Energy and SMEs: Understanding everyday practices and policy approaches





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SMEs together have a large **environmental** impact, but are often **excluded** from tax and regulation. Instead they're targeted with advice and incentives, but are these sufficient and fit for purpose?

This research uses **practice theory** to understand SME energy demand, identifying insights which could help improve SME **policy**.



GOVERNMENT

Paper 1 An analysis of multi-level policy implementation using practice theory.



MIDDLE ACTORS

Paper 2

How effective is low carbon advice given to SMEs?



Paper 5

How might practice theory gain more policy influence?



SMES

Paper 3

How SMEs manage energy in the context of everyday practice.



INDIVIDUALS

Paper 4

Ethnographic study of energy demand and working from home

