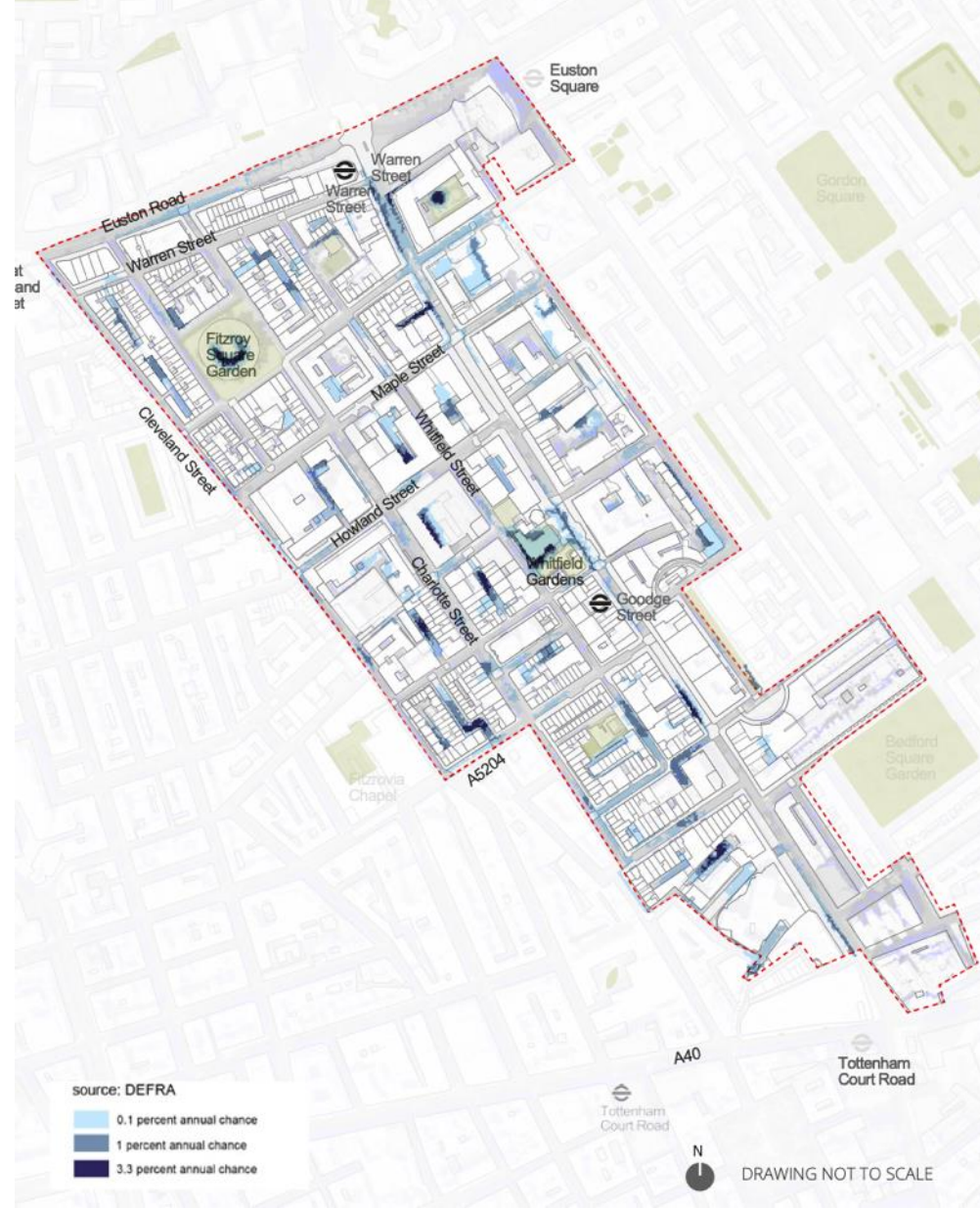
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Business Improvement District

Creating Better, More Sustainable Places and Routes



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Creating Better, More Sustainable Places and Routes

