**Resources for XR activists 9**

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Zero Carbon Oxford/Carbon Trust – 2040 Net Zero Action Plan. A key report on what Oxford City Council aims to do in order to achieve Net Zero Carbon by 2040. This stresses that the City does not believe it can achieve Net Zero without national policy changes. However, policy changes in Oxford are still needed both to achieve an earlier Net Zero Carbon date, and to ensure financial priority for the Climate and Ecological emergencies. Worth a careful and critical read. <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/file/7678/zero_carbon_oxford_partnership_roadmap_and_action_plan_-_full_report>

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