

CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY

A plan to tackle the climate and ecological emergency

Rendlesham

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Our goal is to ensure that our climate and nature restoration goals are front and centre in all decision-making and investments, and inclusive engagement with residents ensures that the changes made are sustainable.

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| 1 | Require councillors to identify whether the new recommendations put to them would help or hinder climate, air pollution and nature plans. | Councillors should refer to the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) when making decisions, and minute that consideration has been given. When purchasing and issuing contracts to source suppliers and products that meet the aims of the CAS. |
| 2 | Identify both a councillor at Parish Council level and a lead officer as Climate and Nature Champions who are required to publish an annual report to the public on progress in meeting climate change and nature targets. | The Council will nominate a councillor and lead officer at the annual Parish Council meeting. The nominated councillor and lead officer will monitor and record progress. The report will be presented at the annual Parish Council meeting. Following the annual Parish Council meeting the report will be published. |
| 3 | Set interim and measurable targets for our council to achieve a carbon neutral status and meet nature restoration goals. | The councillor and lead officer will research and make recommendations to the Council. The interim and measurable targets will be incorporated into the annual report. |
| 4 | Use additional and existing decision-making approaches consulting the residents of Rendlesham for complicated or contentious issues. | The Council will engage with the public to gauge opinion on complicated or contentious issues in order to inform the Parish Council decision making process. Eg; hosting public meetings, surveys etc. |
| 5 | Review and improve how we involve residents in our decision-making processes. | We will analyse the success of different methods of consultation based on the quality and quantity of public involvement. We will seek to be innovative in improving our methods of consultation. |
| 6 | Align all our Council statutory and non-statutory plans, Committee Terms of Reference, policies and guidance with respective carbon reduction pathways and nature restoration plans, including procurement. | The councillor and lead officer will undertake a review of Committee Terms of Reference, council policies and make recommendations to the council and committees. |

Land-use

Our goal is to restore nature to help drawdown carbon pollution from the atmosphere and to ensure everyone has access to nature in nearby green spaces.

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| 7 | Increase the tree cover on council-owned land and support local planning strategies to double tree cover across the Local Authority area, and ensure existing trees are properly protected in order to store carbon, support nature, improve soils and water quality, and aid flood protection and urban design. | We will seek to acquire additional pieces of land, identifying key sites for tree planting, working with community groups. We will work with other local authorities and organisations to promote and embrace their initiatives. |
| 8 | Protect and enhance existing local green spaces and their biodiversity, green belt and locally designated nature sites. | We will seek to acquire land in the parish; carry out a survey of trees to identify the gaps and areas of potential growth; take an active stewardship role. |
| 9 | Manage Parish Council-owned land and, in conjunction with other authorities, road verges to increase biodiversity and drawdown carbon pollution, including reduced pesticide use and increased planting of wildflowers. | We will identify areas of land for potential planting that will increase biodiversity. Assess and review the use of pesticides on land owned by the Parish Council. |

Protect the most vulnerable

Our goal is to ensure that those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change are properly supported and protected.

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| 10 | Support local groups and organisations in identifying the most vulnerable people in the area most at risk of extreme weather conditions and target adaptation policies, actions and spending to these areas. | We will keep in regular contact with local groups and organisations in order to identify any needs where the Parish Council can offer support. |
| 11 | Ensure that voices of the most vulnerable communities are also represented in council decision-making and council-citizen deliberations. | We will actively consider the needs and priorities of the most vulnerable parishioners in our decision-making. |

Buildings

Our goal is to ensure all homes are well insulated and to eradicate fuel poverty as fast as possible.

