

# Warwick District People's Inquiry in to Climate Change

## Warwick District Council Responses to the People's Inquiry Recommendations

### Introduction

The Council commissioned a People's Inquiry in to climate change in the summer of 2020. This involved a cross section of 30 local residents meeting over 10 sessions between October 2020 and early February 2021 to consider the question: "What do we need to do in Warwick District to help address Climate Change by 2030?". The full report of the People's Inquiry, including the process for recruiting panel members and how the issues were deliberated is available on the Warwick District Council website here: [file:///D:/The district of Warwick People s Inquiry on climate Change 2020 21%20\(1\).pdf](file:///D:/The%20district%20of%20Warwick%20People%20s%20Inquiry%20on%20climate%20Change%202020%21%20(1).pdf)

This report sets out the Council's response to the recommendations. In making these responses the following points are emphasised:

- The Council remains committed to playing its part in full to address the climate emergency. The People's Inquiry recommendations provide a rich and varied set of recommendations which will be important in shaping the Council's work in the coming years.
- The recommendations are far reaching and therefore need concerted and coordinated action – not just from Warwick District Council. The Council cannot therefore deliver all the recommendations alone and will need close working with a range of organisations, locally, regionally and nationally.
- Delivering on some of the recommendations will involve substantial additional resources over and above those that are already available for the Council's climate change work. Given the financial challenges faced by the Council, we will need to be imaginative and determined in the way we attract funds and other resources for the climate work across the District. To that end, the Inquiry's recommendations around funding are particularly important.
- The responses to the recommendations commit the Council to undertaking or exploring a wide range of initiatives. However, we will not be able to do all of these at the same time. We will therefore develop a resourced programme of work for the next two to three years, incorporating all the relevant recommendations and setting out how we intend to make progress.
- As part of our Climate Change Action Programme, we will include some key measures to show progress on reducing carbon emissions and will continue to discuss progress with the People's Inquiry members and other stakeholders.

### Headlines

The table below includes detailed responses to 36 recommendations. It is therefore inevitably a long document. However, the People's Inquiry has made a real difference in shaping the Council's climate change work and the following headlines (by no means an exhaustive list) are important to highlight:

**Cycling (see recommendation 1):** We will work closely with Warwickshire County Council to promote active travel – and particularly cycling – across the District. This will involve improving infrastructure - focusing on safety and convenience; and promotional campaigns and activities to encourage more take up of cycling

**Low carbon transport (see recommendations 1, 6, 19, 27, 31, 32, 35):** we will employ a Sustainable Transport Project Officer to work with our partners at Warwickshire County Council to drive forward a range of low carbon transport project across the District. Pipeline projects include:

- Supporting more safe cycling through our parks
- Rolling out EV charging infrastructure across the District
- Developing a bike share/e-bike scheme for public use; and an e-Cargo bike scheme for local deliveries
- Encouraging electric vehicles for a range of uses - including buses, Council services, deliveries, taxis etc
- Working with the County to ensure the Local Transport Plan puts climate change at its heart
- Exploring the potential for hydrogen production in the District as a low carbon fuel for larger, longer distance vehicles

**Communications (see recommendations 3, 28, 33):** We will develop a focused and ongoing communications campaign, involving key website message combined with social media and other campaigns.

**Tree planting (see recommendation 4):** We have committed to planting 160,000 trees by 2029. We already have a programme of work underway and will bring forward further plans over the next year setting out how we intend to step up the amount of tree planting (and the associated carbon capture) to hit our target

**New planning policies (see recommendations 2, 7):** We will develop a new planning policy that requires new buildings to be net zero carbon in operation and will incorporate this policy in to a review of the Local Plan. As the new South Warwickshire Local Plan is developed we will ensure that addressing climate change is at its heart including policies to minimise the need to travel and to minimise the carbon impacts of travel; deliver low carbon, sustainable buildings; support adaptation to climate change across south Warwickshire

**Low carbon new housing and buildings (see recommendation 2):** Ahead of preparing new planning policies to require net zero housing, we intend to ensure that from now on, new developments in which the Council is directly involved as landowner, funder or developer will be net zero carbon – unless there are exceptional reasons why this cannot be achieved in particular cases

**Retrofitting public buildings (see recommendation 9):** building on the work we have already done to reduce carbon impacts of Council buildings we will develop details carbon reduction

**Retrofitting Council Housing (see recommendation 9):** We will invest at least £18m over the next 10 years in retrofitting Council-owned housing with energy efficiency measures and low carbon energy. We will continue to supplement our own funding by accessing grants

**Retrofitting private housing (see recommendations 11, 25):** Recognising the scale of the task and the length of time it will take, we will prioritise work to improve support, funding and advice to enable homeowners and landlords to retrofit their houses confidently and cost-effectively. We will play our part in improving local skills, expertise and capacity to enable this.

**Waste reduction and circular economy (see recommendation 5):** as well as exploring ways to support local repair cafes and shops, we will include information about consumption, waste reduction/repairs and recycling as part of a one stop shop online information.

**Improving recycling for flats (see recommendation 12):** WDC will continue to investigate options and liaise with residents to explore very local solutions (recognising the no single solution will fit all circumstances) for improving recycling for flats.

**Waste and recycling (see recommendation 9):** We recognise the importance of excellent communications ahead of and during the roll out of new services that will come in with the new contract in 2022. Plans are already being put in place for a communications strategy for this.

**Checking progress and reporting back (see recommendations 8, 21):** we will meet regularly with members of the People's Inquiry to report back on progress and to discuss ideas for future work. We will also bring forward proposals as part of our engagement strategy for Climate Change to establish an independent local climate change group.

**Lobbying (see recommendation 16 – and various others):** recognising that national and international policy will make a huge difference to what we can achieve locally, we will place a high priority on lobbying, including responding to government consultations and working through local, regional and central government structures to make the case for change where that is needed.

**Note on Table – 3<sup>rd</sup> Column:**

Cat A indicates recommendation are largely within WDC's control or influence

Cat B indicates recommendation largely lies within the control and influence of another organisation and therefore requires cooperation

