

23 August 2021

County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
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To: All Wiltshire Parish and Town Councils

climate@wiltshire.gov.uk

Dear Councillor

Re: Consultation on draft 'Climate Strategy' and 'Our Natural Environment Plan'

Wiltshire Council has produced two draft strategies, relating to climate change and the wider natural environment. We are giving residents, businesses and local groups in the county the opportunity to have their say on our draft Climate Strategy, which covers seven delivery themes: transport; built environment; waste; green economy; energy generation; natural environment, food and farming; and carbon neutral council. It will help to shape the next five years of the council's fight against climate change.

At the same time, we will also be consulting on 'Our Natural Environment Plan' - A Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Strategy for Wiltshire, which looks at the future for Wiltshire's natural environmental assets and how the council can help protect and enhance them for the benefit of people and biodiversity.

From Wednesday 1 September to Sunday 17 October at 23:59, people can view the draft strategies, attend webinars to find out more and respond through an online survey. Full details are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate. A hard copy of each strategy is available to view in every Wiltshire library, including mobile libraries.

Please could you display the enclosed poster in a prominent place in your community by 1 September, and help to promote the consultations locally through your electronic communications, social media and word of mouth.

In addition, you may wish to include the Climate Strategy and 'Our Natural Environment Plan' on your next meeting agenda in order to discuss your council's response. We have recorded a presentation which you may wish to use at your meeting as we will not be able to field staff to attend individual town and parish council meetings.

If you have any questions or would like an email copy of the poster, please email us at climate@wiltshire.gov.uk. An Easy Read version of the climate strategy will be available to download from the website from 1 September.

To respond, please complete the surveys at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate and www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-bio-green-blue-infrastructure by October 17th 2021.

There will be a series of online and in-person events covering both strategies where people can find out more and ask questions. To join these events, people must sign up online in advance. The full schedule of engagement events is as follows:

- 9 September, 6pm, online launch event with Claire Perry O'Neill.
- 15 September, 10.30am-11.30am, first engagement webinar.
- 30 September, 7pm-8pm, second engagement webinar.

Library drop-in sessions:

- 14 September, 10am-midday, Salisbury Library
- 23 September, 10am-midday, Devizes Library
- 27 September, 10am-midday, Chippenham Library
- 7 October, 10am-midday, Trowbridge Library

For more information about the Climate Strategy and to sign up for the online events see:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate

For more information about Our Natural Environment Strategy see:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-bio-green-blue-infrastructure

Many thanks for your support

Best wishes

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- Poster