



## TOTTON AND ELING TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

19th February 2025

Proposal	Action	Planned Programme	Latest Updates
Create a Task & Finish Group to establish a green agenda that includes developing a resilience policy.	Task & Finish Group formulated in November 2022. Holding bi-monthly meetings.	Continue with bi-monthly meetings.	Climate change Action plan was approved by Full Council on 31.01.24. Meetings were held in January, April, June, August and October 2024, next meeting scheduled for February 2025.
Develop and promote green transport plans.	Meetings held with Hampshire County Council. Proposals for improved green infrastructure in the Town awaited.	Liaise with Hampshire County Council and progress feasibility studies for more cycling and walking options in the Town.	Electric vehicle charging points were planned for the Town Council's facilities for public use, subject to receiving relevant funding. Unfortunately, funding was not awarded. Looking at alternative funding. Points with solar charging options now being looked at for funding from green monies. Town regeneration partnership with District and County Councils meetings have taken place, with some positive proposals. Projects are subject to funding from the Freeport. Working towards the formulation of a Town Centre Framework masterplan and investment plan. Tenders are out, awaiting further info from NFDC. CIL bid for funding has been placed for lockable cycle units in the Town Centre. Awaiting decision from District Council on award of funding.

<p>Ensure that all Council buildings are as energy-efficient as possible and that energy is not wasted through unnecessary heating and lighting.</p>	<p>All staff instructed to be aware of energy wastage. Diligence used in day-to-day operations.</p>	<p>Continuance of energy efficiency education. Monitoring of use.</p>	<p>Ensuring contractors do not use peat based products. Further green incentives being investigated. Thermal imaging survey is scheduled for implementation in all Council buildings in the first quarter of 2025, for energy reduction identification. On-going.</p>
<p>Use green energy sources and environmentally friendly products.</p>	<p>Instruct the use of greener cleaning products.</p>	<p>Move towards using environmentally friendly products in all Council buildings.</p>	<p>On-going review of usage.</p>
<p>Plan for green community in a neighbourhood plan, including increased tree planting, renewable energy, reduced carbon omission housing development and safe walking/cycling routes.</p>	<p>Climate emergency motion approved in September 2023. Council already uses renewable energy. Has purchased electric vehicles.</p>	<p>Investigate any further carbon reduction areas. Continue with green transport plan, as above.</p>	<p>Electric Council vans purchased, replacing diesel vehicles. Improved cycling and walking in the Town incorporated in Neighbourhood plan, 5 year strategy and regeneration plan. Successful bid to expand the Community Orchard at Bartley Park funded through HCC scheme was confirmed in February 2024. This will provide stabilisation for a bank area, and wildlife corridor. Planting is completed. Additionally disease resistant Elm trees have been planted across the Town and the planned planting of Hornbeams trees at Eling Quayside have been temporarily postponed pending a meeting with AB Ports in relation to that area. In</p>

			total 766 trees were introduced in the last planting season, via community planting supported by volunteer groups. Box tree moth issues are being addressed, and replaced with Green Spire plants in the first quarter of 2025. Neighbourhood plan draft is imminent for completion and submission for completion. A further 21 trees have now be planted at Eling Quay, and other areas in the Town.
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Limit the use of plastics, especially single-use plastics in the Council.	Reduction on use of single use plastics.	Identify further reduction of single use plastics.	On-going.
Reduce waste and recycle as much as possible.	Recycling restrictions in place. Incineration at New Forest District Council does produce energy.	Liaison through District with regard to recycling options available for both the Council and businesses.	Liaise with District Council for better recycling options for businesses. On-going.
Protect important open spaces and carbon sinks and consider a community orchard and/or wildflower meadow and/or allotments.	Orchard planted 2022. Wilding programme has been approved. Rat resistant compost bins being investigated.	Progress wilding programme and promote nature travel from residents' gardens.	Increased tree planting being planned via various schemes. See above. Wilding feasibility studies are on-going to identify further potential wilding sites. LED light installation for

			memorial car park, funded by green monies, has been investigated and provisional costs ascertained. Progression to tender process is imminent. On-going.
Actively support small and large planning applications for new renewable energy in the area.	Renewable energy factor considered in all planning applications.	Continue with renewable energy consideration in planning applications.	Environmental and green energy usage are considered for all new applications, and made a stipulation of recommendations for approval wherever applicable. On-going.
Promote practical action by local people and businesses.	Business Forum has been formulated. Meeting held in May 2024, but unfortunately poorly attended.	Promote carbon reduction within businesses, educate recycling practice.	Liaise with District Council for better recycling options for businesses. As above. Flooding information and residential/business carbon footprint reduction suggestions are on the Town Council website.

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Reduce pesticide use and other harmful activities.	Limited use of pesticides. Essential use only. Opaque compost used.	Further reduction of pesticides where possible.	Pesticides are only used when addressing evasive species that require specific targeting. Any pesticides used are hazard free and our climate web page has ideas for the promotion of wildlife and carbon reduction in residential areas.
Ensure all strategic approaches and decisions are in line with the Council's above objectives.	Strategy and Vision Policy, core values and mission statement being formulated to incorporate objectives.	Ensure all procedures/products fall within Council's Strategy and Vision policy.	Town Council's 5 year strategic plan incorporates climate change objectives. Regular

			Climate & Nature change meetings support these objectives. Annual carbon footprint reports are obtained for monitoring and the latest for 2025 shows the Town is below the UK average with regard to emissions and targets.
Formulation of flood plan for Totton and Eling Town Council.	Gaining resident's, Environmental agency and local authority feedback for input into flood plan formulation. Plan now formulated.	Flood plan sent to New Forest District Council to ensure connection with their plan.	Working towards draft plan. Emergency flood information packs distributed to affected areas in Eling. Eling residents flood group being formulated to access funding avenues to take place with regard to the possibility of providing flood defence equipment to affected Eling residents. Draft flood plan being presented to Climate & Nature Change group meeting in August 2024. Flood plan now approved by Council and is on our website. On-going.