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| 12 | Retrofit Parish Council-owned properties with high levels of insulation and energy saving measures. | We will work with the Rendlesham Community Centre Management Committee (RCCMC) to identify any deficiencies in insulation in the community centre and seek to improve. We will ensure high levels of insulation in the pavilion redevelopment. |
| 13 | Help owner-occupied homes be more energy efficient, for example by supporting poor or vulnerable households with insulation and a light bulb replacement scheme. | We will share details of available schemes and initiatives. |
| 14 | To support local planning policy which promotes minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector. | We will identify the policies and relevant guidance and make the information available to local tenants. |
| 15 | To promote the highest possible standard for privately built new homes. | We will include in our response to planning applications the use of renewable energy and meeting the Homes for Life standard. Eg: installation of air-source heat pumps in all new builds. |
| 16 | To ensure that all new parish council property is built to a high environmental standards. | Develop a heating and energy efficiency strategy for the redevelopment of the pavilion. |

Waste

Our goal is to be a zero waste Parish Council where all waste is minimised, recycled or reused.

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| 17 | Work towards sending zero waste to landfill or incineration. | We will carry out an in-house waste audit and identify ways to reuse and reduce waste through recycling, Terracycling and upcycling. |
| 18 | Use food waste according to the food waste hierarchy of prevent and compost. | We will create a localised Food Waste Hierarchy Strategy. (Appendix One). |
| 19 | Promote community sharing and reuse. | We will incorporate a sharing and reuse scheme in the terms and conditions for the allotment association. |

Transport

Our goal is to reduce air pollution to meet World Health Organisation levels, match European best practice in the use of buses, cycling and walking, and promote and support zero emission vehicles.

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| 20 | Install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points where opportunities arise to enable the rapid shift to electric vehicles. | We will work with the RCCMC to install EV charging points at the community centre and incorporate EV charging points as part of the redevelopment of the pavilion. |
| 21 | Lobby for transport investment into cycling, walking, and public transport, such as electric buses. | We will work with other parishes to explore opportunities, actively encouraging developers to take into consideration pedestrian and cycle routes around the village. We will develop accessible walking routes in Jubilee Park. |
| 22 | Purchase of a Parish Council electric community minibus. | We will carry out a feasibility study and cost-benefit analysis with a view to purchasing a Parish Council electric community minibus. |
| 23 | If the Parish Council purchase vehicles they will be electric. | To identify the need for a Parish Council vehicle in the short, medium and long term. |
| 24 | Promote and encourage, through education, the health and environmental benefits of walking. | We will produce a footpath map identifying walking routes in the parish. |
| 25 | Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car-sharing, electric bikes and re-regulating bus services. | We will produce a leaflet on sustainable means of travel and share information on other successful schemes with the aim of promoting the reduction of car usage. |
| 26 | To reduce our carbon footprint on deliveries to the Parish Council. | We will use local and environmentally aware companies wherever possible to reduce delivery miles. |
| 27 | Discourage car idling, particularly outside the school and shops in order to reduce air pollution. | We will monitor the air pollution outside the shops and the school, and working with the school raise awareness with parents of the effects of car idling. |
| 28 | Reduce the need to own and use a car through managing developments in the Neighbourhood Plan and the provision of retail infrastructure through RNPP1 (Appendix Two). | We will actively seek to incorporate walking and cycling routes in planning applications for new housing developments, particularly regarding access to the village centre. |

Power

Our goal is to enable and support the growth and use of green energy and ensure energy is not wasted.

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| 29 | To change lighting in public areas to a well-designed and well-directed LED lights. | We will carry out an audit of public area lighting. We will replace lighting owned by the Parish Council, and work with other owners to move to LED lighting. |
| 30 | Reduce energy used by the council in its own assets. | We will incorporate energy saving measures in all Parish Council-owned properties, undertaking an energy audit where required. |
| 31 | Require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in Parish Council developments and, as much as possible, within private sector developments. | We will include renewable energy, air source heat pump and solar thermal in responding to planning applications, use renewable energy in Parish Council buildings, including the redevelopment of the Pavilion. |
| 32 | Support renewable energy and energy storage. | We will promote the use of renewable energy and energy storage using Parish Council media. |

Raising money

Our goal is to have sufficient resources to invest in the changes needed to restore nature and meet our climate goals.

