

# BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL



You are hereby notified that there will be a Virtual Environment & Planning Committee meeting of Bradford on Avon Town Council On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 7.00pm



Sandra Bartlett  
Town Clerk

Dated: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**This meeting will be open to the public as it will be held virtually, as a consequence of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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Documents referred to in the agenda are available at the Town Council offices unless confidential.

*PUBLIC PARTICIPATION* If you would like to take advantage of a five minute per person time slot to address the council or committee, please contact the office or attend the meeting 5 minutes prior to the commencement and advise the clerk that you wish to speak.

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**BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the  
**VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
to be held,  
on  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

**AGENDA**



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020  
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1 QUESTION TIME OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS (Not to exceed 30 minutes). The public are welcome to ask questions on matters that are on the agenda and other matters at the Chairman's discretion. *A record of any public participation session shall not be included in the Minutes but included as an appendix note to the Minutes of the meeting and will be made public via our website and held in archive.*

2 Apologies  
To accept any apologies

3 Minutes  
To note the Virtual Environment & Planning Minutes of meeting for 11th November and the delegated E & P minutes for 25th November 2020.

4 Declarations of Interests  
To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulation 2012 made under Section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011 and under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Town Council.

5 Planning Applications  
(i) To consider any planning applications on attached sheet  
(ii) To consider any delegated decisions to be made

6 Chairman's report and Environmental update - To follow

7 Climate Emergency Strategy document – Draft

8 Climate & Ecological Emergency Budget Proposal 2020- 2021 – Draft

9 Planning Budget 2021 Draft - To follow

10 Correspondence for Action – None

11 Correspondence to note – None

12 Zoom details  
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Minutes of a Virtual meeting held by Bradford on Avon Town Council  
Environment & Planning Committee  
On  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Cllr A Kay (Chairman)  
Cllr D Newton  
Cllr E Franklin  
Cllr J Parker  
Cllr T Lomax  
Val Baker (Clerk)  
Lydia Booth – Comms Officer

Members of the Public:

Tim Trimble, Jes Wire, John Pearce, Gina Adams and 1 other.

48. Apologies:

There were none

49. Declarations of interests

There were none

50. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to approve the E & P minutes for the virtual minutes of meeting for 7<sup>th</sup> October and the delegated minutes of meeting for 21<sup>st</sup> October.

51. Planning applications

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr Parker seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** to send the planning recommendations to Wiltshire Council.
- (ii) There were no delegated decisions to be made.

52. Correspondence relating to planning applications to be considered at this meeting –  
there was none.

The Chair deferred reporting the Chairman's report until after items 8 and 9 of the agenda.

53. The People's Charter for Democracy in Planning.

The Chair reported that this was an organisation that was very much but not entirely set up as a direct response to the White Paper published in August 2020, setting out the Government's proposal for a 'once in a lifetime reform of England's planning system'. The White paper had caused much controversy and strips away what little control communities have. It challenges our right to be heard and the decisions that affect us and is the corner stone of Democracy. Cllr Newton added that the charter sat squarely with the Neighbourhood plan that reviews local housing mix and urban development with Green spaces being central to all of it. It was proposed by Cllr Kay seconded by Cllr Franklin and with all in favour

**RESOLVED:** that the Chairman sign the Charter on behalf of the Town Council E & P committee to support to the Charter.

#### 54. Wildlife Protection Policy Statement

Cllr Kay welcomed Gina Adams who gave a direct response to the BOATC Ecological Declaration Emergency (June 2020) which highlights the Town Council's policy on Biodiversity. She explained her concerns about UK wildlife and biodiversity being under threat specifically referring to the protection of badgers in this area. She reported that recent anti-culling protest/awareness signs had been located, in Woodland Trust land near Freshford and was not aware that Wiltshire Council had given permission and were averse to the culling. She further reported that South Somerset Council are now actively supporting DEFRA's decision to phase out the cull, and were encouraging other local councils to do so, she asked if BOATC could raise the awareness of the need to protect our local badgers on land owned by them. A full report as attached to the minutes.

Cllr Newton read out the Wildlife Protection Policy Statement in full as follows:

#### **Proposed Wildlife Protection Policy Statement:**

In consideration of our declaration of an ecological emergency in June 2020, and in furtherance of the agreed Town Council Policy on Biodiversity, this Council notes the following:

- That areas within the town boundary and other lands controlled by the Town Council, are home to a biodiverse range of wildlife, ranging from microscopic through to larger mammals, and acknowledging the importance of ALL of these species, including species such as badgers, otters, bats and foxes;
- That UK wildlife and biodiversity is under increasing threat with 1 in 4 species of mammals in England at risk of extinction (see appendix 1), and 13% of species overall
- That around 40% of indicator species have shown a decline in the last 10 years (see appendix 2)
- That human activity is both directly and indirectly responsible for a significant proportion of this change

In noting the above, the following motion was put forward to the Town Council to **RESOLVED:** that:

