



# GOING MAINSTREAM: THE NEXT PHASE FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY

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# About Low Carbon Hub

**Low Carbon Hub is a social enterprise that's out to prove we can meet our energy needs in a way that's good for people and good for the planet.**

- 50 renewable energy projects across Oxfordshire.
- 100% of our surpluses reinvested back into the community, funding more action on climate change.
- Network of 50 vibrant community groups.



# What do we mean by going 'mainstream'?

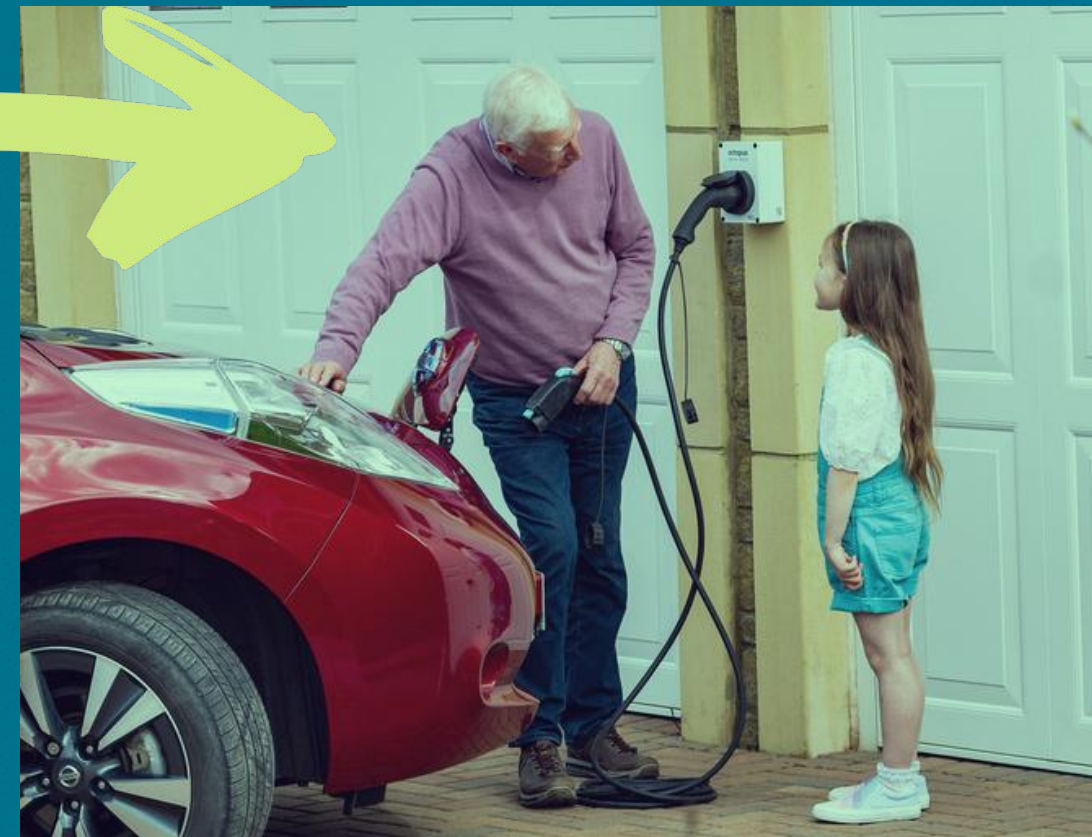
## *Two definitions...*

**The adoption of disruptive ideas, technologies (like AI) or sustainability practices by the majority of established companies.**

