What next to tackle climate change?

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Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership

Accelerating a sustainable shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels in the UK

Stimulating opportunities for UK businesses

Fuel Ec	conomy	Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi ZETEC
CO₂ emission figu	re (g/km)	
<100 A		
101-120 B		B 117 g/km
121-150	C	
151-165	D	
166-185	E	
186+	F	
A fuel cost figure indicates to the calculated by using the combined	ed) for 12,000 miles consumer a guide fuel price for comparison purposes. This figure is drive cycle (town centre and motorway) and average fuel price. Re- st per litre is as follows – petrol 76p, diesel 78p and LPG 38p	£662
VED for 12 month Vehicle excise duty (VED) or road	£85	
	Environmental Information	*

A guide on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions which contains data for all new passenger car models is available at any point of sale free of charge. In addition to the fuel efficiency of a car, driving behaviour as well as other non-technical factors play a role in determining a car's fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. CO₂ is the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming.

Make/Model Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDC Fuel type Diesel			Engine capacity (cc): 1399 Transmission type: 5 speed manual	
Fuel Consumption:				
Drive cycle	Litres/100km		Мрд	
Urban	5.4		52.3	
Extra-urban	3.8		74.3	
Combined	4.4		64.2	

Carbon dioxide emissions (g/km): 117g/km

Important note: Some specifications of this make/model may have lower CO_2 emissions than this. Check with your dealer.



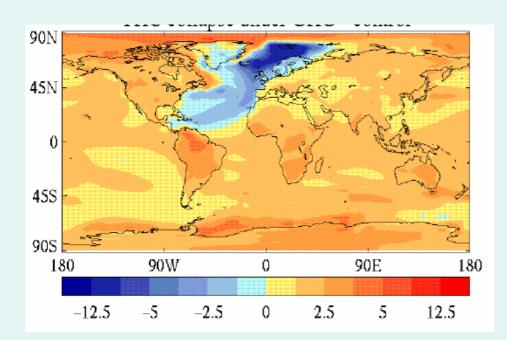




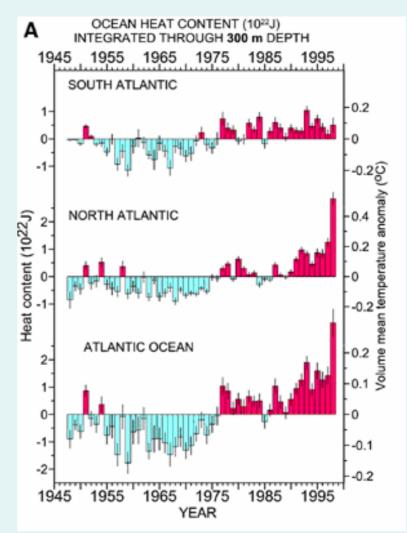




Growing evidence indicates the oceans are influenced by climate change – with potentially extreme consequences



