

**We hope that you find this guide useful. However, the important thing is to respond. If you feel that you simply want to answer questions 1-7, please do.**

**All positive responses add weight to the climate team's mandate.**

### **In the survey**

**Questions 1-7:** 'strongly agree' to all. We need to do this to reinforce that the basis of their approach is sound in order that the Council Climate Team have a mandate from the public to reinforce their Strategy with Cabinet

However, as we believe that they don't go far enough, below are a selection of thoughts on how you might want to answer questions 8 and 9.

### **Question 8: what would you like to see more emphasis on and why? (max 200 words)**

The list below is to provide you with a pick and mix of ideas.

if you want to use as the basis for your 200 word response, please feel free, but don't feel constrained, you may have many points you already want to make. Use as you see fit.

All contributions will help form the direction of development

A meaningful strategy needs to commit to urgent and meaningful reductions in County carbon emissions, including:

- Defining annual targets for countywide carbon reduction allowing the impact of carbon reduction actions to be tracked against a recognisable and scientifically assessed baseline.
- Developing concrete plans and actions to reduce countywide carbon emissions, which must start much earlier than 2022/23.
- Committing to include climate strategy objectives and actions in statutory plans and policies.
- Committing to use the Council's powers to reduce emissions (planning policy etc) to the fullest extent.
- Pausing approval of any major developments until a proper carbon assessment has been made.
- Making a carbon assessment of any development mandatory.
- Measuring the carbon impact of all major planning decisions and other Council plans/actions, ensuring decisions that will increase emissions to be more than offset by actions to reduce emissions.
- Introducing a zero carbon new build requirement as soon as possible, as an interim step prior to the Local Plan completion,
- Changing planning guidelines to ensure all major new developments are built on sustainable principles (zero emissions, low car dependency etc)
- Changes to planning guidelines to remove barriers to retrofitting energy efficiency measures.

- Immediately, as an interim step, specifying in principle support for onshore wind turbines applications that meet reasonable planning criteria and consolidating this position in the Local Plan
- Reprioritising Highways budget to minimise new road building and refocus on active travel and public transport.
- Develop financial support packages to enable citizens to retrofit immediately, including community bonds
- Provide supported apprenticeship places in local colleges to grow climate related jobs
- Provide incentives for genuine green businesses to settle and grow in Wiltshire

**Question 9: what would you like to see less emphasis on and why? (max 200 words)**

Similar to the first set, use these as a starter for your 200 words

- Remove the contradiction between warm words like 'we need to put actions in place now' and the obvious lack of commitment to any urgent or specific action.  
If the Council really means what it says, that it is committed to urgent and meaningful action to achieve county wide net zero emissions by 2030, it needs to come up with much more detailed plans for urgent and decisive action now, not in 2022/23.
- Forget continuing business as usual and start to think radically about what could be delivered and work through how to do it. Less emphasis on the, we're doing great as a Council and that's all we can do mantra. The Council emissions are a very small percentage of overall county.  
Focus on leadership and support for businesses, particularly the large emitters.
- Remove the negative "we're not going to achieve net zero by 2030"  
Focus on what can be done with stretched targets
- Less politics and more collaboration. Cabinet does not have all the answers. Climate and the environment do not recognise political dogma.  
Form a cross party working group with powers to deliver.
- Less isolation and more open development.  
Engage with local communities and provide positive support to local councils (town and parish)
- Less road building, more active travel routes and improved public transport
- Less green field building. Make brownfield attractive for developer with incentives and relax urban and village housing density targets to allow 1<sup>st</sup> time buyer and genuine affordable homes to be built (mews cottages, smart terraces)
- Less "please" to developers and more "this is how it has to be". Thinking new 15 minute developments making truly active travel provision mandatory, to a destination, not just the edge of the development.

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