



HCCSP Annual Event & Lara Workshop

19th November 2024



Purpose of the Conference


Brought together key stakeholders: officers, councillors, financial providers, housing, and charity organisations.

Objectives:

- **Review sustainability achievements in Hertfordshire.**
- **Refine the vision and next steps for the LARA pilot scheme.**



Map of the Day



10am	Introduction and Welcome by Cllr Simon Speller
10.25	Keynote address by Emma Fletcher, Octopus Energy
10.45	Local Area Retrofit Accelerator Workshop Begins
11.15	Refreshment break
11.30	LARA Workshop Activities
12.45	Lunch break and networking
1.45	LARA Workshop Activities
2.50	Break
3.00	LARA Workshop Activities
3.30	Closing remarks by Julie Greaves and Cllr Simon Speller
4.00	Close



HCCSP Achievements

- **£6M LEVI funding secured** + 1,840 EV charge point to be installed
- HCCSP has enhanced Hertfordshire's sustainability profile nationwide through:
 - Participation in **7 events and conferences**.
 - Conducting **4 consultations and feedback sessions**.
 - Maintaining strong partnerships with organizations like **WasteAware, NHS, and HIPP**.
- **Adaptation Strategic Action Plan** published (October 2024)
- **Solar Together scheme:**
 - 1,665 installations,
 - 29,900 tonnes of CO₂ reduction
 - £17 M of private investments not renewables
- Engaged **300+ stakeholders** in Local Nature Recovery consultations.



Speakers

Updates on:

- **Solar Together scheme progress**
- Financial insights from **Watford's retrofitting strategy**.
- **Greener Herts**
- **Super Homes**
- **Retrofit Skills Development**



Octopus Energy

Octopus energy - are a tech company leading the green energy revolution.

1. **Swaffham prior heating project.** Is the first off oil village.
2. Aim to shift from **static to decentralised energy system**, but offering next generation tariffs and energy projects, i.e. zero bills
3. **Zero Bills home initiatives** – heat pumps, solar panels, batteries
4. **Community Projects:** Investment in local wind turbines and renewable energy projects, with discounts for local residents.
5. **Future Initiatives:** Plans for zonal pricing and communal low-carbon tech assets in housing developments.



LARA Progress

- Reintroduced Pilot Scheme (October 2024 – January 2025).
- **Vision:** Homes fit for now and the future.
- **Mission:** Retrofitting homes to protect the environment, improve health and reduce fuel poverty, support local jobs and combat climate change.
- *(Mission still under revision for January workshop.)*

Working Groups

- Vision Group: Refined vision and mission.
- Procurement Group: Practical strategies for impactful retrofitting procurement.
- Governance Group: Leadership, accountability, and regular updates for the Hertfordshire Retrofit Strategy.
- Shared Understanding Group: Identified knowledge gaps and prioritised a shared SWOT analysis.



LARA Progress 2

Retrofit Scheme SWOT Analysis

- Reviewed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
- Confirmed earlier findings and identified:
 - New Weaknesses
 - Emerging Opportunities

Collaboration Exercise

- Interactive Retrofitting Challenge:
 - Simulated real-world decision-making, teamwork, and resource management.
- Key Lessons:
 - Decisions must be fast and high-quality.
 - Collaboration and communication are critical.
 - Financial prioritisation is essential.



Next Steps

The next LARA workshop is scheduled for January.

Ongoing work planned for refining the program visions and building stronger frameworks for collaboration.