- It will do all in its powers to protect wildlife within the town boundary, and on other lands that the Town Council controls (by ownership or management)
- It will, as far as the law allows, deny access to those engaged in, and otherwise prohibit, culling or hunting and other types of animal destruction on lands that it controls or manages, or on which it has tenants, and will refuse consent to, and access to or across Town Council lands for those purposes; where necessary, this will include deployment of non-lethal methods of rodent control on Town Council lands;
- As part of our Ecological Emergency action plan, to provide access to information encouraging the reduction the harmful impact of human behaviours on wildlife; and work with the public, Town Council tenants, and other local landowners to support appropriate management of animal populations through alternative methods, including, but not limited to:
  - Reducing as far as possible the use of pesticides (something that is known to affect not only pollinators, but through impacts on the food chain, a wide range of other species such as birds, bats, and plants)

- It will support and actively promote projects that encourage biodiversity and help species, particularly those at risk, to thrive in balance with our natural environment, including, but not limited to
- Developing a lighting strategy for Bradford on Avon and sharing information that will help people to understand how to minimise light pollution from their homes, industrial sites, and community facilities such as sports pitches
- Facilitating the natural regeneration of habitats good for wildlife, including tall hedgerows, areas of scrub and tall grassland
- It will identify, protect, and if necessary, create a 'green infrastructure' across Bradford on Avon Green. This will provide improved habitat within the town, and also deliver vital connectivity for wildlife with the wider landscape

Appendix

1<https://www.mammal.org.uk/2020/07/one-quarter-of-native-mammals-now-at-risk-of-extinction-in-britain/>

2<https://nbn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/State-of-Nature-2019-England-summary.pdf>

It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Lomax and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to accept the recommendations as above.

Finally, Cllr Newton reported that BOATC would be co-hosting a Climate Emergency Action Day with BANES Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November which is open to surrounding Parish Councils, and Town Council Officers where Biodiversity plays a massive part in this and would encourage them to actively be involved.

#### 55. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI)

Cllr Kay has been working with BWCE towards their feasibility study concerning EVC points in Bradford on Avon and the surrounding area as part of their commitment to the Climate Emergency Declaration and improving air quality, and believe that the BOATC should support and invest as appropriate in the promotion of EV's and the installation of EV's within the town. BOATC therefore urge Wiltshire Council to repair or replace the defunct charging points in the Station Car Park.

A motion was put to the committee:

'Subject to the feasibility study recommendations, the Town Council will assist and support the siting of electric vehicle charging points around the town, and will look to ensure that, where feasible and as opportunity arises through development work, EV charging points are integrated into the Town Council owned and operated premises'.

It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to accept the recommendations as above.

Cllr Newton reported that BOATC already own a number of sites in Bradford on Avon and that this would increase once the WC Asset was completed giving the Council further opportunities to install more EV renewable charging points in and around the town. There would also be the opportunity to add in our own infrastructure using renewable energy from St Margaret's Hall Solar Panels, and using ecological infrastructure proposed at Culver Close pavillion.

56. Chairman's Report & Environment update (Chairman's report attached to these minutes). Cllr Kay reported that the asset completion date now over a year late was still awaited. Delays due to legal details.

The final Ecosulis biodiversity report (10<sup>th</sup>) was expected next week.

A Climate Friendly Soil event was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November and was well attended with over 70 participants and was very informative.

A request for pinecones and canes had been set up in the Phoney Box in Whitehill this replaced the Grow station set up earlier this year and she requested that people stop leaving plant pots and other litter there; Cllr Newton asked that the Grow Station be decommissioned. An Eco Youth Workshop had been organised on 12<sup>th</sup> November specifically open to anyone aged under 25 and living in Wiltshire, it provides young people with the opportunity to have their voice heard and to directly influence the direction of Wiltshire Council with Climate an ecological emergency issues.

The Chair reported that she had attended two more zoom meetings with Wiltshire Area Localism & Planning Alliance (WALPA) concerning updates about WC's 5-year land supply and the Neighbourhood Plan. Ongoing discussions with Wiltshire Council had also taken place and a meeting was scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> November when the 5-year land supply will be finalised.

57. Correspondence for Action – There was none.

58. Correspondence to note

The latest October edition of the Wiltshire Voice was available from the office.

It was further noted that the appeal made on planning application 20/00835/FUL & 17/00649 – Mr Compton Fairfield Piggeries Leigh Road BA15 2RQ will now be decided on the basis of representations procedure.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

## Appendix 1 - Members of Public comments

Tim Trimble reported that the BWCE EV charging points feasibility study involved a whole network of potential sites across the area including the parishes.

John Pearce commented that he welcomed that the Town Council was in support of EV charging but by saying it is 'subject to a feasibility study' would only involve more talking and delay the process. He said that it had been nearly 2 years now since the Climate Emergency motion had been passed and that we should arrange consultation and press on as the Ice Caps are melting and we are running out of time.

Cllr Newton responded by saying the delay in the Asset transfer had contributed to delay and we would work hard into accelerating installation of EV's where we can.

BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL  
 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED AT THE DELEGATED ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING  
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Town Council reference	1
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/08642/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	21.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Verity Giles-Franklin
Applicant	Mr Conquest
Address	St Margaret's Court
Description of work	Removal of existing metal fence and gate (1.2m high) located on top of block wall and concrete coping stone adjacent to the road easement. Install a new 1.8m metal fence and gate with coded digilock to improve security.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	2
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/08405/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	13.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	David Cox
Applicant	Mr Paul Philips
Address	16 B Market Street, Bradford On Avon, Wilts, BA15 1LL
Description of work	Change of use from office to dwelling house including the relocation of a modern internal partition, the introduction of a kitchen and an upgrade to acoustic insulation to the floor
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection - in principle but the Town Council is concerned that because all the rooms only have rooflights the proposal will not provide an appropriate level of residential amenity. Although BOATC recognise this is not a significant workspace, we also are concerned by the continues change of use from business to residential in the town centre.

Town Council reference	3
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/08803/LBC
Type of application	LBC
Date to comment	13.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	David Cox
Applicant	Mr Paul Philips
Address	16 B Market Street, Bradford on Avon, Wilts, BA15 1LL
Description of work	Change of use from office to dwelling house including the relocation of a modern internal partition, the introduction of a kitchen and an upgrade to acoustic insulation to the floor
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection - in principle but the Town Council is concerned that because all the rooms only have rooflights the proposal will not provide an appropriate level of residential amenity. Although BOATC recognise this is not a significant workspace, we also are concerned by the continues change of use from business to residential in the town centre.



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Town Council reference	4
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/07874/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	14.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Selina Parker-Miles
Applicant	Mrs A Pettitt
Address	141 Leigh Park Road, Bradford On Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1TQ
Description of work	Erection of wooden garden room in rear garden (retrospective)
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

Town Council reference	5
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/08898/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	12.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Beverley Griffin
Applicant	Mr T Moss
Address	28 Trowbridge Rd BA15 1EP
Description of work	T1 Birch - reduce by 1-2 mtrs
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

Town Council reference	6
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/08885/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	18.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mr & Mrs S Boocock
Address	21 New Rd BA15 1AR
Description of work	Single storey rear extension
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

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Town Council reference	7
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/08674/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	20.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Jemma Foster
Applicant	Hybrid Planning & Development
Address	5 St Margaret's St BA15 1DA
Description of work	Alterations to listed building including loft conversion to create 1 no. flat, demolition of rear extension, excavation of rear garden and erection of 3 no. flats with associated landscaping, cycle parking and waste/recycling storage.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

Town Council reference	8
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/09110/LBC
Type of application	LBC
Date to comment	20.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Jemma Foster
Applicant	Hybrid Planning & Development
Address	5 St Margaret's St BA15 1DA
Description of work	Alterations to listed building including loft conversion to create 1 no. flat, demolition of rear extension, excavation of rear garden and erection of 3 no. flats with associated landscaping, cycle parking and waste/recycling storage.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

Town Council reference	9
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/08652/LBC
Type of application	LBC
Date to comment	20.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Russell Brown
Applicant	Mrs Lisa Bullock
Address	Bradford On Avon Railway Station Approach Bradford On Avon BA15 1DF
Description of work	Canopy repair works
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

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Town Council reference	10
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/09398/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	17.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Sue Morgan
Applicant	Mr Jonathan Brown
Address	10a Frome Road BA15 1LB
Description of work	Tulip tree - fell
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection - but it would be beneficial if a smaller, suitable tree could be planted to replace this tree

Town Council reference	11
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/09246/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	20.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Beverly Griffin
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Clark
Address	11 Tory BA15 1NN
Description of work	T1 & T2 Ash Fell
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

Town Council reference	12
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/09247/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	20.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Beverly Griffin
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Clark
Address	The Old House, 18 Silver St BA15 1JZ
Description of work	T1 Indian Bean Tree, Reduce by 0.5 - 1m
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

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Town Council reference	13
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/09545/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	20.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	Beverly Griffin
Applicant	Mrs Clare Travers
Address	103 Trowbridge Rd BA15 1EG
Description of work	2 x Palm trees to be removed and 1 x Laburnum tree
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection

Town Council reference	14
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/09658/TPO
Type of application	TPO
Date to comment	24.11.20
Town Council meeting date	11.11.20
Case Officer	David Wyatt
Applicant	Wessex Tree Care Ltd
Address	Land adjacent to 20 Wolley St BA15 1AF
Description of work	T8 - Sycamore tree reduce by 2m and prune laterals by 3m T9 - Sycamore -deadwood reduce one limb by 3-4 m and reduce lateral limb at 12m by 3-4m T11 Lime tree- reduce by 4m T18 Lime tree- deadwood T19 Norway Maple remove longer limbs& deadwood
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - Permit with conditions - <b>(see additional notes over leaf)</b>

Planning 14 (continued) - Planning application no 20/09658/TPO – Land adjacent to 20 Woolley St

**Permit with conditions and modifications** -with condition and modifications. This area of greenspace has many, large trees providing valuable habitat. Although it is recognised that some of this tree work is necessary for safety reasons, there are important ecological considerations. BOATC expect to take ownership and management of this space in the very near future. Therefore, the Town Council request that this work is delayed so that our Green Space Officer can work with WC to ensure there is a shared management plan- based on best practice with regards to, biodiversity. This is in recognition of Bradford on Avon Town Council's Ecological Emergency Declaration.