Theme	Recommendation	Cat A or B	WDC Response	Resource implications
1 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	<p>Promote and encourage <b>more people to take up cycling</b> through:</p> <p>a) Better quality and increased number of cycle paths that are safe and well lit.</p> <p>b) Cycle, pedestrian and motor vehicle routes/roads/paths to be properly physically separated (e.g. grass verge, flexible bollards/barrier),</p> <p>c) Secure bike storage in places where people live (e.g. flats) and in places where people visit (e.g. town centre),</p> <p>d) End to end journey consideration - unbroken cycle routes, security, storage, hire,</p> <p>e) A clear good quality cycle route plan for Warwickshire, well promoted - link with upcoming 'signposting' project,</p> <p>f) Free cycle training/tuition (safe riding and maintenance),</p> <p>g) Promoting the health benefits of cycling,</p> <p>h) A safest cycle routes app - (city mapper) linking cycle, bus etc.</p>	B (although quite a bit is cat A)	<p>Warwick District Council (WDC) supports this recommendation and will incorporate actions within the CEAP to support more people to take up cycling.</p> <p>Whilst cycling (provision cycle paths, promotion etc) is primarily the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council (WCC), WDC will work with the County Council. WDC has an important role in providing cycle storage in parks, town centres and in WDC car parks (especially secure parking with CCTV coverage) and cycling in parks. WDC also has responsibility for cycle storage in flats either through the planning system or directly where the Council owns housing.</p> <p>Specifically, WDC will explore the following for inclusion within the CEAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Increasing secure cycle storage in WDC car parks, town centres and at other WDC facilities</li> <li>b) Improving safe cycle storage in WDC housing blocks</li> <li>c) Ensuring the parking supplementary planning document is delivering secure cycle parking provision for new developments as required</li> <li>d) Provide improved cycle links in WDC parks and ensure these are safe to use, including provision of CCTV where necessary</li> <li>e) Work with WCC through the planning system (such as infrastructure requirements, supplementary planning document such as parking, design guides etc and section 106 agreements etc)</li> <li>f) Ensure cycling provision is included in a range of WCC projects, including those funded through CIL such as Future of the High Street Fund, Bath Street and Emscote Road improvements to improve the cycle network connections across the District</li> </ul>	<p>Activities associated within the recommendation can be coordinated through the proposed Strategic Transport Project Officer post.</p> <p>Funding will be required to deliver the infrastructure to support this recommendation. WDC will explore the following options for this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint funding with partners such as WCC</li> <li>• Private sector sponsorship</li> <li>• Government grants</li> <li>• Use of Section 106</li> <li>• Climate Action Fund</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g) Seek funding to introduce a bike scheme in the District</li> <li>h) Promote active travel as part of the regeneration of our Town Centres with careful consideration of the extent to which cycling and pedestrians should mix so that they each supports the other</li> <li>i) Work with WCC to ensure the Local Transport Plan (LTP) places a strong emphasis on cycling within Warwick District (linking with neighbouring areas)</li> <li>j) As of the LTP, ensure cycling isn't delivered in isolation – it needs to be part of an integrated low carbon transport plan</li> <li>k) Ensure cycling is promoted (including the health benefits) and incentivised for residents and businesses as part of the communication and community engagement related to the climate emergency</li> </ul>	
2 <b>HOUSING</b>	<p>Every <b>new house must be carbon neutral</b> both in construction and in their future use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are quality standard tools that can be applied e.g BREEAM, LEED, Passivhaus and these should be used.</li> <li>• A resourced monitoring process needs to be in place to make sure this happens. Our council must investigate how it can accelerate in any way possible, as quickly as possible a drive to carbon neutral housing. This local action must be supported by similar national building and planning regulations. We</li> </ul>	Cat A	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation and will work to deliver this through the planning system and by working to ensure the new homes the Council is responsible for building itself are net zero carbon.</p> <p>WDC can directly contribute to achieving this recommendation in two ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) through the planning system by requiring housing proposals that come forward to be built to standards which achieve net zero carbon in operation;</li> <li>2) as a developer of new housing itself – ensuring proposals that are brought forward by the Council are net zero carbon</li> </ol> <p>In the first role, the Council needs to introduce new planning policies (which will need to go through consultation and formal examination in public) before it can require private house builders to meet carbon neutral standards. This means that this part of the recommendation cannot be delivered from day one. In the second role, the Council is</p>	<p>Resources to support the Planning Policy Team to prepare the DPD are in place through the CAF. Once adopted there will be costs associated with demonstrating compliance with the DPD. It is anticipated that costs associated with this will fall on the developer, but this will need to be reviewed.</p>

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	<p>recognise building regulations do not currently require homes to be carbon zero.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We expect Warwick District Council to lobby for change to this at a national level.</li> </ul>		<p>incorporating significant carbon reduction in its approach based on SAP/AECB standards and is planning to introduce fully carbon neutral building standards as early as possible.</p> <p>Specifically, the following actions are proposed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and adopt net zero carbon building standard through a new (interim) Development Plan Document (DPD)</li> <li>Put in place monitoring systems which ensure that once the DPD is adopted, new homes not only achieve net zero carbon in design, but are also in construction (addressing the performance gap)</li> <li>Ensure net zero carbon building standards are incorporated in the South Warwickshire Local Plan</li> <li>Ahead of the adoption of the DPD, influence house builders wherever possible to reduce carbon emissions in new developments</li> <li>Strive towards all new WDC Council housing to designed and built to be net zero carbon in operation</li> <li>Work towards Section 106 affordable housing that is purchased by WDC from developers to be developed at a premium standard which incorporates substantive carbon reduction measures to get a close as possible to SAP/AECB standards (for example the Triangle at Europa Way, Crewe Lane at Kenilworth and Radford Semele). In these cases, it will only be possible to achieve full carbon neutrality where the private developer's approved planning application is based on a carbon neutral design.</li> <li>The Council will continue to lobby for changes to national building standards (such as the Building Regulations) to ensure carbon neutral standards are brought in nationally as soon as possible</li> </ol>	<p>The DPD includes proposals for a carbon offsetting fund which has potential to provide a source of funding to support the Council's wider ambitions for a carbon neutral District</p> <p>In relation to delivery of new housing by WDC, resources are in place through the HRA to support this work, however, each site will need to be considered on its own merits with viability taken into account. Carbon neutral homes are more expensive to build and therefore a balance will need to be struck.</p>

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			<p>The main challenges to achieving the ambition for net zero carbon housing are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The time it takes to introduce and apply new planning policies</li> <li>• Costs associated with designing and building net zero carbon homes which can be prohibitive depending on site circumstances</li> <li>• The fuel costs associated with electric heating systems which can have an adverse effect on those in fuel poverty</li> <li>• Lifestyles – the Council cannot control how people live in their homes in relation to things like adaptations, number and use of appliances etc.</li> </ul> <p>For homes developed by (or for) WDC, these issues will be addressed on a site by site basis with a view to achieving or getting as close as possible to net zero carbon in every case.</p>	
3 <b>COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION</b>	<p><b>A coordinated and collaborative communications campaign</b> to encourage everyone to take action and make lifestyle changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This messaging needs to be aimed at the whole community with messages targeted to specific age groups using specific tools (e.g. billboards, school networks, workplaces, GPs, sound bites in public spaces, transport advertising spaces, supermarkets, radio and other media).</li> <li>• This should be launched as a climate emergency roadshow</li> </ul>	Cat A	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. The Council will continue to communicate with residents about carbon reduction measures whenever the opportunity arises. Whilst the existing Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) places an emphasis on communications, we recognise the need to step this up and to approach communication in a more structured and coordinated way, including linking in with other organisations with similar aims. A communications strategy needs to be a cross cutting element of the CEAP</p> <p>We will therefore incorporate actions within the CEAP to develop and maintain an effective ongoing communications campaign. To do this we will explore the following ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop a communications plan which             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Relates to the Council’s overall climate change objectives and stays focused on these,</li> <li>ii. considers the audiences,</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	The existing Sustainability Officer post in HCP, in conjunction with the PDCC will lead the work on this with input from all service as and with particular support from the People and Communications Service.