EXISTING CONDITION	OPPORTUNITY	PROJECT DELIVERY CONSTRAINT
Dark street	Lighting improvements	Limited planting options
Sun exposure	Canopies / shade / trees / drinking water / benches	Land ownership, utility corridors
Lack of wayfinding	Better and accessible wayfinding	Improve wayfinding without adding clutter
Crime	Safer, well lit spaces	Challenge for placemaking
Risk of flooding	SuDS	Space availability / utilities
Key routes for traffic	Calming traffic, people-oriented streets	Business opposition, servicing
Listed buildings	Enhancing heritage and improving public realm around it	Might challenge planning approvals
Hiddengems and open space	Improving quality and routes towards destinations	Sensitivities around visitors traffic
Streateries	Expanding and improving these	Reducing parking
Street market	Improve space around them, add seating, improve servicing	Requires higher waste management

Climate Challenges

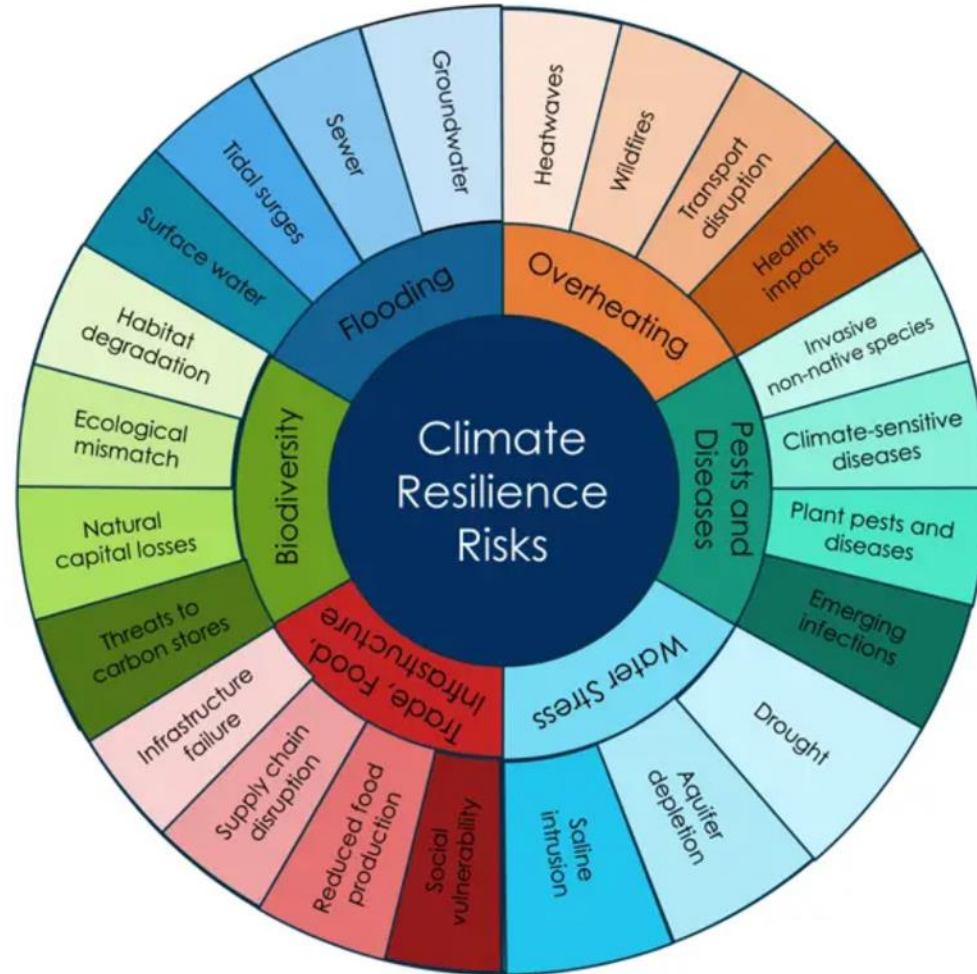
Mitigation

Resilience

Adaptation



Climate Challenges



Creating More Resilient Spaces



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Creating More Resilient Spaces



Creating Better, More Sustainable Places and Routes

Fitzrovia will be a greener,
more connected, liveable and
safe neighbourhood that;