## Alex Kay, E&P Chairman's report 11/11/20

### Environment

1. Asset Transfer update: ongoing (now over 1 year late!)
2. Westbury Incinerator 20/06775/WCM submission (recommending refusal) from BOATC (one of four parish/town councils listed under consultees).with over 2021 letters (mostly of objection) uploaded to WC Planning portal. Decision target 30 Nov.
3. Biodiversity audit update: Ecosulis have completed 9<sup>th</sup> Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, for review and implementation, with final, overarching report awaited.
4. Request for 'bug hotel' materials (pine cones and canes); collection point phoney box at top of Whitehill (please leave no plastic or litter).
5. CSE Conference: Climate Emergency workshop for Cllrs and Council Officers: full day on zoom: arr. by BOATC with BANES (26<sup>th</sup> Nov.) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-council-climate-emergency-workshop-tickets-125035182597>
6. Eco youth work shop 12<sup>th</sup> Nov:  
<https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/events/event/youth-eco-workshop/>
7. Living Green Wall in Lambs Yard project: Fundraising commenced. Planning application to be submitted. Legal documents in preparation.
8. Climate Friendly soil event: A very well-attended, interesting event on 10 November [www.facebook.com/events/260825845163302](http://www.facebook.com/events/260825845163302) Thankyou to the organisers and speakers.

### Planning

1. Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Alliance. (WALPA) further zoom meetings attended 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October, and follow up with Sam Fox 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Scheduled zoom update with WC's 5 year land supply, neighbourhood planning process for 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, for all 33 WALPA group and extended to all other town/parish councils across Wiltshire.
2. Planning White Paper: Debate in Parliament 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: indicated significant back-bencher dissent; WC have submitted strong representation, to be made available.

**Supportive comments for Wildlife Protection Statement**

**Gina Adams**

**11/11/20**

I strongly support the Wildlife Protection Statement.

The protection it offers is both necessary and timely. Badgers are a legally protected species. Despite this, the Badgers in and around Bradford on Avon are at imminent risk of local extinction. Bradford on Avon is in the middle of a Badger Cull Zone 42, which extends, approximately, North-South from the M4 to Salisbury Plain and East-West from the A350 into B&NES. The intensive Badger cull in this area is planned for 4 years, with likely 'supplementary' culling after that. It has just finished its second year, with a target to kill over 4,000 badgers this year alone. Over the first 4 years, it aims to kill 70-95% of the badger population. There is a significant risk that Badgers will become locally extinct, as evidence suggests has happened in parts of Cornwall which have now been culled for 4 or more years.

In addition to the threat from the Cull itself, the Badger Cull provides cover for other forms of badger persecution. Two sets in Bradford on Avon have been damaged in just the last year, leading to police investigation.

The protection offered by this statement provides our threatened badgers with a much-needed safe haven. It also offers the opportunity to raise awareness among local people about the persecution of badgers and other wildlife, including the knowledge to identify and report wildlife crime.

I would like to encourage the Council to consider promoting this wildlife protection to other Councils across Wiltshire. Additionally, I would be grateful if it would consider writing to Defra to report its objection to the Badger cull, as South Somerset Council have recently committed to doing.

Thank you  
Gina Adams

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Town Council reference	1
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/09471/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	30.11.20
Town Council meeting date	25.11.20
Case Officer	Bev Griffin
Applicant	Sara Bennett
Address	Saffron Cottage, 69 Trowbridge Rd BA15 1EG
Description of work	T1 Young Sycamore self sown within hedgerow is getting too big for its position within the garden and its proximity to nearby houses.- Coppice to a low stump. T2 Holly- reduce and shape by approx 2m to suitable growth points.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	2
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/09475/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	30.11.20
Town Council meeting date	25.11.20
Case Officer	Beverly Griffin
Applicant	Mrs Delahunty
Address	32 Trowbridge Rd BA15 1EP
Description of work	T1 Apple tree reduce by 3m
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	3
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/09820/TPO
Type of application	TPO
Date to comment	30.11.20
Town Council meeting date	25.11.20
Case Officer	David Wyatt
Applicant	Mrs P Wilkes
Address	42 Deverell Close BA15 1UZ
Description of work	Walnut Tree Fell
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections



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Town Council reference	4
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/09650/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	16.12.20
Town Council meeting date	25.11.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mrs M Keith
Address	90 Winsley Rd BA15 1N
Description of work	Single storey extension to form porch, study & store room to include extending raised patio area
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	5
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/09524/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	18.12.20
Town Council meeting date	25.11.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mrs D Gilbert
Address	16 Budbury Place BA15 1QF
Description of work	Change of use from a 4 bed house to a 5 bed house for multiple occupancy
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	6
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/09666/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	04.12.20
Town Council meeting date	25.11.20
Case Officer	Beverly Griffin
Applicant	Mr C Johns
Address	27 St Margaret's St BA15 1DN
Description of work	Purple leaf ornamental Plum - T1. Prune 10% to reduce overhang to pavement and where branches are close to the house. Reduce canopy 30% and reshape. Remove branches where touching telephone cables.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