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	<p>which would be visible, dynamic and attract publicity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target groups should include Primary schools, Secondary schools, adults of different generations.</li> <li>• The messaging should encourage people to take action on recycling, active travel, (e.g. Walking Wednesday, Cycling Sunday, walking weekends, waste management, tree planting, planning ahead to do errands in one day, shop local, shared journeys and resources, meal planning including less meat consumption).</li> <li>• Local businesses and organisations need to come together as partners to create and spread these messages which must be apolitical and give a range of options. e.g. 'Make a change for climate change- everybody just do one thing, 1 small step'.</li> <li>• Local schools need to embed climate change education into their curriculum, this should be via assemblies, lessons and projects.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. recognises the need to enable people to “pull” a rich variety of information and the need to “push” key message,</li> <li>iv. ensures that the information is up to date and evolves,</li> <li>v. includes forward looking timeline so that specific campaigns can be developed.</li> <li>b) Ensure that communications channels and messages are tailored to reflect the different needs of different audiences, including young people</li> <li>c) As part of b) make effective use of social media including where possible as a very local level such as street whatsapp groups</li> <li>d) Consider working with external climate change communications experts who have already prepared material that can be locally tailored</li> <li>e) Improve the Council’s website and provide stronger signposting and links to other sources of information</li> <li>f) Include though provoking messages to catch the attention of people who are not aware of the impacts of climate change</li> <li>g) Subject to covid restrictions and advice, develop materials for a roadshow and other events so that messages can be taken out to communities. Work with Town and Parish Councils in developing a programme of events</li> <li>h) Work with the County Council (as Education Authority) to consider how we can best link with young people through schools</li> <li>i) Ensure climate changes messaging is embedded with other Council initiatives and messages for example the Commonwealth Games, town centre regeneration, health &amp; wellbeing, recycling, active travel, social prescribing or fuel poverty in housing</li> </ul>	



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>j) Ensure we have a clear and visual way of showing progress so that everyone can see the momentum we are gaining</li> <li>k) Explore ways of measuring the impacts of communications initiatives so that we can learn from these</li> <li>l) Support other organisations (such as Town and Parish Councils, businesses and local institutions) in communicating about climate change by making information and material available.</li> <li>m) Engage with community and voluntary networks so that we can collaboratively develop communications for different parts of our communities</li> <li>n) Work with our contractors (such as Everyone Active) to support climate change messages</li> </ul> <p>As this needs to be an ongoing area of work (through continued nudges), we need to consider the resource implications of this carefully. Whilst some communications can be low cost, other high-impact comms may have significant resources implications. The communications plan must be realistic otherwise it will “gather dust”.</p>	
<p>4 <b>FINANCE AND OTHERS (Including carbon recapture)</b></p>	<p>Warwick District Council should develop a programme of <b>carbon recapture</b> in all council owned green and currently unused areas (even small ones e.g. corners at the end of streets) to include appropriate native trees, shrubs, wild flowers for wildlife, create wild meadow areas instead of mowing and a promotion to encourage the public to develop their gardens in the same way.</p>	<p>Cat A (although if wider approach planned Cat B too)</p>	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. The Council is already taking some steps towards this such as the Tree planting project (which aims to deliver 160,000 trees across the District with the mantra of the right tree in the right place), and the Park Hill “Set to Bloom” initiative which is experimenting with managing some open space in a more hands-off way to encourage pollinators and wild areas.</p> <p>Adding to initiatives that are already underway, the Council will explore ways to embed carbon capture in to the management, development and improvement of open spaces through the CEAP. In particular, we will consider:</p>	<p>A Tree Planting Project Officer is already in place to support this work and other financial resources have been identified for 2021/22 to deliver the initial stages of the tree planting project. A report will be brought forward during 2021/22 setting out how the project’s</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ensuring the carbon benefits of our tree planting initiatives are measured and are given real value as a way of demonstrating the benefits and justifying ongoing investment in this area</li> <li>b) Explore the potential for local carbon markets which recognise the value of natural assets and which enable investment into these through local carbon offsetting schemes (NB, this needs to link to the review of planning policy referred to in response to recommendation B above)</li> <li>c) Learn from and grow the existing Park Hill experiment to enable similar schemes to be introduced elsewhere in the District</li> <li>d) Continue to manage the Council’s existing tree stock carefully</li> <li>e) Consider opportunities for “rewilding” areas of the District, recognising that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. aside from parts of Newbold Comyn the Council may have limited opportunities for this on a large scale as it’s land holdings are not extensive</li> <li>ii. the Council can look at small pockets in urban areas as recommended to increase the biodiversity and carbon benefits of these areas</li> <li>iii. the greatest opportunities may be in rural parts of the District where the Council will need to consider how best to use its influence to support large scale rewilding initiatives</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>aims will be delivered and what additional resources will be required to deliver those aims.</p> <p>If the concept of “local carbon markets” are feasible, this will provide additional funding to support tree planting and other investment in natural assets.</p> <p>It should be noted that small scale rewilding projects and examples like the Park Hill experiment are resource intensive as they need active and intensive management to be effective. Expanding this will need to be planned in a gradual way to enable it to be delivered within existing resources.</p> <p>In addition to local carbon markets, the</p>

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				<p>potential to use the following sources of funding will be explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 106 agreements (such as biodiversity offsetting)</li> <li>• External grants to local authorities</li> </ul> <p>Support to enable landowners to access funding opportunities.</p>
<p>5 <b>WASTE AND RECYCLING</b></p>	<p>Encourage the <b>reuse of items to reduce landfill</b>. We would like a centralised management and information platform administered by the Council to increase awareness and availability of systems for obtaining or disposing of reusable items that would otherwise go to landfill. This recommendation has two parts:</p> <p>a) Online digital element: We request Warwick District Council host and manage a central platform that is accessible to people from home or in person support (in a council premises), if someone hasn't got internet access or know how. It</p>	<p>Cat A in part</p> <p>Cat B in part</p>	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation, but as explained below, in terms of allocating resources, would place a lower priority on this in comparison to many other recommendations.</p> <p>WDC has undertaken work to establish the main sources of carbon emissions from the District and is committed to working to reduce these sources. Carbon reductions that result from reducing waste (by reusing more) are as important as all other carbon emissions in the context of the global challenges we all face. We therefore support the recommendation. In particular, we support more reuse in the context of a local circular economy that ceases the current practice on single use of scarce natural resources such as fossil fuels, aggregates and other materials.</p> <p>However, the reasons we place a lower priority on this is that waste reduction is likely to make only a small impact on carbon emissions from Warwick District. We do want to see more re-use in Warwick District, but alongside this we will continue to call for other Councils, governments and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions and to develop local circular economies.</p>	<p>This will require a resource to set up and maintain online advice webpages</p>