**Harvard Business Review**

**The prevailing currents of thought, culture, or activity, that are accepted by the majority of society.**

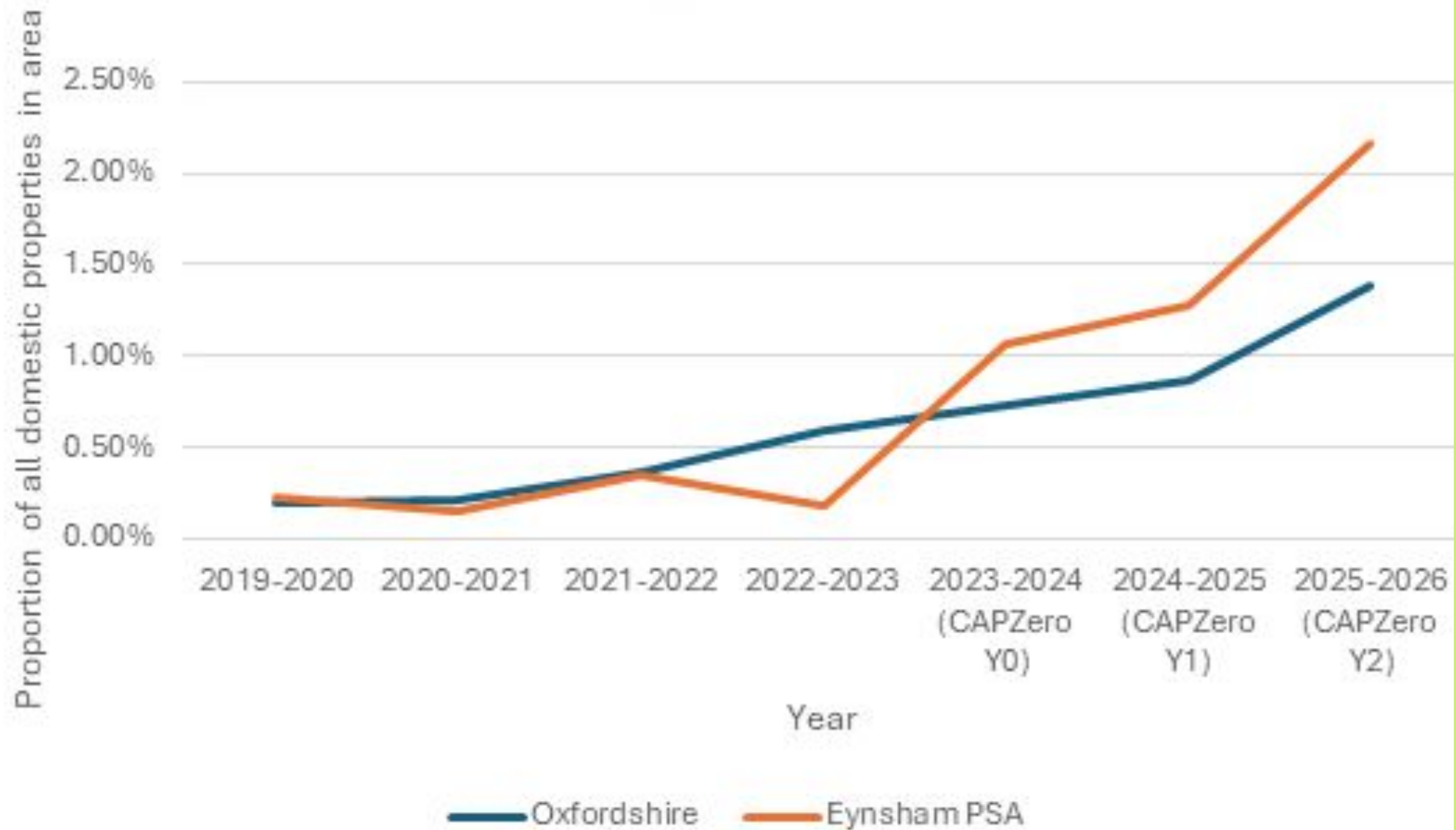
**Cambridge Dictionary**



# THE MAIN STREAM OF THE RIVER



# Strengthening the flow



# Building streams into rivers...

*Community Energy could be instrumental in deepening the social mainstream around the energy transition and its links to climate change.*

**422 existing partnerships across the sector**

\*State of the sector report 2025



An aerial photograph of a hydroelectric dam. The dam's roof is covered with a large array of blue solar panels. The dam is situated on a river, with water flowing through its spillways. The surrounding area includes lush green trees on the left and a concrete structure on the right.

**THANK YOU.**

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