

## A responsibility beyond the Square Mile Transcript

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our planet

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about 197 million square miles

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but only one of those squares is known

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as the square mile the city of london is

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the heartbeat of our capital city

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with its blend of community culture and

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commerce

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as the uk hub for the world's financial

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and professional services sector

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this is a square mile uniquely connected

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to the rest of the world

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when it comes to climate change we have

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a responsibility far beyond our physical

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borders

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financial institutions that work

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alongside us will need to adapt rapidly

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to the changing landscape

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and we need to encourage and support

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sustainable smes that underpin our

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working environment

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we're proud to protect and conserve 11

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000 acres of green space

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with over 150 green spaces in the city

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itself

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in october 2020 we unveiled our new  
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climate action strategy  
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to guide our transition to a low-carbon  
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economy and a thriving environment for  
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the square mile  
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and beyond it's a promise  
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a promise to reduce our own operational  
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emissions to net zero by 2027  
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to reduce emissions from our value chain  
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and those in the square mile  
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to net zero by 2040 and to ramp up our  
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resilience to the impacts of climate  
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change  
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and the work has already begun to  
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enhance our public green spaces  
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with more resilient planting and shaded  
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zones  
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work to trial new heat resistant  
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materials  
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on our streets and to manage rainwater  
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with sustainable drainage systems  
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along the river we must plan for sea  
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level rises  
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we urge city businesses and other  
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centres of commerce across the uk

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and globally to join us and report  
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publicly on robust  
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and meaningful plans for climate action  
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to tackle emissions throughout supply  
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chains and  
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investments  
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financial services are exerting  
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influence through massive leverage  
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through the lending and investing  
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portfolios that they own  
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and they have that responsibility to  
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make sure that finances are going to  
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sustainable  
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activity here at namura we recognise the  
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importance  
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and contribution we can provide to the  
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scale and speed of focus on  
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environmental and social  
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factors in supporting the city of  
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london's climate action strategy  
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we have this wonderful green roof with  
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with its own ecosystem  
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we have 17 different species of bees we  
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have 159 different species of plants  
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all nestled amongst the solar panels and

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for us it's very symbolic of  
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the work that we're doing cacs we've  
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been in the city of london  
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for over 170 years our heritage is here  
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we work at some of the most  
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iconic venues within the city and being  
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aligned with the city of london and the  
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london climate strategy is about using  
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supplies that also follow our instincts  
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and also believe in what we're going for  
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of  
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trying to be carbon neutral low our food  
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miles  
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but also being able to reduce our  
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element of wastage  
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i think you know the square mile of what  
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london is we all need to come together  
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and we can and will make a difference  
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but only together as a unit so  
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collaboration  
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and partnership is absolutely of the  
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essence here  
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partly with the city of london  
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corporation itself  
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so that we share aims and objectives and

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we  
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benefit from the thinking that has gone  
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into their really ambitious climate  
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action strategy  
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but also beyond the walls of the city  
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beyond the square mile itself to link  
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in with our local communities to show  
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best practice in terms of the way that  
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cultural activities can sustain  
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themselves  
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so that the barbican becomes a place  
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which is  
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open welcoming to the world draws  
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people in and yet does that in a  
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sustainable  
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way  
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our square mile must take a leading role  
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but we can't solve this alone  
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we must work together with our global  
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partners and local communities  
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continuing to learn from the science and  
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the experiences of other cities  
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as all eyes turn towards cop 26 later  
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this year

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this is a collective opportunity to

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reinforce our position

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as a global leader in sustainability and

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green finance