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	<p>should include information about all the online platforms that people can choose from to be able to get things they need from others who don't need them anymore (e.g. household items or food that would otherwise be wasted - freecycle.org, olio, too good to go and various Facebook groups).</p> <p>b) Physical community hubs should be established for re-purposing things which are no longer needed and providing information about the online options above. These could also host 'repair cafes'. Existing facilities at council owned recycling centres (some with charity shops on the premises already) should be further developed to provide these hubs. Proactive intervention from centre staff to check if items could be recycled or re-purposed. Information could be shared about other existing organisations such as Action 21. Other suitable premises should also be</p>		<p>As part of this we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include information about consumption, waste reduction/repairs and recycling as part of our one stop shop online information. A particular challenge will be how to ensure this is kept up to date</li> <li>• Explore way to support local repair cafés (potential through parish and town councils and/or communities).</li> <li>• Explore ways to help repair shops to network and support each other, including addressing any gaps in the offer or in capacity across the District</li> </ul>	

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	found e.g. Shakespeare Hospice premises in Kenilworth, and also in villages			
6 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	<p>Make <b>public buses</b> more attractive as an alternative to cars through:</p> <p>a) Subsidised bus travel/ reduce cost of bus travel,</p> <p>b) Bus vouchers included in your council tax (number of vouchers each year),</p> <p>c) Improve quality of bus services,</p> <p>d) Ensure buses are accessible for people with disabilities and hidden disabilities</p>	Cat B	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation but recognises that it has only limited involvement in this area. The primary responsibility for improving and promoting public transport lies with Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p>WDC will continue to work with WCC to encourage more attractive public transport options including through</p> <p>a) Collaboration on the development of the Local Transport Plan</p> <p>b) Bringing forward park and ride schemes</p> <p>c) Collaborating to introduce electric or hydrogen buses in the District</p> <p>d) Using the planning system (especially Section 106 agreements) to ensure public transport is planned for in new developments.</p> <p>With regard to part b) of this recommendation (Bus vouchers included in your council tax) the legislation around Council Tax prevents this from being possible. However, we will work with Warwickshire County Council to explore whether other ways of incentivising bus journeys can be considered.</p>	No additional resources are required.
7 <b>HOUSING</b>	<p>Warwick District Council should <b>refuse all future planning applications</b> for any new housing that is not carbon zero on the grounds of the Climate Emergency Action Plan and see how the developer responds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radical action must be taken.</li> </ul>	Cat A	<p>Warwick District Council is not currently able to implement this recommendation.</p> <p>As a responsible public authority we are unable to make decisions on planning applications which do not align with the local and national policy framework. To do so would almost inevitably lead to planning appeals and claims for costs against the Council, which we would be very unlikely to be able to defend. It is one of the Council's</p>	No additional resources are required.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are concerned that such action should not penalise young people trying to access housing and we encourage Warwick District Council and others to investigate how this might be achievable.</li> </ul>		<p>responsibilities to make every effort to use its financial resources in a responsible way and exposing ourselves to the very high likelihood of paying substantial planning costs cannot be considered to be a responsible use of resources.</p> <p>In reaching this view the planning policy team have considered the whether the existing planning policy framework provides any scope to refuse applications as recommended but they are clear that this could not be justified at present. This therefore places even greater urgency on the proposals set out in response to recommendation B above (particularly the DPD).</p> <p>In the meantime, the Council will continue use informal means of influence to encourage developers to bring forward low carbon development schemes.</p> <p>In parallel with the work on the DPD, the Council will continue to ensure affordability of housing is kept in mind. There may be tension between higher building standards and affordability – at least in the short term whilst development supply chains are improved. Part of the key to managing this tension reinforce the existing policies around ensuring sufficient one and two bedroom homes are developed.</p> <p>NB: in 2015, the Council did put forward a policy in the draft Local Plan to incorporate requirements for the “Code for Sustainable Homes”. However, due to change in national policy around this, the policy was removed at the request of the Inspector through the Examination in Public of the Local Plan. It is only more recently (since the adoption of the existing Local Plan) that national policy has reverted to a position where we can now develop policy around sustainable building standards.</p>	

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8 <b>COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION</b>	The Council must <b>feedback to the Inquiry</b> group and district residents about developments towards carbon neutrality and implementation of recommendations every 6 months and support the development of a scrutiny group made up of members of the Inquiry. The Council must demonstrate success in adopting the Inquiry's recommendations.	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.  We will prepare 6 monthly progress reports and as part of our ongoing engagement around the climate emergency, we will discuss these reports in face to face discussions with the Inquiry members and other key stakeholders in the community. We will use these meetings to share challenges and seek advice on the way forward. This will form part of the wider communications and engagement plan	Within existing resources – PDCC and Sustainability Officer
9 <b>HOUSING</b>	<b>Retrofitting must take place of all public buildings and council owned housing.</b> Energy generation, efficiency and conservation plans must be in place with measurable targets.	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.  However, in supporting the recommendation we are conscious of the huge scale of the task involved in retrofitting up to 6,000 homes and an extensive range of public buildings managed by WDC, WCC, Warwickshire Police, the NHS, Schools and Colleges and village halls.  <b>Housing:</b> For housing, the Council's strategic approach to this involves a number of elements: a) For the Council's own housing stock, we are currently undertaking a high-level assessment of energy performance (EPC rating) to enable an improvement strategy to be applied and to support measurement of improvements in performance. As a first stage we are aiming for all the Council's housing to achieve EPC rating C. The timescales for this will be decided once the baseline assessment is complete and high-level costs are known. b) Beyond the first stage of achieving EPC C, the Council is committed to getting all existing Council Housing to zero carbon. However, the scale of the challenge is huge - in relation cost; the need for demolition of some properties; "liveability" and how occupants	This will require substantial investment over 10 years over and above resources that are already committed through the HIP. Some of this may be available through grant funding, but in reality, achieving carbon neutral for all WDC housing will require £10s of millions additional investment.  For WDC assets, we will consider the need to boost resources in the assets team,

