

18 August 2020 - by email

Cllr Keith Mans and all Cabinet Members

Cllr Jan Warwick

Cc Chitra Nadarajah

Dear Councillor Mans, Cabinet Members, and Cllr Jan Warwick

We welcome the decision of the County Council to declare a climate emergency, and to approve a climate strategy and, shortly, a climate action plan.

We remain seriously concerned that the County Council continues to set a target date of 2050 to reach zero carbon. The science has changed since July 2019 when you made the declaration.

2050 is too late.

Here are ten reasons for you to review the 2050 deadline:

1. As the County Council declared, we face an emergency. The definition of an emergency is “a dangerous situation requiring immediate action”.
2. The IPCC warned in 2018 that we have only 12 years to avoid the worst effects of climate change.
3. The consequences of a 2 degree Celsius rise in temperature are terrifyingly worse than a 1.5 degree rise. Going higher is to be avoided at all costs.
4. Acting now could mean that we avoid hitting tipping points which accelerate disastrous chain reactions.
5. Global Heating is already changing our climate, increasing the risks of flooding and droughts, threatening food supplies, eroding our coastline and speeding up the extinction of wildlife.
6. The effects of climate change are already experienced by millions of people in other parts of the world, mostly the very poor who have done the least to cause the problem.
7. We are already seeing an increase in migrants trying to reach our shores. At 2 degrees these numbers will increase hugely. Some of your climate emergency budget may need to be spent on housing and feeding people whose livelihoods and safety have been lost to climate-related catastrophes and wars.
8. Urgent action would mean less suffering in future in Hampshire and across the world from floods, high temperatures and droughts, less economic damage and less spending to deal with the effects.
9. We have increasing evidence of the effects of air pollution on physical and mental health, another County Council responsibility (and cost).
10. Talking about 2050 sends the wrong message to people who haven't yet woken up to the danger, and think we still have plenty of time to act.

We attach references, in appendix 1.

Your strategy includes much to be proud of, but if Hampshire aims to be a leader in the fight against climate change, revising the net zero target to 2030 is essential. Many Conservative-led local authorities, including county councils, have a target of 2030 (see appendix 2 for the 184 councils which have set a target earlier than 2050).

We have a unique opportunity post COVID to build back better - to create jobs, clean up our environment and make Hampshire a leader rather than a follower.

Before the action plan is brought to Cabinet for approval in September, please review your deadline.

Thank you for your attention

Yours sincerely

- ACAN (Alton Climate Action & Network)
- ALFI (Alton Local Food Initiative)
- Alton Society
- Andover Trees United
- Basingstoke Transition Network
- Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth (Hart & Rushmoor)
- Build Back Better Havant
- Cycle Alton
- EcoChurch, Parish of the Resurrection Alton
- Energy Alton
- Friends of Langstone Harbour (Havant)
- Global Justice South East Hants
- Gosport & Fareham Friends of the Earth
- Greenpeace, Portsmouth
- Hampshire Climate Action Network
- Debbie Tann, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
- Havant Climate Alliance
- Havant Friends of the Earth
- Havant U3A Environment & Technology Group
- Let Pompey Breathe
- New Forest Friends of the Earth
- Petersfield Climate Action Network
- Portsmouth Climate Alliance
- Portsmouth Friends of the Earth
- Transition Town Andover
- Transition Southampton
- Transition Town Romsey
- WinACC (Winchester Action on Climate Change)
- Winchester Friends of the Earth
- XR New Forest
- XR Portsmouth
- XR Romsey
- XR Winchester

## Appendix 1

### References

IPCC report Global Warming of 1.5 °C – 2018 <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>

#### Tipping points

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03595-0>

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/explainer-nine-tipping-points-that-could-be-triggered-by-climate-change>

Effects of climate change <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/climate-change/effects-of-climate-change>

#### Migration due to climate change

<https://www.climateforesight.eu/migrations-inequalities/environmental-migrants-up-to-1-billion-by-2050/>

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-climate-crisis-migration-and-refugees/>

Air pollution and health <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-matters-air-pollution/health-matters-air-pollution>