celebrates its
identity and
heritage



empowers its diverse
community and
stakeholders



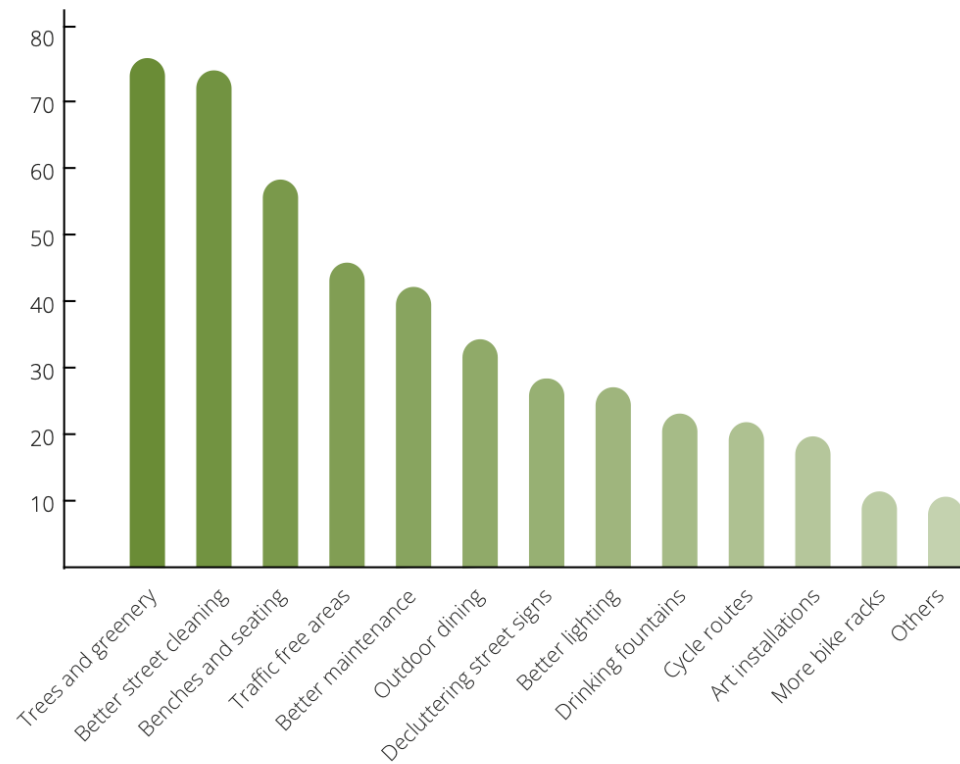
enables a thriving
daytime and
evening economy



contributes to climate
resilience and **net zero**

Creating Better, More Sustainable Places and Routes

What are your top priorities for improving the public realm in Fitzrovia?



Creating Better, More Sustainable Warren Street



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Creating Better, More Sustainable Chitty Street



PUBLIC REALM AND PLACEMAKING STRATEGY 2022

Aspiration for the green link between Chitty Street and Goodge Street

Creating Better, More Sustainable Charlotte Street



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Creating Better, More Sustainable Cleveland Street



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Thank you.

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POLL:

**Have you considered what
the impact of climate
change could be on your
organisation?**

Have you considered how:

Increasing summer temperatures

May impact working conditions, cause changes to retail patterns, increased energy costs due to higher demand of cooling, impact supply chain, impact of staff travel

Reducing summer rainfall

May increase stress on agriculture and farming, change water supply availability and usage

Short & Intense rainfall

May increase risk of localised flooding (surface water, sewer surcharge and groundwater), impact travel of staff, damages commercial properties, reduced trade following a flood

CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLANNING – WHAT’S THE BENEFIT FOR MY BUSINESS?

- 1. Cost-saving:** Understand climate risks to make informed investment decisions and lower long-term costs.
- 2. Business continuity:** Mitigate climate risks for uninterrupted operations and customer satisfaction.