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Town Council reference	1
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/09793\FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	21.12.20
Town Council meeting date	01.12.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mr R Simpson
Address	3c Kingsfield Grange BA15 1BE
Description of work	Proposed extension to dwelling
Town Council recommendation	-

Town Council reference	2
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/06135/PNCOU
Type of application	PNCOU
Date to comment	02.12.20
Town Council meeting date	01.12.20
Case Officer	David Cox
Applicant	Mrs J Brown
Address	Bradford Bottom Barn, Frome /Rood
Description of work	Revised planning application for revised access
Town Council recommendation	-

Town Council reference	3
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/10009/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	23.12.20
Town Council meeting date	01.12.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	
Address	31 Elmfield BA15 1RH
Description of work	Single Storey rear extension and replacement porch
Town Council recommendation	-



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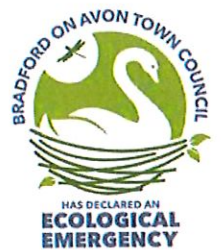
# CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL **EMERGENCY**

STRATEGY

DECEMBER 2020



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# FOREWORD

by

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and*

*Councillor Alex Kay, Chair of the Environment  
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In March 2020, Bradford on Avon Town declared a Climate Emergency. In July 2020, it followed this with the declaration of an Ecological Emergency.

Each of these declarations highlight the plight of our planet, and the impact of human behaviours and activity on it - an impact that affects all life on our planet, from plants to animals, and from the smallest insects to the largest mammals.

As a Town Council, we know that the actions we can take will make only a small difference to the global picture . but if everyone who can takes their own small actions, these will quickly add up to major changes.

Since our declaration of a Climate Emergency, the Town Council has taken tangible steps to address climate change, and indicated in our original Strategy Paper, published in July 2019.

But we know that there is a lot more that we can and must do to serve our community.

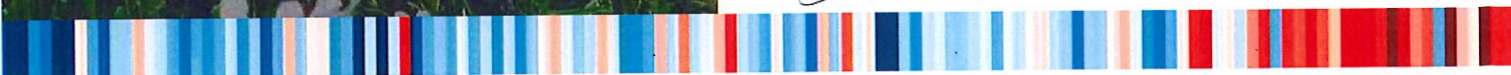
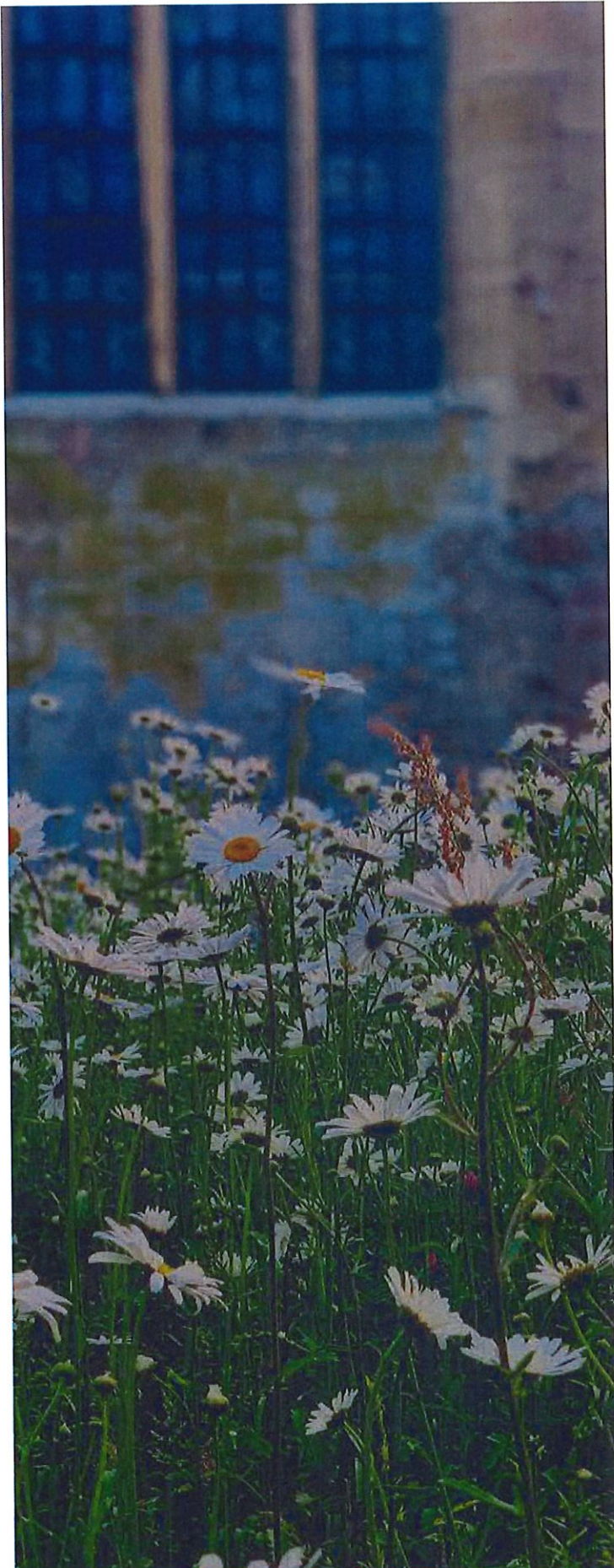
We hope you will join us on this journey to reduce our community's carbon footprint and protect and restore the natural environment within and around Bradford on Avon.