## Appendix 2

### Councils with a target closer than 2050, to February 2020

	Type	Control	Date passed	Target Date	Web
Adur	District	CON	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Amber Valley	District	LAB	July 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Aylesbury Vale	District	CON	September 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Babergh	District	NOC	July 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Barnsley	Metro Boro	LAB	September 18, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Basingstoke & Deane	District	CON	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Bath & NES	Unitary	LIB DEM	March 14, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Bedford	Unitary	NOC	March 5, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Birmingham	Metro Boro	LAB	June 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Blackburn-with-Darwen	Unitary	LAB	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Blackpool	Unitary	LAB	June 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Bolton	Metro Boro	NOC	August 29, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Braintree	District	CON	July 22, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>

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Brent	London Boro	LAB	July 8, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Brighton & Hove	Unitary	NOC	December 13, 2018	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Bristol	Unitary	LAB	November 13, 2018	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Broxtowe	District	NOC	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Burnley	District	LAB	July 10, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Bury	Metro Boro	LAB	July 10, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Caerphilly	Unitary	LAB	June 4, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Cannock Chase	District	NOC	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Canterbury	District	CON	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Cardiff	Unitary	LAB	March 28, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Carlisle	District	NOC	March 5, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Carmarthenshire	Unitary	NOC	February 20, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Chelmsford	District	Lib Dem	July 16, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Cheltenham	District	LD	February 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Cherwell	District	CON	July 22, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Cheshire East	Unitary	NOC	May 22, 2019	2025	
Chiltern	District	CON	July 24, 2019	2030	
Chorley	District	LAB	November 19, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
City of York	Unitary	NOC	March 21, 2019	2030	
Colchester	District	NOC	July 17, 2019	2030	
Cornwall	Unitary	NOC	January 22, 2019	2030	
Craven	District	NOC	August 6, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Crawley	District	LAB	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Croydon	London Boro	LAB	July 15, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Dacorum	District	CON	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Darlington	District	NOC	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Dartford	District	CON	October 7, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>

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Derbyshire Dales	District	CON	May 30, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Dumfries & Galloway	Unitary	NOC	June 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Ealing	London Boro	LAB	April 2, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
East Devon	District	IND	July 24, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
East Suffolk	District	CON	July 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Eastbourne	District	LIB DEM	July 10, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Eastleigh	District	LIB DEM	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Eden	District	NOC	July 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Edinburgh	Unitary	NOC	February 7, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Elmbridge	District	NOC	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Epping Forest	District	CON	September 19, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Exeter	District	LAB	July 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Falkirk	Unitary	NOC	August 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Fareham	District	CON	October 24, 2019	2030	
Fife	Unitary	NOC	September 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Folkestone & Hythe	District	NOC	July 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Forest of Dean	District	NOC	December 6, 2018	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Gateshead	Metro Boro	LAB	May 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Glasgow	Unitary	NOC	May 16, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Gloucester	District	CON	July 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Gloucestershire	County	CON	May 15, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Gravesham	District	LAB	June 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Greenwich	London Boro	LAB	June 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Guildford	District	NOC	July 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Hammersmith & Fulham	London Boro	LAB	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Harborough	District	CON	June 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>

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Haringey	London Boro	LAB	March 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Harrow	London Boro	LAB	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Herefordshire	Unitary	NOC	March 8, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
High Peak	District	LAB	October 15, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Highland	Unitary	NOC	May 9, 2019	2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Hull	Unitary	LAB	March 21, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Hyndburn	District	LAB	September 19, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Ipswich	District	LAB	July 9, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Isle of Wight	Unitary	CON	July 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Islington	London Boro	LAB	June 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Kettering	District	CON	July 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Kingston-upon-Thames	London Boro	LIB DEM	June 25, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Knowsley	Metro Boro	LAB	January 29, 2020	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Lambeth	London Boro	LAB	January 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Lancaster	District	NOC	January 30, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Leeds	Metro Boro	LAB	March 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Leicester	Unitary	LAB	February 1, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Leicestershire	County	CON	May 15, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Lewes	District	NOC	July 15, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Lewisham	London Boro	LAB	February 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Lincoln	District	LAB	July 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Liverpool	City Region	NOC	May 24, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Liverpool City	Metro Borough	LAB	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Luton	Unitary	LAB	January 14, 2020	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Maidstone	District	NOC	April 10, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Manchester	Metro Boro	LAB	July 10, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>

