

# Cambridge sub-region 2030 visioning - energy

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#### **Current energy consumption in Cambridgeshire**



### **Projection of 2030 energy demand**



Projection of Cambridgeshire's energy consumption in 2031

- Based on projections of housing growth and commercial sector growth (58,500 new homes; 750,000m<sub>2</sub> employment land)
- Relatively small increases due to assumption of 'zero carbon' requirements for new development

#### **Cambridgeshire's carbon target for 2030**



#### 4th Carbon Budget target applied to Cambridgeshire

### Solutions for meeting this 2030 carbon target



- Energy demand reduction through efficiency improvements
- National (electricity) grid decarbonisation
- Local generation (electricity and/ or heat)
- Far less focus these days on fuel cells & hydrogen economy solution (although this is an energy vector and not an energy source solution)

Scenario	Description	Source
Low	5.5% increase in energy demand by 2030	Reference pathway (DECC 2050 Pathways Analysis)
Medium	8% decrease in energy demand by 2030	Alpha pathway (DECC 2050 Pathways Analysis)
High	22% decrease in energy demand by 2030	Epsilon pathway (DECC 2050 Pathways Analysis)

#### **Grid decarbonisation**

- Delivered at a national level
- Bullish Government targets for grid decarbonisation
- Nuclear, CCS, renewables
- Jeopardised now by new dash for gas, slow EMR process, lower Government commitment to renewables from Government, slow progress in CCS?
- Is the all-electric future still on the cards?
- Assuming no nuclear or CCS for Cambridgeshire due to lack of national generating infrastructure in the county



## How far will energy efficiency and grid carbonisation take us?



### What are the prospects for local energy generation?

- CRIF project assessed the renewable energy resource with Cambridgeshire
- Technical potential, economic potential & deployment potential
- Heat and electricity
- And scope for district heating



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#### Estimate of technical potential across all technologies



### **Renewable energy deployment potential for Cambridgeshire**

#### Cambridgeshire renewable energy deployment potential by 2031





Number of installations associated with delivery of each scenario

Technology	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
PV (2.5 kW)	28,140	134,234	288,634	288,634
SWH	7,970	21,045	40,437	40,437
GSHP (5kW)	3,404	10,728	17,359	17,359
ASHP (5kW)	7,269	31,484	47,908	47,908
Wind (2.5 MW)	94	212	455	0
Biomass (1.5 MW)	18	27	30	30
Total	46,895	197,730	394,824	394,368

#### Potential contribution of renewable energy to the carbon gap



Renewables have the potential to fill the carbon gap

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