Collectively, we can make a difference - which is why, as a Town Council, we must act now.

For If not now, then when?



Alex Kay



The Town Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency in March 2019 was not our first actions to address Climate Change – but in itself highlighted the importance of the issue.

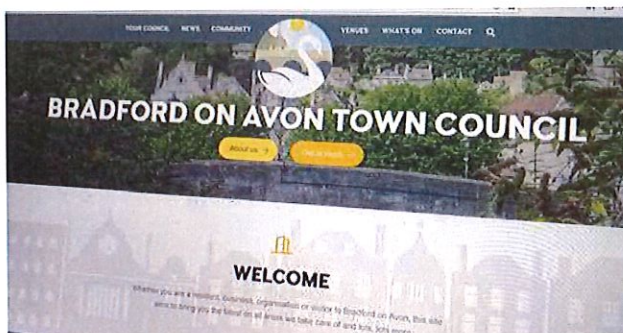
Addressing the Climate Emergency now feeds into many other policy areas – but these are some specific actions that the Town Council has taken to address Climate Change.

## Solar Panels

As part of addressing the urgent issue of Climate Change, the Town Council installed Solar Panels on the south-facing roof of St. Margaret's Hall in early 2019.

The 72 panels were officially 'unveiled' on March 3rd 2019 with a special event to mark the occasion, and have generated almost 15 megawatt hours (MWH) of electricity since installation. That equates to a saving of more than 14 tonnes of carbon, and a significant reduction in energy bills.

The Council invested £30,000 in the panels, which is expected to be recouped in around seven years.



## Dedicated web-pages

We have invested in the creation a dedicated Climate and Ecological Emergency section on our website, providing information on the Emergencies, the actions the Town Council has taken and what's planned, and advice for individuals on what they can do.

The site also provides links to local groups active on climate and ecology issues, and promotes events they hold which may be of interest.

We are also very active on social media @BoATownCouncil and we use appropriate hashtags to make sure posts and tweets reach the best possible audiences.

#ClimateEmergency #Biodiversity  
#EcologicalEmergency #ClimateChange  
#PlasticFreeBoA

## Woodland

Starting with Kingston Farm in 2019, the Town Council has added number of woodland areas to the areas it manages. It was gifted Arnold Wood in February 2020 and in March 2020, the Environment and Planning Committee voted to lead the purchase of Becky Addy Wood, supporting a successful community fundraising effort.

Taking on woodland allows the Town Council to protect these important habitats for future generations and they are a source of carbon-capture in their own right. We expect to take on management of the Strips and other wooded areas around the town as part of the Asset Transfer process, to be completed in early 2021.



## Environment and Planning Committee

We renamed our Planning and Environment Committee to become the Environment and Planning Committee in 2018 – an important change in emphasis. It discusses climate and ecology issues in every meeting, and drives policy on behalf of the Council.

Committee Chair, Cllr Alex Kay, also drafted our 2019 Climate Emergency Strategy.

This has included taking a stand on issues such as the proposed Westbury Waste Incinerator, and passing of key resolutions on Biodiversity, Wildlife Protection and providing a specific budget for communication on the joint Emergencies.

## Events

We have hosted two dedicated Climate Emergency Steering Group meetings, with a range of guest speakers and workshops. We've also held two dedicated themed events: our Bat Chat in October 2019 and our Green Homes event in January 2020. Further public events will be scheduled as and when permitted under COVID-19 restrictions.

External events relating to the Climate and Ecological Emergencies are also eligible to be advertised on both this site and our Explore Bradford on Avon site. If you are holding a live or online event you can register it via our Explore site [HERE](#) noting the category as 'Environment & Climate Change'.

Both Town Councillors and Officers often attend Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon (CFBOA) meetings and events, with many CFBOA members also in attendance at Town Council Committee meetings.

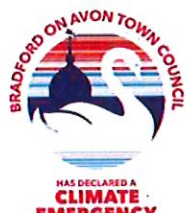
The Town Council also partnered with Bath and North East Somerset (BANES) Council to co-host a Climate Action Day, facilitated by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) for Town and Parish Councils on 26th November 2020.

The event was aimed enabling co-working and sharing of ideas – acknowledging that the Climate and Ecological Emergencies do not stop at Town, Parish or County borders.

Other Councils in attendance include Winsley, Freshford, Monkton Farleigh and Corsham.

## Website audit

In 2020, an audit was undertaken of our websites – [bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk) and [bradfordonavon.co.uk](http://bradfordonavon.co.uk). The subsequent changes to the sites saw a massive 80% reduction in the carbon footprint of the sites.



