

Notes from Public Forum Climate Emergency - 11th November 2019

Homes/Commercial

Influencing legislation especially in regard to new home building regulations

Influencing planning and ensuring planning officers give due priority to climate emergency issues

Review conservation area policy to ensure that environmentally friendly works are barred due to restrictions (Solar/double glazing/insulation)

Resources - how can the public find out about the best solutions/alternatives that might be available to them

Bulk buying for 'hardware' to get better prices - such as solar etc

What incentives could be put in place/supported to encourage switching

How can education be influenced - both for children and for adults

Should the whole climate issues be raised as a BANNER policy - very public with targets and commitments and ensure that all policies align to this

Develop, launch and promote and BIG awareness scheme

Renewables - encourage more of the bug switch/how can we add or overlay renewables on to local planning requirements (e.g. from Dominic Kramer Architect)

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Transport

Lobby for National legislative change

Promote public transport - ensure councillors and workers are familiar with routes/connections to promote and encourage. Could equally apply to other public facilities (libraries etc)

Support financially bus routes (very rough straw poll on the room suggested that people may be willing to pay more through council tax for free buses if the routes are right)

Look at routing differently (the bubble idea of shorter routes but with an overlap/intersection that take the route out wider)

Look at bus design for access

Bus replacement programmes - e buses - incentivise operators?

Sustainable developments - where should they be? Transport routes and connections

Promote school travel plans for car shares/Applies also to council and other public services/guaranteed parking spaces for those that share

Question the policy of free parking (E.g. Daventry) - does it encourage the wrong behaviour and encourage more individual cars

Promote health benefits of walking more

Promote and grow cycle ways and routes/protect those that exist e.g. Brampton Valley Way

View that Daventry is not particularly cycle friendly - what more can be done to make it work better and safer

Investment in trains - capacity and rolling stock

Rail - encourage better cross country connects

ZIP car schemes - use when needed - community car share schemes

Promote greater use of IT solutions for business (Skype, ZOOM etc) - video conferencing (Education programme here?)

Encourage walking - look at reasons why people don't (Street lighting etc)

Bus company - sustained subsidy with new developments of make sure that there is a plan for council to take over?

Promote electric vehicles - encourage Parish councils to install fast charging points at community centres/village halls - make all budget for three installations in 2020 (approx £6000)

Educate people on the damage caused by car idling (schools/taxi ranks)

Promote and actively support community transport schemes/Car share and perhaps link more to good neighbours scheme

Environment

Build public awareness

Make sure that the council develops fully integrated holistic plans - make sure that policy is strategic/planned through and well aligned

Ensure joined up thinking across departments within the council

Explore and develop Nature Based Solutions - e.g roadside verge management

Guerrilla gardening - planting pollinators on sterile land

Explore "plantlife" which looks specifically at roadside verges

Encourage home plant sharing schemes amongst neighbours and communities

Encourage tree planting schemes actively - check validity of tree management (e.g. if it dies and is cut down and burnt defeats object in terms of Co2

Further develop the protection of trees - new schemes and development in particular

Reinstate habitats

FOOD WASTE - big issue - programme to educate?

Mapping and recording nature networks to ensure all wildlife can co exist (should this be something that all Parishes should do as per Neighbourhood plan?)

Employ at the council more specialist staff to promote action, e.g. an additional tree officer to advise and educate

Lifestyle

Build public awareness - put on a council roadshow for the district and put on exhibitions in libraries/pubs/sports halls and other public spaces

Recycling - show people what actually happens - follow the journey of waste and recycling

Burning and energy generating schemes (as per Oxford)

Warehousing in the area - understand and monitor food waste issues here

Encourage repair cafes and swish events

Educate people on the cost of clothing production and consumption

Promote locally grown food as well as seasonal (impact on lifestyle)

Use Daventry calling to promote (move to online edition or at least ensure recycled paper)

Create an annual 10% less challenge (less food/less journeys etc)

Check investments that the council has - ensure it's not in banks backing fossil fuels for example

Promote food caddy use and explain what happens

Develop a range of 'explainer' videos