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| 33 | Raise money from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for low carbon infrastructure. | We will undertake a study of potential low carbon infrastructure projects and produce a project cost-benefit analysis. |
| 34 | To raise funds to implement the outcomes of the Rendlesham Climate Action Strategy. | We will use legal and planning mechanisms such as Section 106 agreements, CIL and other mechanisms to fund climate actions and nature restoration projects. |

Influencing others

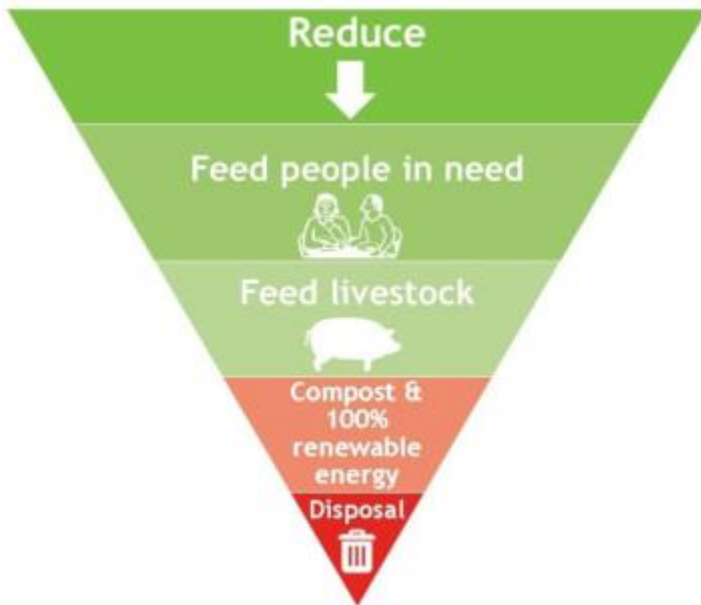
Our goal is to encourage and support other entities with their contribution to the fight against the climate emergency, and to make our voice heard by the UK government TO secure increased devolution and democratic control to local level.

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| 35 | Work with other local authorities and allies to secure more regulatory powers, fundraising powers and finance to deliver on our aspirations (Eg: as those identified by Friends of the Earth). | <p>We will share the Rendlesham Climate Action Strategy and its process with other Parish Councils.</p> <p>We will seek eligibility for the General Power of Competence to enable the Parish Council to take up opportunities outside of their current powers.</p> <p>We will raise awareness of the Climate Action Strategy at all levels of National and Local Government.</p> |
| 36 | To join forces with others to push for a climate action plan that is commensurate with the climate and nature emergency. | We will create a forum where Parish and Town Councils can work together on climate action. |
| 37 | Work with Local Enterprise Partnerships to encourage their decisions to be in-line with the climate reduction pathway and nature restoration plans. | We will review the New Anglia Delivery Plan 2020/2021 and associated policies/ strategies to identify areas of good practice and areas that we can lobby for improvement. |
| 38 | Provide support to Small, Medium Enterprises (SME) businesses and residents to access funds and expertise for reducing carbon pollution. | We will research and share information with businesses on local, district and county -wide initiatives |
| 39 | Raise awareness of the Eatwell Guide and the 'Shop Local' campaign, including the importance of high quality produce, including meat. | <p>We will promote local food and healthy eating to residents and businesses.</p> <p>We will promote the benefits of local markets and locally produced food through awareness-raising events and media.</p> |
| 40 | To inspire the people of Rendlesham to eliminate litter and waste, for now and for future generations. | We will carry out regular litter picks in the village and actively promote the 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign. |

Appendix One

Food Waste Hierarchy

Fareshare.org.uk



Appendix Two

RNPP1

In the Rendlesham District Centre (as defined in Fig 20) the emphasis will be on maintaining or enhancing those uses and services the community has identified.

Redevelopment or change of use of existing or established public buildings and/or key facilities will be supported provided that the redevelopment or change of use is for either leisure, education, retail or community use.

Proposals for redevelopment or change of use involving employment development will be supported provided that they maintain or enhance the existing or established leisure, education, retail or community uses and future needs thereof.

Proposals for redevelopment or change of use involving residential development will only be permitted where they maintain or enhance the existing or established employment, leisure, education, retail or community uses and future needs thereof.

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