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			<p>use properties; and lack of clarity around the national policy for low carbon heating (current reliance gas). This will require significant planning and resources and will be addressed when there is greater clarity about funding, heating options and when the skills and other costs begin to be available a scale and lower cost.</p> <p>c) To support the current improvement strategy, we have set aside a significant part of the Housing Investment Programme (HIP) for decarbonisation works for the Council’s own housing stock (around 5500 homes). The approved HIP contains an additional provision for £18m over 10 years as a contribution towards this. In addition, the HIP makes provision for improvements such as door, window and roof replacements which will also enhance energy efficiency.</p> <p>d) We are supplementing the HIP money by seeking external grant funding to support the decarbonisation of Council homes and Housing Association homes. The Council has already been successful over the last year in attracting around £2m of grant funding for decarbonising homes in the District; and is currently preparing applications for a further two rounds of funding for around £1.5m</p> <p>e) Where the funding is available for decarbonisation improvements, this will be focused on property’s where fuel poverty is likely to be an issue and where energy efficiency is low (as indicated by EPC ratings) – this should apply to all housing tenures but will depend upon the criteria that applies to the fund.</p> <p>f) Recognising that heating homes in an affordable and low carbon way is currently the biggest challenge, we will continue to lobby government to put in place a clear national strategy for zero or low carbon heating for homes. At the same time, we will explore the potential to invest heat networks and other low carbon energy sources to enable householders to access affordable, low carbon energy for heating.</p>	<p>particularly with regard to PAS2035 knowledge.</p> <p>We will also need to plan ahead to resource a programme of works through savings, existing assets reserves, or external grants.</p>



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			<p>g) We acknowledge the importance of measuring progress on decarbonising homes. For Council housing we are currently putting in place processes to do this and aim to be able to report on progress annually.</p> <p><b>Public Buildings</b></p> <p>For WDC buildings, we will set out a strategic approach in the CEAP refresh (summer 2021) to achieve net zero carbon Council assets. This approach will incorporate the following elements:</p> <p>a) We currently have data relating to energy usage for each of the Council's assets and will be using this for a building by building carbon baseline.</p> <p>b) The baseline data will be used to develop a decarbonisation strategy whereby we develop the most cost effective approach to decarbonising each building and prioritise buildings according to the potential carbon savings that can be achieved within current budgets. As part of this, where energy cost savings can be achieved, buildings will also be prioritised so that the case for reinvesting the savings into further decarbonisation schemes can be considered.</p> <p>c) We will use our decarbonisation strategy to apply for further grant funding (over and above to £750,000 grant we have received in 2021/22) and to prioritise future investment</p> <p>d) As part of the decarbonisation strategy we will consider the potential for heat networks and renewable energy investments that can supply multiple public buildings.</p> <p>For non WDC public buildings, we will liaise with other public services to support decarbonisation and will explore joint approaches to decarbonisation wherever we can.</p>	

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10 <b>COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION</b>	Local schools and other <b>public service</b> premises (e.g. council offices, police stations) should have targets to establish a <b>zero waste approach</b> to e.g. catering and other supplies - this could be incentivised with metrics and rewards for those who perform well. Sub-contractors should be mandated to follow the same policy.	Cat B (and Cat A)	<p>Whilst recognising that Warwick District Council has limited direct influence over schools and a range of other public services, we support this recommendation both in terms of our own activities and contracts and in terms of how we work with and influence other organisations in the public sector.</p> <p>As with recommendation 5, we recognise the importance of this recommendation for global emissions, but in preparing our CEAP we will place a lower urgency on this than some other recommendations.</p> <p>Our response to this recommendation is therefore in two parts: Part 1: for WDC activities and contracts we will include proposals in our CEAP review to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on work already undertaken to require sustainability policies and to reduce single-use plastics we will further reviewing our procurement and contract management practices to work towards a zero waste approach for all our contracts.</li> <li>• Once new procurement and contract practices have been established, we will expect all contracts agreed after that dates to include waste reduction targets leading towards zero waste</li> <li>• As part of this, we will expect contractors to monitor waste performance relating to the delivery of the whole of the WDC contract</li> <li>• For direct Council activities (including work from Council offices), we will develop our own waste reduction actions</li> <li>• For events and venues coordinated or managed by the Council, we will explore waste reduction measures.</li> </ul> <p>Part 2: to influence others in the public sector we will:</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encourage Warwickshire County Council to address school contracts where these are within their control (e.g contract's commissioned by WCC rather than by the schools themselves)</li> <li>• Where contracts are commissioned by schools, ensure that schools are included in wider communications campaign regarding carbon emissions and waste to encourage better practice</li> <li>• continue to work in partnership with other public sector organisations and institutions such as the police, colleges and the NHS to provide mutual support for improved practices.</li> <li>• Promote better practice within businesses in the District (such as expanding a green business scheme to not only cover waste, plastic-free etc but also to look at carbon emissions.</li> </ul>	
11 <b>HOUSING</b>	<p><b>Retrofitting of private housing.</b> A team of independent and experienced coordinators should be in place to cover all housing. They would be available to give unbiased information and guidance of how to holistically address energy use and generation in people's houses. They will visit, assess and advise and explain the providers available.</p>	Cat A	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.</p> <p>Recognising that WDC will not be able to afford the £100s of millions required to retrofit all the housing in the District, we will explore ways to develop an independent advice service to support private homeowners to invest in decarbonisation.</p> <p>In response to this recommendation we will include proposals in the CEAP to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop a local, reliable independent retrofit advice service. We will seek to grow the service in the following years as demand grows and expertise and financing become more readily available for privately owned homes. The service will signpost funding opportunities (such as heat incentives; the LAD scheme; Warm and Well etc) and will link with reliable specialist advisers and contractors.</li> <li>b) We will consider whether this service could be partially funded by charging some householders for the service. This would then</li> </ol>	<p>We will need funding to develop a local advice service (whether through Act on Energy or an alternative service). To have significant reach this is likely to cost upwards of £100k per year. There is decision for members as to whether a slice of the CAF should be used for this or whether alternative funding needs to be found. If the CAF is to be considered, the decision needs to be</p>

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			<p>enable wider support for those on lower incomes who would otherwise be less able to make investments.</p> <p>c) Where government grant funds are focused on private housing, we will explore the possibility of using this to trial a street by street, face to face service focussing on areas of housing where EPC ratings are low. This will encourage housing owners to use grant funding for decarbonising their homes and will link them to experts and contractors.</p> <p>d) learn from best practice in other areas (such as Oxfordshire)</p>	<p>made in light of other CEAP priorities. We could also explore whether the service could be chargeable in some circumstances.</p> <p>Also consider role of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEART</li> <li>• Private Sector Housing</li> <li>• Act on Energy</li> </ul>
<p>12 <b>WASTE AND RECYCLING</b></p>	<p>The council should investigate and put in place specific measures to ensure that <b>flats</b> (or other premises with central waste points) are effectively included in all <b>recycling and food waste</b> initiatives and given access to community composting options. An investigation should be undertaken with residents of flats to find out what the problems are and then resolve them.</p>	<p>Cat A</p>	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation in principle and will work to try to improve the effectiveness of recycling in flats.</p> <p>Nationally and locally this is a particularly challenging issue to resolve. In particular, we need to find ways to avoid abuse of communal recycling facilities in flats which can lead to wider contamination within recycling vehicles.</p> <p>WDC will continue to investigate options as suggested in the recommendation, including liaising with residents to explore very local solutions (recognising the no single solution will fit all circumstances) and considering options during the procurement process for new contractors.</p>	<p>Consider resources required for investigation and liaison as part of new contract</p>
<p>13 <b>FINANCE AND OTHERS</b></p>	<p>We are concerned about the detrimental environmental effects of <b>commuting</b>. <b>Warwick District Council should investigate ways to reduce the</b></p>	<p>Cat B (Part Cat A)</p>	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. We recognise that as the transport authority, Warwickshire County Council also need to play a significant role in addressing this recommendation.</p>	

