

Communication of Low-Carbon Scenarios and Strategies

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Report to Reality

- Very complicated subject
- How can we convert that into action



Language







Flirting with disaster

World leaders are failing to tackle global climate change. This is a major threat to all of us – but particularly to millions of people living in poverty.

The situation is already critical. But disaster could be just around the corner – levels of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide in the atmosphere are higher now than at any time in the last 420,000 years.

plane stupid

bringing the aviation industry back down to earth!



 Stop climate chaos, don't fly, don't drive, turn off, climate Apocalypse, climate disaster

Positioning

Primary message:

- zerocarbonbritain2030 is the first fully integrated positive vision for the future.
- It proposes a rapidly decarbonised UK that is aspirational, prosperous and possible.

Positioning

- Give shape to a renewable future
- Develop the synergies between sectors
- Plan for big infrastructural changes rather than incremental cuts

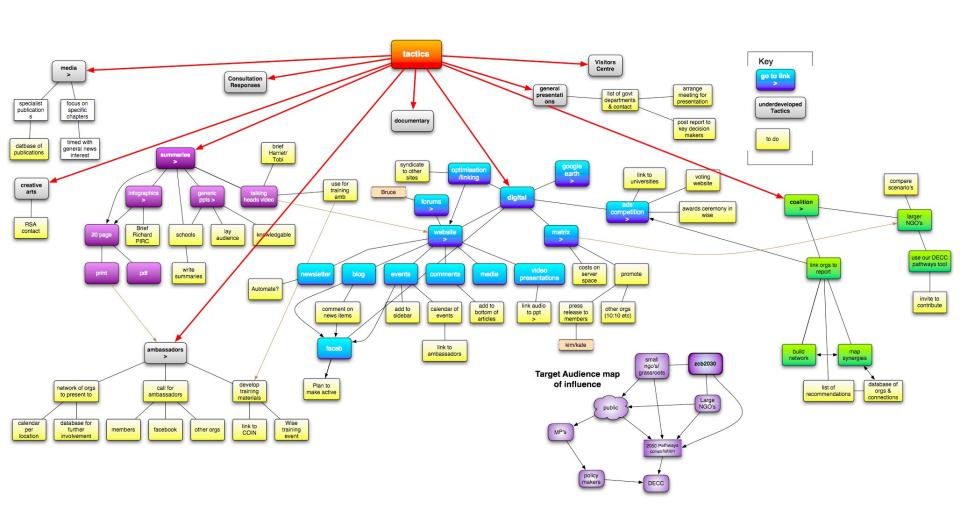
Audience

- Policy makers: Responding to Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) consultations.
- Grassroots/small NGO's/ Civil Society - provide the mobilisation and campaigns

- CAT is not a campaigning organisation
- We can engage in indirect campaigning by supporting other organisations

- **Inspire:** Grassroots campaigning organisations are joining the zero carbon in 2030 message
- Inform: By providing a solid research foundation
- Enable: Link campaigning organisations together through the report





Reframing the debate

- Identify with value sets to bring about deep environmental change
- Encourage a move away from marketing model

Movement building

- Alliance of sympathetic organisations
- Map connections between campaigns
- Change language and attitudes to mitigation