Participatory Research Fund Project Public and Local Approaches to Cambridge's **Energy Transition (PLACE Transition)**

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Overview:

Through a survey and a series of workshops, PLACE Transition seeks to explore public perceptions of Cambridge City Council's 2021-2026 Climate Change Strategy. We are particularly interested in the relevance of the council's 6 'key objectives' to the day to day lives of publics within Cambridge and creating the space for publics that are not usually able to impact policy to input into the council's future strategies.

Aim and objectives:

- Feed into future climate change strategies for Cambridge City Councils,
- Illustrate that climate change strategies benefit from being coproduced.
- Explore public perceptions of climate change generally and Cambridge City Council's Climate Change Strategy, specifically amongst those publics that the strategy impacts.

Funding of £6,257.50 was used for:

- Hiring the brilliant Kate as a Research Assistant to support the research and lead our workshop recruitment...
- Hiring 5 community hubs (one in each postcode CB1-5) to run a series of deliberative workshops.
- Providing £20 Love Cambridge gift cards to workshop participants and providing refreshments.
- Compensating PGR facilitators for their time.
- Transcription and workshop materials

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What do you dislike about Cambridge?

Stakeholders involved:

Survey and workshop invitations distributed to more than 30 community groups. These groups were either geographically bounded on Facebook, or in person (Communities of Place), or socially bounded (Communities of Interest).

110 survey respondents, all of which with Cambridge postcodes. 6 workshops (CB1-5 plus one at ARU), with participant numbers to be confirmed.

Patient and Public Involvement and **Engagement elements:**

- i) Both our survey and our deliberative workshops are with members of the public.
- ii) The workshops specifically are deliberative and will result in findings coproduced with publics.
- iii) Methodologically, we have primarily aimed to find publics where they are, rather than ask for them to come to us.

Research outcomes:

At time of writing our data is yet to be analysed.

We will be producing a paper on our findings, as well as reporting our findings to the city council.



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