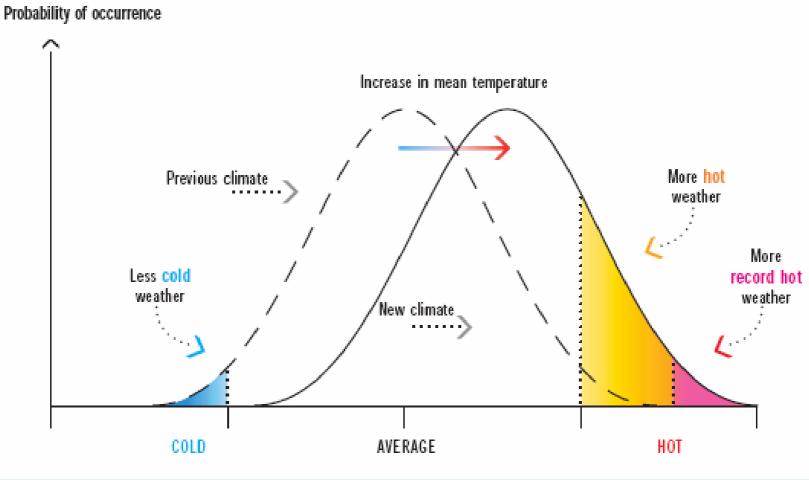
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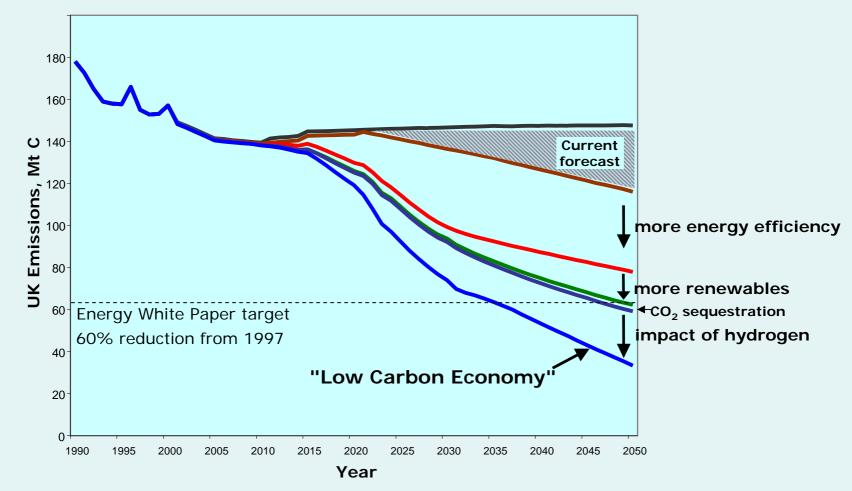
Climate change has doubled the risk of extreme summer heat waves such as that which caused c24,000 deaths in Western Europe in 2003





Houghton et al 2001

A low carbon economy is <u>technically</u> feasible with current and emerging technologies – Energy efficiency and renewables are the main drivers



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Source: Carbon Trust

Delivering a low carbon economy requires a stronger focus on addressing non-technical barriers

Alternative fuels

- Cost relative to conventional fuels
- Technical specifications
- Infrastructure vehicle availability
- Energy efficiency
 - Low energy costs
 - Increased business and public awareness

Wind

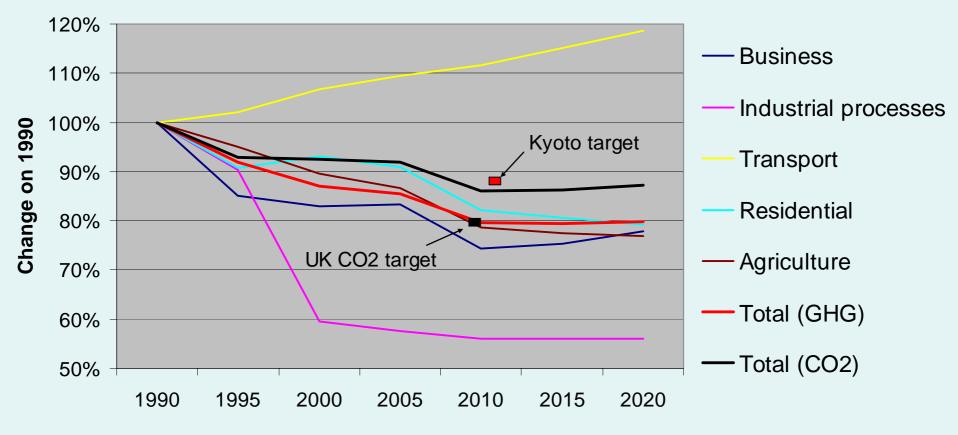
- Planning constraints
- Environmental impacts
- Low carbon vehicles
 - Consumer demand
 - Price
 - Market distortions
- Waste to energy / Nuclear
 - Public acceptability





UK has achieved its Kyoto target, but is projected to significantly miss that for domestic CO2

