

We need your feedback on the:

# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

## Rendlesham

A plan to tackle the climate and nature emergency

**What our council will do:**

### Putting our climate at the heart of decision-making

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.

1	Require councillors to identify whether the recommendations put to them would help or hinder climate, air pollution and nature plans.
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.
3	Use additional and existing decision-making approaches using the residents of Rendlesham for complicated or contentious choices.
4	Set interim and measurable targets for our council to achieve a carbon neutral status and meet nature restoration goals.

5	Align all our council statutory and non-statutory plans, policies and guidance with respective carbon reduction pathways and nature restoration plans, including procurement.
6	Review and improve how we involve residents in our existing decision-making processes.

## Raising money

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

7	To lobby the District and County Councils to introduce a workplace car parking levy and/or similar initiative to fund sustainable transport.
8	Raise money from the PWLB and CIL for low carbon infrastructure.
9	In response to planning applications, to use legal and planning mechanisms such as Section 106 agreements, Community Infrastructure Levy and other mechanisms to fund climate actions and nature restoration projects.

## Protect the most vulnerable

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

10	To support the Rendlesham Good Neighbour Scheme 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.
11	Ensure that voices of the most vulnerable communities are also represented in council decision-making and council-citizen deliberations.

## Buildings

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

12	Retrofit parish council-owned properties with high levels of insulation.
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.
14	To support minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector.
15	Lobby for higher standards than current national standards for privately built new homes.
16	Develop a heating and energy efficiency strategy for the area.

## 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.

17	Enable the rapid shift to electric vehicles by installing Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points where opportunities arise.
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18	Lobby for transport investment into cycling, walking, and public transport, such as electric buses.
19	Provision of an electric community minibus.
20	Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car-sharing, electric bikes and re-regulating bus services.
21	Promote and encourage, through education, the health and environmental benefits of walking.
22	If the Parish Council purchase vehicles they will be electric.
23	Seek for deliveries to the council to be by electric vehicles or bike (e.g. through setting-up a distribution centre for onward deliveries by clean vehicles).
24	Discourage car idling, particularly outside the school and shops in order to reduce air pollution.
25	Reduce the need to own and use a car through managing developments in the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Power

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

27	Identify areas suitable for renewable energy in the Neighbourhood Plan.
28	To switch lighting in public areas to be well-designed and well directed LED lights.
29	Reduce energy used by the council in its own assets.
30	Require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in council developments and, as much as possible, within private sector developments.
31	Support the development of renewable energy and energy storage.
32	Oppose fracking and other fossil fuel extraction.(Applicable in England only).
33	Cease the use of energy from fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy projects.

## Waste

**Our goal is to be a zero waste area where all waste is minimised, recycled or reused as.**

34	Work towards sending zero waste to landfill or incineration.
35	Use food waste according to the food waste hierarchy of prevent, compost, energy recovery.
36	Adopt circular economy waste policies in relevant plans and contracts.
37	Promote community sharing and reuse.
38	Ban the use of single-use plastic in council offices and premises.

## Influencing others

Our goal is to encourage and support other entities with their contribution to the fight against the climate emergency.

39	Use council memberships of Local Enterprise Partnerships to ensure all their decisions are in-line with the climate reduction pathway and nature restoration plans. (Applicable in England only)
40	Provide support to SME businesses and residents to access funds and expertise for reducing carbon pollution.
41	Use influence with schools and others to ensure that meals are delivered in accordance with the official Eatwell Guide on healthy eating and the majority of options on menus are healthy and plant-based, with less and better meat.

## 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.

42	Double tree cover on council-owned land, update 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.
43	Protect existing local green spaces, green belt and locally designated nature sites.
44	Manage council-owned land and road verges to increase biodiversity and drawdown carbon pollution, including through reduced pesticide use and increased planting of wildflowers.
45	Develop new quality green spaces in areas where they don't exist.

## Campaigning

Our goal is to make our voice heard by the UK government and secure increased devolution to local level and increase democratic control.

46	Work with other local authorities and allies to secure more regulatory powers, fundraising powers and finance to deliver on our aspirations (for example, as those identified by Friends of the Earth), and join forces with others to push for a climate action plan that is commensurate with the climate and nature emergency.
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**We welcome your feedback on the Draft Climate Action Plan. You can comment on the Plan until 31 March 2020. We will then look at all the comments and present the revised Plan at the Annual Parish Meeting on 22 April 2020 with the aim that Rendlesham Parish Council will adopt the Plan at their meeting on 4 May 2020.**

**Please send your feedback/comments to:**

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