



# Climate Change Policy

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## 1. Introduction

Following the declaration of a national Climate Change Emergency, the UK Government set a target for the country to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. To contribute towards this target, Fleet Town Council will work in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Hart District Council, with its own ambition to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2035.

Hampshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency in June 2019 and has set two key targets, which apply countywide:

- To achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and
- To build resilience to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise.

These goals will be achieved through a joined-up approach, addressing both carbon reduction and climate change resilience.

Hart District Council has also recognised the urgent need for action and aims to be a carbon neutral authority by 2035 (brought forward from 2040) and to achieve a carbon neutral district by 2040. Its objectives include delivering zero carbon emissions from its operations and providing community leadership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the district.

Fleet Town Council recognises its role in supporting these shared ambitions — providing community leadership, communication, and practical action to help make Fleet a carbon neutral town by 2035.

## 2. Aims

- To reduce the Council's own carbon emissions; and
- To achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2035.

## 3. Actions

Fleet Town Council will:

- Eliminate non-essential single-use plastics within Council operations.

- Encourage all Council suppliers and contractors to reduce their carbon footprint (e.g. grounds maintenance, building contractors, event providers).
- Request that all FTC tenants adopt measures to reduce their own carbon footprint.
- Continue to increase green infrastructure across Fleet, in line with the Fleet Neighbourhood Plan, including the replacement of any trees that are removed.
- Research and implement opportunities to reduce the carbon footprint of all Council-owned buildings and facilities.
- Encourage and facilitate waste reduction and recycling across all Council sites.
- Lobby higher-tier authorities to improve waste collection and recycling provision (e.g. food waste, plastics recycling).
- Review Council policies and decisions to ensure that climate change impacts are considered and mitigated wherever possible.

#### **4. Monitoring and Review**

Progress against this policy will be reviewed annually, or more frequently if national or local policy changes.