Changes in UK GHG emissions by principal end user sectors





Source Climate Change Programme Consultation

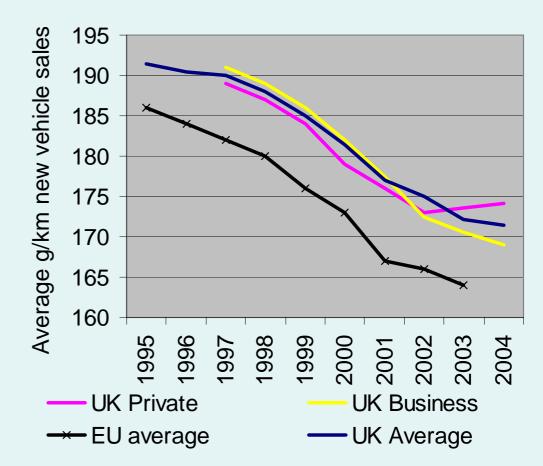
CO2 emissions from new cars have declined by 10% since 1995 but remained virtually unchanged in recent years

Powering Future Vehicle Targets 10% Low-carbon vehicles by 2012

- <0.1% sales low carbon 2004

600 low-carbon buses pre year by 2012

- Current sales weak
- Grants programme currently awaiting EC approval
- Bus Service Operators Grant distorts market against LCbuses



Sources:

HMG 2004, Review of the UK climate change programme Energy Savings Trust, IEEP, 2004, CO2 emissions and vehicle excise duty SMMT 2005, UK new Car Registrations by CO2 Performance



Emissions are a low priority for most new (private) car buyers

<u>10%-30%</u> •Price •Fuel consumption •Size/Practicality •Reliability •Comfort •Safety •Running costs •Style/Appearance

5%-10% •Performance •Image •Brand •Insurance •Engine size •Equipment levels

<<u><5%</u>

Depreciation
Experience
Sales Package
Dealership
Environment

•Vehicle Emissions

Road tax
Alternative fuel

Car-buyer behaviour



(DfT 2004)

What can we expect from the new Government to tackle climate change?

- Progress towards 20% CO2 reduction by 2010 and 60% by 2050
- International leadership through the G8 at EU presidencies
- Climate change central to energy policy
 - Diverse energy supply
- Revised climate change programme summer 05
 - Focus upon energy efficiency especially in buildings
 - Further support for green technologies and industries
 - Efforts to include aviation within the EU ETS
 - Increased role for Local Government?





Proposals for tackling road transport emissions

Reduced vehicle emissions

- "Examination of the scope for further economic instruments & other measures to promote lower vehicle emissions"
- "Support for low carbon vehicle technologies"

Low carbon / alternative fuels

Proposed Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation

Reduced vehicle use

- £180Bn investment in transport to 2015 including rail, light rail and public transport
- Car pool lanes and better management of road space
- Innovative school transport
- Greater opportunity for local authority management of buses
- Expanded capacity on the M1, M6 and M25
- Better freight distribution
 - Lorry user charging
- Improved driver behaviour



Conclusions

- Manifesto recommits new Government to GHG reduction targets
- Strong focus on achieving an international scientific consensus with G8 / EU Presidencies
- Range of new policies anticipated within new Climate Change Programme likely to focus upon -
 - Diversifying renewable / low carbon energy supply
 - Energy efficiency especially in buildings
 - Support for "green" technologies
 - Increased role for the public sector
- Stronger policy measures needed to reduce road transport emissions and achieve Powering Future Vehicles Strategy targets
- Willingness to introduce effective economic instruments to stimulate demand for low carbon technologies is uncertain



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What can we expect from the new Government to tackle climate change?

Phase out the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs

Action plan to achieve 2010, 2020 and 2050 targets

Lead by example through Government procurement and property management policies

Reform the Energy Efficiency Commitment lined to abolition of the Climate Change Levy

Improved building regulations

Revision of the Renewables Obligation

□ Support for micro-generation

Include aviation within the EU ETS

Better consumer information for aircraft passengers





Conservative policy is to provided added incentives to drivers to reduce road transport CO2 emissions

- Cut Vehicle Excise Duty on the least polluting new cars
- Colour code tax discs to show the carbon emissions category of each vehicle
- Double the grants available to help purchasers of leading edge low emission cars and for fitting emission reducing equipment to other cars
- Stimulate a viable UK industry in biofuels through duty rebates and a renewable fuel obligation
- Promote an EU voluntary agreement to reduce emissions on new LGVs and HGVs