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	<p><b>environmental impact of commuting</b> e.g. encouraging people to work from home, use public transport, provide more local housing for those who work in the area</p>		<p>We propose the following key actions top address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Carbon emissions need to be central to the spatial strategy for the new South Warwickshire Local Plan, enabling new developments to be located in a way that minimises the need to travel and maximises opportunities for active and low emission forms of transport. As part of the very first stage of the local preparation an assessment has been undertaken on the climate change impacts of different spatial options</li> <li>b) As part of the local plan, consider whether house types and styles will need change to allow more work space within homes</li> <li>c) Continue to support the revitalisation of town centres including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Viewing our town centres as the heart of our communities</li> <li>o Explore how to promote collaborative workspaces</li> <li>o Providing work places in town centres that meet employers and employees post-covid needs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) As an employer, WDC will continue to support staff to work from home or in other locations closer to home (such as use of local cafes and other venues). As part of this we will try to measure the reduction in commuting and associated carbon savings for WDC staff as result of working from homes</li> <li>e) Work with WCC in developing a Local Transport Plan that prioritises shorter journeys, active travel and low carbon public transport.</li> <li>f) Continue to ensure high quality infrastructure (schools, transport, green spaces, health etc) are planned and delivered within (or close to) new housing developments</li> <li>g) Lobby local business to encourage continued homeworking and/or use of work spaces that are close to people’s homes</li> <li>h) Develop a communications campaign around to encourage working at or close to homes and minimising the environmental impacts of journeys to work (see recommendation C above)</li> </ul>	

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14 <b>WASTE AND RECYCLING</b>	When rolling out the 2022 plans for waste and recycling the Council should take care to make sure that there is a good <b>awareness campaign on recycling and other waste options</b> (e.g. food waste) BEFORE making black/grey bin collection every three weeks, in order to reduce the risk of fly tipping or people making individual journeys travelling to the tip to get rid of excess waste which would have a bigger carbon impact. More thought should be given to items currently not recyclable such as tetra packs	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. We recognise the importance of excellent communications ahead of a during the roll out of new services that will come in with the new contract in 2022. Plans are already being put in place for a communications strategy for this.  In addition to communications about the new services in 2002, the Council is a partner in a new Multi-material recycling facility. Once developed this facility will enable the recycling of additional material such as tetra packs.	No additional resource required
15 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	Better information through a good quality dedicated ' <b>live</b> ' <b>app for journey planning</b> & running times etc. Suppliers of local transport should be required to provide up to date journey planning information via online and offline methods	Cat B	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. However public transport information is the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council in conjunction with the transport operators. Through its communication channels, Warwick District Council will provide links and signposting to the information and where necessary will lobby the County Council to improve the quality and accessibility of information.	No additional resource required
16 <b>FINANCE AND OTHERS</b>	Warwick District Council needs to actively <b>lobby on national and international environmental policy.</b>	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. We will continue to lobby national government for changes that would enable local progress towards net zero carbon.	No additional resource required

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			We will use the People's Inquiry recommendations to identify which areas need to be addressed nationally and lobby on these ahead of and as part of COP26.	
17 <b>WASTE AND RECYCLING</b>	Warwick District Council to operate an <b>audit</b> including but not limited to the following: A visible rating system for local businesses should be developed similar to hygiene ratings in restaurants and take-aways. This must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what packaging they use, how they deal with reducing and disposing of waste, and how much information about waste they give to customers before they purchase, (this could also include information on energy efficiency of premises etc.)</li> <li>• There should be in place green auditing options to ensure that processes are truly reducing food waste and then the naming and shaming and naming and praising of local businesses who enhance efforts towards reducing their carbon footprint.</li> </ul>	Cat A	<p>This recommendation requires further investigation. Whilst the Council recognises that there are significant benefits of this proposal, the resource implications need to be fully understood.</p> <p>Related to this, the Council is considering the potential to work with Clean Up Britain to promote their Green Business Awards. Until further investigation has taken place, it is not clear to what extent those awards are able to meet the specifics set out in the recommendation.</p> <p>In addition, the Council will investigate whether similar schemes are already in place elsewhere so that the process and resource implications can be fully understood.</p> <p>Finally, the Council will discuss the potential to work with the County Council's waste management team to explore their appetite for supporting this recommendation.</p>	May require additional resources
18 <b>WASTE AND RECYCLING</b>	<b>Supermarkets waste and packaging:</b>	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports part b) of this recommendation as part of its lobbying role and will contact local supermarket managers to encourage this.	

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	<p>a) A packaging disincentive for supermarkets should be devised or incentive such as offering certain items on a re-fill basis (e.g. Waitrose are doing this) or exchange e.g. bottles.</p> <p>b) Warwick District Council should contact all supermarkets as main suppliers of waste and ask them to increase awareness by playing sound bites throughout the day encouraging re-cycling and the disposal of packaging appropriately.</p>		<p>However, part a) is beyond the scope of WDC's direct influence as the major supermarkets are governed nationally and as incentive scheme as proposed is unlikely to be possible to implement locally.</p>	
<p>19 <b>TRANSPORT</b></p>	<p><b>Encourage the take up of electric vehicles through an increased electric car charging infrastructure</b> across the district, ensuring that provision/solutions are also developed for those that don't have off road parking at their homes</p>	<p>Part Cat A</p> <p>Part Cat B</p>	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation</p> <p>Over 40 new public charging points have already been installed across the District during 2021.</p> <p>The Council is working closely with Warwickshire County Council on this to ensure extra EV charging is prioritised in public carb parks (WDC, on street (WCC) and in new developments (WDC). This work includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) We have recently completed a study (with WCC) looking at the projected growth on electric vehicle to enable the provision of E charging to stay ahead of the curve</li> <li>b) We are working jointly with WCC on a working group to plan future infrastructure – including addressing potential issues around power supply</li> </ul>	<p>No additional resources required. Will be in the remit of the new Sustainable Transport Project Officer</p>



