

Ugborough Parish Council - Climate Emergency Declaration and Plan

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Introduction

Ugborough Parish Council (UPC) agreed a climate emergency declaration at the meeting in January 2020.

January 2020 Minutes, Appendix 20.010 - Climate Emergency & Biodiversity Declaration

The Parish Council will:

- *Work towards implementing the Climate Emergency policy in the Devon Carbon Plan. It will adopt the Target Carbon Reduction and Target Date as established in Devon Carbon Plan.*
- *Consider a Supplement to Neighbourhood Plan and lobby South Hams District Council to produce a Supplementary Planning Document on the subject of Climate Change, if necessary.*
- *Establish a set of principles so that all aspects of Parish Council work consider Climate Impact.*
- *Build in the OSSR Plan.*
- *Consider the balance between cost and Carbon Footprint when making procurement decisions*
- *Shadow DCC and SHDC strategies/plans to monitor progress. Establish links to DCC & SHDC strategies/plans as their work progresses.*

This Plan builds on the statements above, establishing a set of principles describing how all aspects of the UPC work will consider climate impact and focusing on what is achievable for UPC. These principles will underpin everything the Council does and set an example of good practice. UPC believe the key areas where they can make a difference are:

- The development and review of plans such as the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan.
- The consideration of planning applications and feedback to SHDC.
- The response to consultations.
- Procurement of goods and services.
- Identification of specific climate change projects and allocation of resource.

UPC will monitor progress in the areas identified and review this Plan annually.

UPC recognises that communication with DCC, SHDC and the community, directly and via Greener Ugborough Parish (G-UP) are key to making a difference. UPC have appointed a specific Councillor to attend the G-UP meetings and report back to UPC at their monthly meetings.

Work towards implementing the Climate Emergency policy in the Devon Carbon Plan. It will adopt the Target Carbon Reduction and Target Date as established in Devon Carbon Plan. ([Home – Devon Climate Emergency](#))

UPC will aim to support the achievement of all the objectives in the Devon Carbon Plan, in particular: *Engaged communities acting for resilience and a net zero carbon Devon.*

Consideration will be given to calculating the carbon footprint for Ugborough Parish and identifying ways of reducing it. The information obtained will be used to identify what UPC can do to support the Devon Carbon Plan targets and as evidence to support allocation of resources on projects. (*reference NALC - What can local councils do on climate change, 2021*) Specific climate change projects will be identified with allocated resource where necessary.

Consider a Supplement to the Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) and lobby South Hams District Council to produce a Supplementary Planning Document on the subject of Climate Change, if necessary. ([Ugborough Neighbourhood development plan | Ugborough Parish Council](#))

The NDP includes policies on transport and movement (Ug3), biodiversity (Ug11a), design (Ug 12), sustainability (Ug14) and community facilities (Ug17). At the next review of the NDP (expected to begin in 2023) links and policies will be updated to reflect the current DCC and SHDC strategies and plans in relation to climate change as well as current community views on responding to climate change.

Plymouth and South West Devon have produced a Climate Emergency Planning Policy and Guidance consultation document (March 2022).

Establish a set of principles so that all aspects of Parish Council work consider Climate Impact.

Particular aspects of UPC work where climate impact needs to be considered include:

- UPC's role as consultees on planning applications, including ensuring:
 - the NDP policies are adhered to and key elements of biodiversity and climate change are taken into account, e.g. ensuring trees and hedgerows are conserved, EV charging points are installed, buildings are carbon neutral/net zero to avoid retro fitting.
 - consideration is given to the Plymouth and South West Devon Climate Emergency Planning Policy and Guidance consultation document (March 2022).
- Using public consultations to lobby for change/improvement in public transport, EV charging, better digital connectivity, biodiversity etc.
- The procurement of goods and services.
- The review of relevant Plans and documentation.

Build in the OSSR Plan ([ugborough-parish-ossr-plan-march-2021-revision.pdf \(wordpress.com\)](#))

The purpose of the Open Space, Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Plan is to gather together proposed projects within the Parish for open space, sport and recreation. The Plan prioritises

projects, to assist with targeting existing funding and resources, and identifies future projects and requirements which may result from housing development.

SHDC request contributions from new housing development towards new and improved OSSR facilities where it is considered that a development will have significant impacts on the local area. These contributions are secured through Section 106 (s106) legal agreements between Local Planning Authorities and developers and linked to planning permissions. The purposes to which the funds are applied must be:

- Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
- Directly related to the development; and
- Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

The OSSR Plan is a clear method of reflecting evidence of need and community aspirations by pulling together into one place the project/facility requirements of the community. The Plan is based upon the gathering of existing evidence and community consultation with local sports clubs, community groups and parish residents. This ensures the Plan is robust and compliant with legal requirements. The Plan also incorporates a requirement for review and updating, to ensure it can continue to be used as an up-to-date evidence base. The Plan was last revised in 2020/21 and will be reviewed at least every five years and so the next review will be no later than 2025.

Based on an assessment against the objectives of the NDP, identified need and deliverability, acquiring amenity green space in or near Ugborough Village is among UPC's priority projects for s106 funds. This would provide both community benefits and link to the Parish Council's climate emergency and biodiversity objectives. The space could be part community orchard, part wildflower area and part sitting area for people to meet up, spend time outside and maybe picnic. This project is expected to have a lot of support from the community and would help achieve the PC's objectives in relation to climate change and biodiversity. The site would need to be accessible from Ugborough village but not necessarily very large.

Consider the balance between cost and Carbon Footprint when making procurement decisions.

UPC will endeavour to use local contractors as far as possible whilst ensuring due diligence in financial management.

UPC will procure sustainable projects as far as possible, for example benches made from sustainable wood or recycled sources.

Shadow DCC and SHDC strategies/plans to monitor progress. Establish links to DCC and SHDC strategies/plans as their work progresses.

UPC councillors will attend forums and network meetings on the climate emergency.

UPC will disseminate information and links on live consultations on biodiversity and the climate emergency from DCC, SHDC and other sources to the community and Gup.

UPC will update plans and documentation as necessary and when appropriate in light of DCC and SHDC strategies and plans.