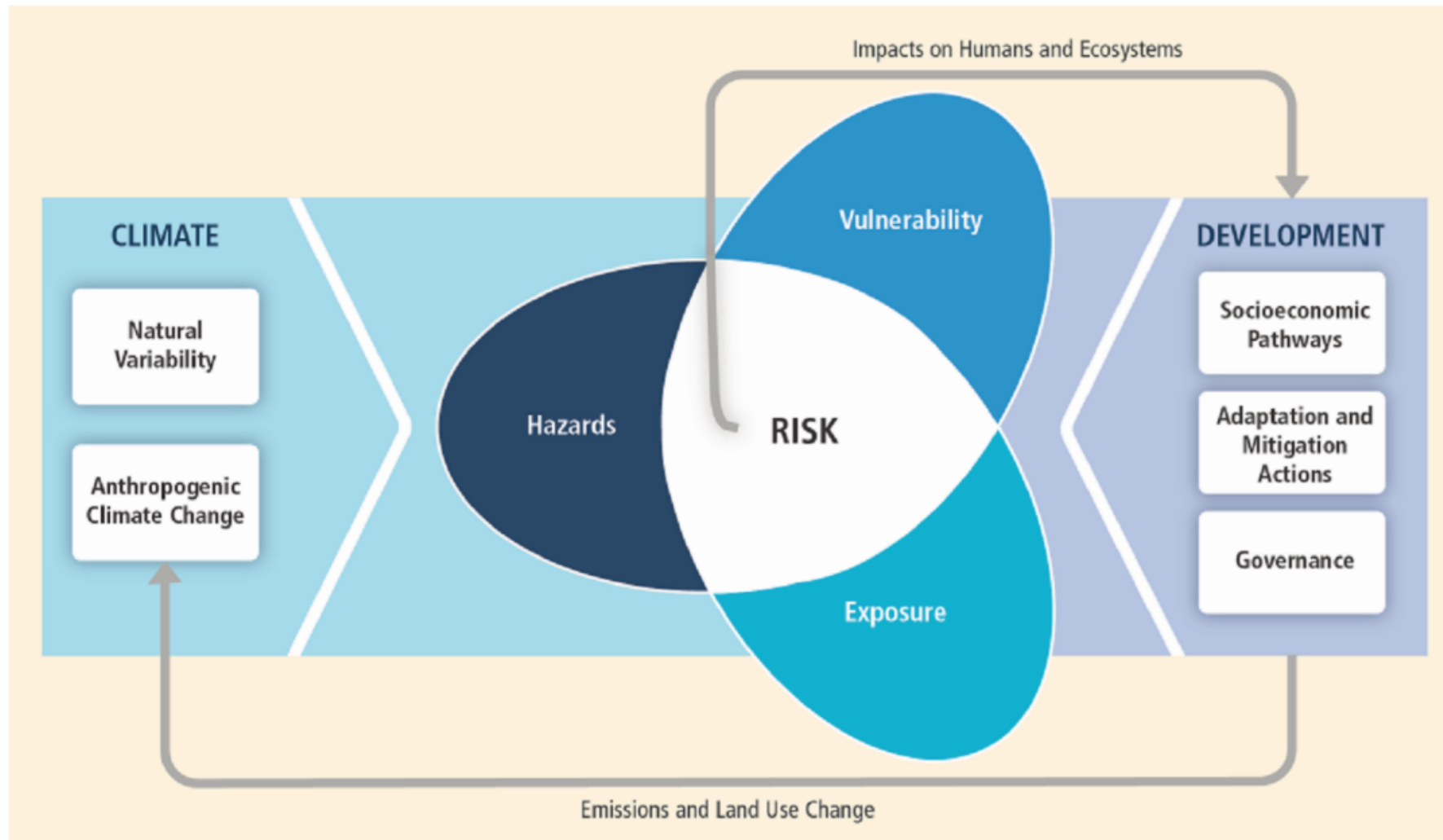
- 3. Competitive advantage:** Explore opportunities, reduce costs, and manage climate risks effectively.
- 4. Reputational benefits:** Boost investor/client confidence in your organisation or brand.

Resilience planning considerations

Some questions you could consider in order to understand your risk profile:

1. Do you have **flexible work arrangements** for extreme weather without disrupting operations?
2. Are your **business premises protected** from floods and high temperatures?
3. Have you **diversified your supply chain** to ensure continuity of business?
4. How would severe weather events **financially impact** your business, including insurance and funding?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RISK FROM CLIMATE CHANGE



Source: IPCC, 2014

RESOURCES

Some resources you may find useful for business climate resilience planning:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adapting-to-climate-change-risk-assessment-worksheets/how-to-fill-in-a-climate-change-risk-assessment-worksheet>

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/climate/climate-change/resources/business-industry/risk-management-tool>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/climate-impacts-tool>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/climate-change-risk-assessment-and-adaptation-planning-in-your-management-system>



KEY TAKEAWAYS

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1

Net Zero alone is not enough to save the planet. To do that we need Net Zero Plus. And the plus is adaptation.

2

The risk of climate change is increasing, mitigation and adaptation are required urgently in response.

3

A climate resilient Camden will include organisations who are aware of and prepared for potential climate risks in upcoming years.

4

Understanding your businesses climate risks now, will help better protect your business today, and in the future.

5

Together, we can build a climate resilient Camden, allowing our businesses, residents', communities, and visitors to thrive.

Questions?

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POLL

Following today's session:

Do you feel you understand what climate resilience is and would you feel confident having resilience discussions internally?