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			c) We have a planning policy which requires all residential accommodation with off street parking to provide EV charging d) We are exploring the potential for EV charging for taxis in the District e) We are supporting the County Council to consider how best to provide on street charging in residential areas which don't have off street parking f) We will work with partners through g) We will be applying for further government funding to expand EV charging in public car parks whenever funds are available h) We currently offer free parking in our car parks for EV charging i) We will provide training and information for Electric car owners through the Energy Savings Trust	
20 <b>FINANCE AND OTHERS</b>	Investigate <b>alternative financing options</b> to generate budgets for climate change measures including community investment bonds and contributions from large businesses (such as car parking levies, section 106 contributions). Recognising that contributions from businesses should ensure small businesses are not affected as they are likely to be experiencing difficulties post Covid-19.	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. We recognise that financing our climate change ambitions will be challenging and that therefore all options – including some imaginative ones will need to be explored. In developing our Action Plan, we will explore how the following sources of finance can contribute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Funding from the Councils</li> <li>• Housing Investment Programme</li> <li>• Government grants</li> <li>• Infrastructure Funding (Community Infrastructure Levy; Section 106)</li> <li>• Developing a carbon offsetting fund</li> <li>• Community Municipal Investment Bonds and other sources of borrowing</li> <li>• Business sponsorship and investments</li> </ul>	No additional resource required
21	Establish an <b>independent sustainability committee</b> made	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation	It is expected that proposals can be

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<b>FINANCE AND OTHERS</b>	up of representatives of council departments, local organisations, training providers, businesses, local citizens who would scrutinise and authorise new projects and initiatives in relation to transport, housing, education etc. and ensure all adhere to an overall sustainability strategy in line with the best international practices. This committee must build the local knowledge of integrated solutions.		<p>We would be interesting in exploring this concept with the People Inquiry membership. Following that, we will bring forward proposals as part of our engagement strategy for Climate Change. In bring forward proposals we will seek to ensure the proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Are clear about purpose, focus and objectives of this</li> <li>b) Add value and positively contribute to our shared ambitions and actions</li> <li>c) give careful consideration to the relationship between any overseeing group and existing Council (and Parish Council) decision making processes and committees. In particular, the Council will be concerned that such a group does not undermine democratic representation.</li> <li>d) Have an effective way of identifying members of such a group to ensure legitimacy.</li> <li>e) Delivery the benefits of bringing together local expertise with local people and local organisations who are able to make a difference.</li> <li>f) draw on links Councillors have with communities</li> </ul>	developed and managed through existing resources
22 <b>HOUSING</b>	There should be an investigation into how possible it is to establish a <b>local zero carbon community-based living scheme</b> that is attractive (growing food, low energy, shared travel, shared stuff etc) e.g. Bed Zed London	Cat A	<p>Warwick District Council is keen to explore the concept set out in this recommendation.</p> <p>WDC would welcome further dialogue with members of the People's Inquiry or other community groups about how this recommendation could be taken forward.</p>	WDC does not immediately have the land or financial resources to deliver this. It would require external funding or investment from the Council's Climate Action Fund, as well as project management resource

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23 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	Operators/providers of <b>public services should change their vehicles</b> (public transport vehicles and waste vehicles) to sustainable renewable sources, through a phased plan, as soon as possible (where this is possible) and encourage private users to do the same. The possibility of providing smaller electric buses should also be investigated to reduce emissions on less popular routes.	Cat B  (Cat A in part)	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation; although we recognise that primary responsibility for commissioning bus services lies with Warwickshire County Council  The Council will work with WCC to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) bring forward low emission bus services (electric or hydrogen) for the new services to be introduced at the Asps Park and Ride</li> <li>b) enable effective electric buses from Coventry as part of the “All Electric bus Town initiative</li> <li>c) Explore the potential for hydrogen buses to utilise local produced green hydrogen</li> <li>d) expand low emissions bus provision to all services within the District as quickly as possible</li> </ul>	No additional resources required. Will be in the remit of the new Sustainable Transport Project Officer
24 <b>WASTE AND RECYCLING</b>	Thinking about the future we recommend that the Council puts a challenge to local Universities (e.g. Warwick University) staff and students to devise a way to use <b>technology to motivate people to take responsibility for their waste</b> e.g. from Germany - bar codes of plastic bottles recorded at sale and also at return to recycling centre with coupon given as a reward to recognise the desired behaviour, an app to record and reward people who have less waste in their bin/have correctly dealt with waste at their home e.g. recycling/compost etc., an app recognising positive choices e.g.		Whilst Warwick District Council supports this recommendation, it has no direct responsibility for technology advances around waste and recycling. The Council expects these kind of initiatives (eg deposit schemes and other innovations) to be part of the new national waste strategy and that there will be incentives to innovate to encourage waste reduction and improved recycling.  The Council’s role is there one of lobbying and specifically, the Council will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Following the publication of the National Waste Strategy the Council will consider whether there is a need for further lobbying of national government, either directly or through the Local Government Association</li> <li>b) Following publication of the National Waste strategy, the Council will use its regular liaison with Warwick University to explore how the University is intending support innovation in this area.</li> <li>c) The Council will work with other local partners to support the delivery of the National Waste Strategy</li> </ul>	No additional resource required

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	buying unwrapped goods such as fruit and veg, re-filling containers, etc.		NB: It be noted the Council are required collect household waste free of charge and cannot introduce "Pay as you throw" charges.	
25 <b>HOUSING</b>	<p><b>Offering impartial advice and information:</b> Invest in strong partnerships to ensure householders have access to impartial advice on what action they can take to address climate change e.g. retrofitting/recycling and reassurance that consumers are getting a quality service. This should mean offering training for the trades people to meet green standards or a national/universal quality mark. (Trustmark- currently there are very few in the district) by working with local colleges and training providers.</p> <p>The council website needs to be more dynamic and offer better filtering options to make it easier to find information. Should include information from all resources on how to go green in the area- community options, grants, charities, recycling, zero waste shops, clear easy to understand info about recycling and downloadable information sheets.</p>	Cat A	<p>Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.</p> <p>The recommendation overlaps significantly with recommendation 11 above. There are several aspects to this recommendation.</p> <p>With regard to an impartial advice offer for low carbon lifestyles and advice for consumers, the service proposed in response to recommendation K could evolve into this in time. Having said that WDC would suggest that in the first instance, recommendation K should be addressed, with this broader advice service being a longer-term ambition.</p> <p>With regard to skills and training for local trades people, this is something WDC would like to see happen soon. We will work with Warwickshire County and local colleges/universities to facilitate this. We agree that, as part of this, a visible trusted standard should be used.</p> <p>With regard to improving the WDC website offer, this is something we will work to achieve as part of our communications and community engagement strategy. We will try to support a more dynamic online offer, whether through the WDC website or through a partner website. A key challenge that we address in our community engagement strategy is how to ensure information is kept up to date, fresh and above practical, in a fast moving world. This will need resources.</p>	<p>Expanding on the service proposed in recommendation K could involve a significant (but currently unknown) cost. How the resource this will be considered.</p> <p>Working to support better training and skills would be resourced through a proposed Green Business Officer post (to be confirmed), to be funded from the Climate Action Fund.</p> <p>Improving the website offer, could have costs. Resources to support this will be considered through the Communication and Community Engagement strategy to be considered alongside the refresh</p>