## Our **Climate** Actions 2019-2020

**BOA  
CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY  
STEERING  
GROUP  
MEETING**

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION OF PRACTICABLE STEPS OUR COMMUNITY CAN TAKE TO HELP AVERT THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

7PM THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST 2019  
ST MARGARET'S HALL  
BRADFORD ON AVON

[www.bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Our **Climate** Actions 2019-2020



### Plastic free

The Town Council backed the community effort to become plastic free, and the town was awarded 'Plastic Free Community Status' in April 2019. The Town Council actively promotes plastic-free businesses via a dedicated section of its Explore BoA website, and also raises awareness of the need to 'Refuse, Re-use and Recycle'.

Local independent shop, Christine's Sustainable Supermarket, has been featured as a plastic-free 'hero' in our newsletter, website and social media feeds having installed dry goods re-fill stations.

The Tourist Information Office sells duck food in compostable bags as well as reusable water bottles and flasks to encourage people not to buy single-use bottled drinks.

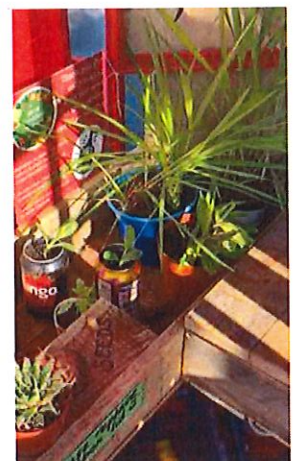
We have also installed three water fountains across the town, enabling and encouraging residents and visitors alike to refill their bottles.

### Grow your own during lockdown

During the first COVID-19 lockdown, we set up GrowBoA linking our pandemic response to support with eco and climate issues. The project was aimed at supporting well-being during this time, helping people to re-engage with their natural environment and appreciate the biodiversity present in the town.

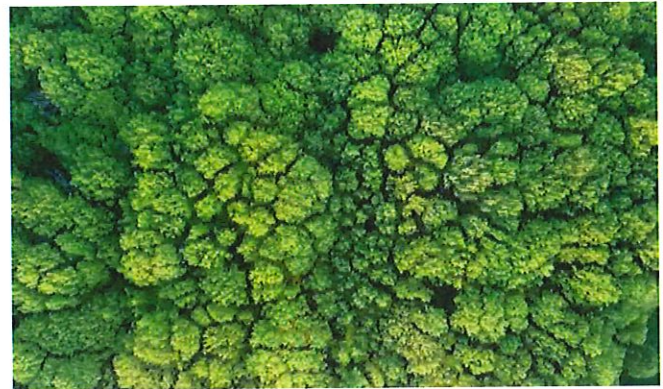
It did this by helping people to share seeds and plants at Grow Swap Stations in the town, made from reclaimed timber by one of our Councillors.

The project also encouraged people to grow their own produce, helping towards reducing food-miles and personal carbon footprints and showing people how simple, affordable and rewarding it can be to 'Grow Your Own'.



The Town Council are committed to taking action to preserve and restore biodiversity across the land which we own and/or manage, both now and in the future.

In June 2020 the Town Council's Environment & Planning Committee adopted a Biodiversity Resolution and declared an Ecological Emergency in July 2020, though we had already been taking action on these areas prior to this.



## Woodland

As well as helping to address Climate Change, taking on areas of woodland allows the Town Council to protect these important habitats for future generations.

They also provide a haven for wildlife, with the Town Council refusing permission for hunting and culling, and actively promoting green infrastructure under the Wildlife Protection Policy Statement passed in November 2020.

We appointed a Green Spaces Officer in January 2020. This role plays an important role in promoting biodiversity, liaising with local groups like Clean Up Bradford, to advise on ground control and removal of some plants.

As the results of our Biodiversity Survey are published, the Green Spaces Officer will also play a key role in assisting Councillors on next steps to improve local habitats.

## Green Spaces Management

The Town Council manages green spaces from open parks and recreation grounds to historic ancient woodland, and is in the process of taking on even more. All of these spaces are managed to reduce climate impact – whether that's using non-peat-based compost, minimising use of powered tools in management.

## Blue Heart campaign

The Town Council has worked with the Blue Campaign since 2019, and since then small areas of garden and parks have seen Blue Hearts appearing. These symbolise that they are being left to nature that little bit more – encouraging the growth of wild flowers and plant species that some might consider to be weeds. These in turn support creatures like bees, moths, and other insect life which in turn support birds and other wildlife.







## Biodiversity survey

In June 2020, the Town Council decided to commission a Biodiversity Survey to provide it with baseline data on habitats and species around the town.

It selected local firm EcoSulis in July, and work is underway to provide detailed analysis of key sites, as well as an overview report of the town as a whole.

The report will inform our land management and nature stewardship practices across all of the places and spaces under Town Council control from ancient woodland to Westbury Garden. Each has its different but important part to play.

## Reduction in use of chemicals

Under both the Biodiversity Resolution passed in June 2020, and the Wildlife Protection Policy Statement of November 2020, the Town Council is taking steps reduce its use of chemicals to control weeds and pests.