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Melton	District	CON	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Mendip	District	NOC	February 25, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Merton	London Boro	LAB	July 10, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Mid Devon	District	NOC	June 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Mid Suffolk	District	NOC	July 25, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Milton Keynes	Unitary	NOC	January 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link"&gt;Link</a>
Mole Valley	District	LIB DEM	June 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Monmouthshire	Unitary	CON	May 16, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Moray	Unitary	NOC	June 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Newcastle upon Tyne	Metro Boro	LAB	April 3, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Newcastle-under-Lyme	District	NOC	April 3, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Newham	London Boro	LAB	April 15, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
North East Derbyshire	District	CON	July 8, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
North Hertfordshire	District	NOC	May 21, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
North Kesteven	District	IND	July 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
North of Tyne	Combined Authority	LAB	May 7, 2019	2030	
North Somerset	Unitary	CON	February 19, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Northampton	District	CON	June 3, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Northumberland	Unitary	NOC	June 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Nottingham	Unitary	LAB	January 21, 2019	2028	<a href="#">Link</a>
Nuneaton & Bedworth	District	NOC	December 6, 2019	2030	
Oldham	Metro Boro	LAB	September 11, 2019	2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Oxfordshire	County	NOC	April 2, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Pendle	District	NOC	July 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Peterborough	Unitary	NOC	July 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Plymouth	Unitary	LAB	March 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>

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Portsmouth	Unitary	NOC	March 19, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Preston	District	LAB	April 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Reading	Unitary	LAB	February 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Redbridge	London Boro	LAB	June 20, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Redcar & Cleveland	Unitary	NOC	March 28, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Renfrewshire	Unitary	NOC	June 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Richmond-upon-Thames	London Boro	LIB DEM	July 9, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Rochdale	Metro Boro	LAB	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Rossendale	District	Labour	September 25, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Rother	District	NOC	September 16, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Rushcliffe	District	CON	March 7, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Rushmoor	District	CON	June 20, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Salford	Metro Boro	LAB	July 17, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Scarborough	District	NOC	January 7, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Scilly Isles	Unitary	LAB	April 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Sefton	Metro Boro	LAB	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Somerset	County	LD	February 20, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Somerset West & Taunton	District	LD	February 21, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
South Gloucestershire	Unitary	CON	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
South Ribble	District	NOC	July 24, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
South Tyneside	Metro Boro	LAB	July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Southampton	Unitary	LAB	September 18, 2019	2040	
Southend-on-Sea	District		July 18, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Southwark	London Boro	LAB	March 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
St Alban's	District	LIB DEM	July 9, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>



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St. Helen's	Metro Boro	LAB	July 10, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Stafford	District	CON	July 23, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Staffordshire Moorlands	District	NOC	July 10, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Stockport	Metro Boro	NOC	March 28, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Stratford-on-Avon	District	CON	July 15, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Stroud	District	NOC	December 13, 2018	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Suffolk	County	CON	March 21, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Surrey Heath	District		October 9, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Sutton	London Boro	LIB DEM	July 22, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Swale	District	NOC	June 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Swansea	Unitary	LAB	June 27, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tameside	Metro Borough	LAB	February 24, 2020	2038	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tandridge	District	NOC	February 13, 2020	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Teignbridge	District	LIB DEM	April 18, 2019	2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Telford & Wrekin	Unitary	LAB	July 25, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tendring	District	NOC	August 6, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tewkesbury	District	CON	October 1, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Thanet	District	NOC	July 11, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Three Rivers	District	LD	May 21, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tonbridge & Malling	District	CON	July 9, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Torbay	Unitary	NOC	June 19, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tower Hamlets	London Boro	LAB	March 20, 2019	2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tunbridge Wells	District	CON	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Uttesford	District	IND	July 30, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Vale of Glamorgan	Unitary	NOC	July 29, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Wakefield	Metro Boro	LAB	May 23, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>

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Warrington	Unitary	LAB	June 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Warwick	District	NOC	June 26, 2019	2025	<a href="#">Link/</a>
Watford	District	LD	July 9, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link/</a>
Welwyn Hatfield	District	NOC	June 19, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link/</a>
West Berkshire	Unitary	CON	July 2, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link/</a>
West Lancashire	District	LAB	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
West Sussex	County	CON	April 5, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Wigan	Metro Boro	LAB	July 17, 2019	2040	<a href="#">Link</a>
Wiltshire	County	LD	February 26, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Winchester	District	LD	June 5, 2019	2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Woking	District	NOC	July 25, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Wolverhampton	Metro Boro	LAB	July 17, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Worcester	District	NOC	July 16, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>
Wrexham	Unitary	NOC	September 25, 2019	2030	<a href="#">Link</a>