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				of the Climate Action Programme
26 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Pedestrianisation</b> of town centres, with provision for less able people	Cat B	<p>Warwick District Council will give the recommendation further consideration. Given the experience of previous proposals to pedestrianise Town Centres any future proposals will need to be brought forward in the context of clear vision for the town centre (so that the benefits of proposals are understood) and through a process of engagement with business, stakeholders and the community.</p> <p>Having said that, the Council is committed to working alongside partners (such as Warwickshire County Council) to make town centres more attractive for residents, businesses and visitors. It is also committed to supporting active travel (such as walking and cycling to and within town centres. Prioritising places and spaces for people to enjoy and for travel alternatives to the car are likely to be to a key element of how the Council supports the future of Town Centres.</p>	No requirement for additional resources in the short term. If proposals are developed and implemented, the need for project management resources to support this will be incorporated into these costs.
27 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	Make it easier for people to <b>link together their journeys on public transport</b> through: a) Incorporating bike racks onto buses and into trains (including increased accessibility into the train/bus station and onto the train/bus) b) Offering multi-mode travel tickets with a linked advantage card to collect benefits/points/discounts etc.	Cat B	<p>Whilst Warwick District Council supports this proposal, the primary responsibility for enabling the integration of different modes of transport lies with Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p>Warwick District Council will work with the County Council to support this through the planning system (for example helping to identify locations multi-modal transport hubs) and will be seeking to influence the emerging Local Transport Plan to ensure improvements to integration of different modes.</p>	No requirement for additional resources
28 <b>COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION</b>	<b>Some people still don't care or understand</b> the emergency of climate change. The council needs to:	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. Proposals for thought provoking messaging and individual contributions will be included within the communications plan to be developed in response to recommendation 3.	See recommendation 3

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	<p>a) put out some thought-provoking messaging to educate local people such as ‘Did you know....?’ (thought provoking comment or shock factors to grab attention and get people interested),</p> <p>b) Invest in focus groups and research on local people who have no concern re climate change and target them; messaging to resonate with that group.</p> <p>c) Info to be shared about local impact of climate change, individual contributions (small or big) and how to reduce own carbon footprint, what the council is doing to tackle it and what everyone else must do.</p>		<p>The Council will also work with Town and Parish Councils to enable climate change messages to be focused at a more local level.</p> <p>Noting from the “personal stories” of some People’s Inquiry members that their involvement with the Inquiry has provided them with the different understanding, the Council is interested in engaging further with the Inquiry members for further advice on how to pitch thought provoking message.</p>	
29 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	Investigate the idea of <b>harnessing the energy from fast moving vehicles</b> (using small wind turbines on faster roads for example).	Cat B	<p>Warwick District Council will give the recommendation further consideration.</p> <p>The primary responsibility is likely to be with Warwickshire County Council (or for trunk roads and motorways) with Highways England. To give the recommendation further consideration, the Council will initially raise the concept with the County Council and subject to being able to address issues relating to safety and costs and subject to the technology providing a useful energy source, we will encourage the County Council to trial a scheme.</p>	No requirement for additional resources for WDC
30	There should be <b>better coordination between different</b>	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.	No requirement for additional resources

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<b>FINANCE AND OTHERS</b>	<b>organisations/departments</b> who are working to address climate change (e.g. planning and building control).		The Council has appointed a Programme Director for Climate Change to ensure effective coordination across a wide range of services.	
31 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	Encourage more people to <b>reduce their car use</b> through: a) establishing car free days or periods in a day, (note. this should be done alongside incentives e.g. subsidised bus tickets). b) The organisation of car sharing and car clubs which must be promoted so encouraging their use. c) Park & ride facilities to access town and schools. These should be low cost and include for example a free public transport ticket for the onward journey (bus etc.)	Cat A in part  Cat B in part)	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation. For part a) of this recommendation, we will promote sustainable modes of transport as part of the campaign proposed in response to recommendation 3, including car free days or similar  For part b) of this recommendation, the Council is currently working to bring forward an electric car club in the District. We have completed market testing for this and will progress this when covid restrictions mean that it is safe to do so.  For part c) of this recommendation, we are establishing a new park and ride at the Asps to the south of Warwick. We are exploring opportunities to bring forward additional sites to the west of Warwick and north of Leamington. These are not yet established.	No additional resources required. Will be in the remit of the new Sustainable Transport Project Officer
32 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	Engage with GPs and health professionals to <b>encourage positive lifestyle changes through increased active travel</b> (walking and cycling). Link with social prescription. (i.e. What's good for your health is good for the planet's health. Look after yourself look after the planet).	Cat B	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.  In terms of green social prescribing and active travel, this is not an area where WDC has any established work, although we are increasingly encouraging the community and voluntary sector to think about social prescribing as part of their offer.  We will include proposals for this with the revised Climate Emergency Action Programme	No additional resources.
33	Council to promote awareness of the <b>Climate Emergency</b>	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.	No additional resources.

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<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION</b>	<b>logo/brand</b> (maybe redesign to a more eye catching logo) which would go out with all communications/web page/transport etc so that the whole community easily recognises this emergency and can access information (information accessible to all e.g. community languages & info channels, large print etc.) on how to reduce their carbon emissions. (Promote messages via poster competitions to local young people through schools which can be cascaded out in the community) e.g. Look after yourself, look after the planet.		This recommendation will be included with the communications strategy proposed in response to recommendation 3. We will explore the potential to use the logo on letters, emails and on all the communications we do.	
34 <b>FINANCE AND OTHERS</b>	<b>Warwick District Council to go paper free</b> to save trees and only offer paper comms by request and encourage organisations, businesses, NHS to do the same.	Cat A	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.  The Council has a “Sustainability Officers Group”. Part of their remit is to continually find ways to reduce paper usage, with a view to ultimately achieve paper-free. At present, a number of services continue to require paper usage either as a result of legislative requirements or to enable access to services by customers and residents who don’t have online access.	No additional resources.
35 <b>TRANSPORT</b>	Investigate the possibility of a <b>bike rental scheme</b> suitable for our unique geography	Cat B	Warwick District Council supports this recommendation.  The Council has already prepared an outline scheme to deliver this and is in touch with service providers who are keen to operate it. We are keen to launch this as soon as the capital costs associated with the infrastructure can be found.	Requires at least £700,000 of capital. Once established running costs to be covered through charges and



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				sponsorship. No additional staff resources required - will be in the remit of the new Sustainable Transport Project Officer
36 <b>FINANCE AND OTHERS</b>	There should be a referendum to <b>let the people decide whether council tax should be increased</b> to help pay for climate change measures. This must include a pre-referendum campaign (for and against) which also makes clear what the money would be spent on.	Cat A	Warwick District Council does not currently support this recommendation  Whilst a further referendum could play an important role in providing funding to address these recommendations, there are currently no plans to return to the council tax referendum. It is considered that, in light of the financial hardship suffered by many during the covid pandemic, now is not the right time to consider this.	