It has banned the use of Glyphosates on Town Council land, and other chemical weedkillers, other than in exceptional circumstances. It will also limit, as far as possible, the use of pesticides and poisons in controlling pest-species – while acknowledging its legal duties to control certain species.

## Wildlife Protection

In November 2020, the Town Council's Environment and Planning Committee adopted a Wildlife Protection Policy Statement which aims to provide a haven for wildlife on Town Council-controlled lands.

includes withholding of consent, as far as possible under the law, for the hunting and killing of animals, and to look to non-lethal methods of animal control as far as possible.

It also includes elements such as reduction of the use of pesticides, and development of a lighting strategy for the town – to help protector important localbat populations.



Our **Ecology** Actions  
2019-2020



The Town Council has passed various resolutions on Climate and Ecological Emergency, but some actions take longer to deliver than others.

This section focuses on those elements of policy or projects which are in progress. Keep an eye on the News Page on our website for further developments.

## Electric Vehicle Charging Points

In November 2020 the Environment and Planning Committee committed the Council to installing EV charging points, subject to a business case, around Town Council premises such as St. Margaret's Hall, the Youth and Community Centre and Culver Close.

Councillors hope to be able to push forward with the 'quick win' elements of this within the next few months, taking advantage of the power produced by our Solar Panels, and our green energy tariff, to make sure that the charging points don't have an unintended climate impact.

## Bowling Club Borehole

Water use has a climate impact, so anything we can do to reduce the use of mains water is an improvement, and can also save money.

Given the close proximity of the Bowling Club to the river, watering the bowling lawn at Barton Farm with borehole - produced groundwater, rather than treated mains water, will reduce the Council's footprint, and also save it money within two years – a win on both counts.

## Insect Hotels

All creatures, great and small, are part of our ecosystem, and some of our small inhabitants play a key role in tidying up and sustaining larger life – aiding composting and decomposition, and pollinating plants which then support animals, birds and bats.

Insect hotels are a great way to assist in this, and the Town Council is collecting materials and supporting Ellie, a young person who lives in the town, in creating these in several locations.



Our **Next** Steps  
2021



## A new Pavillion

The existing pavilion on Culver Field is not fit for purpose, and work is underway with Bradford on Avon Cricket Club and other partners to replace it with a modern purpose-built facility.

This gives us the opportunity to ensure that the building is as efficient as possible, potentially approaching Passive Build standards, and that eco-technology is built directly in at design stage. Ensuring that these elements are captured will form part of the tender specification as the Town Council selects an architect to move the project forward.

This project will also act as a proof-of-concept for replacement of other buildings coming to the end of their life, and for renovations. It will also link closely with the deployment of EV charging points.

## Community Fridge

The community fridge project has taken some time to get going – and unfortunately has also fallen victim to the Covid-19 pandemic, with lockdown hitting just as a volunteer team was ready to embark on.

We are also now reviewing the location of the fridge, to make sure that it is more accessible, and easier to run by volunteers. We may also look at expanding the remit to other foodstuffs too, following a model established by Frome, for example.

Food production accounts for a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions – so reducing food waste is a simple but effective way to reduce the town's carbon footprint.

## Lighting strategy

Part of the Wildlife Protection Policy Statement passed in November 2020 was the creation of a Lighting Strategy for the town. This will enhance the habitat of creatures including bats, which can be adversely affected by pools of light, and also reduces energy consumption.

While the Town Council may not directly control lighting infrastructure such as street-lighting, it does play a role in the planning process. It can comment on lighting spill from facilities such as sports pitches and commercial premises – and also ensure that new Town Council developments have a positive impact.

The strategy may also extend to advising business and other public sector agencies in the town to reduce their own lighting 'spill', and assist with the creation of a 'bat corridor'.

## Living Wall

The community-led project to build a Living Wall in Lamb Yard is primarily to improve the aesthetics of that area. However, the chosen design integrates bird-boxes, which will provide a haven for species like Swifts and Housemartins.

The plants chosen will also be those provide a good level of carbon-capture – the walls proposed town centre location making this highly desirable. The project is ongoing, with build likely to be towards the middle of 2021, subject to planning and fundraising.



## Biodiversity Forward Management Plan

This survey was commissioned in July 2020, and will produce a report of baseline data showing biodiversity levels across the Town and surrounding area. Draft reports on some sites were received in October and November, and a draft of the full report is expected in November 2020.

Once the report is available, a management plan will be developed to promote biodiversity across Town Council controlled lands. This will include mowing patterns, elements of re-wilding where appropriate, and potentially changes to use of some land. It will also certainly include the continued protection of woodlands like Becky Addy and Arnolds wood, could also involve supporting areas like the Strips and the wooded area near Kingston Farm potentially towards a more self-sustaining state.

This plan will also be shaped by the Wildlife Protection Policy Statement issued in November 2020, which provides for creations of havens and creation of 'green infrastructure' in the town to support wildlife habitats. That resolution also commits the Town Council to reduction of pesticide and other chemical pest-control products as far as possible.



## Town Council Procurement and Supply Chain

The Ecological Emergency Declaration provided that a review of procurement would be undertaken to ensure that consumables used are sustainably sourced, and that the carbon and ecological footprint of the Council is mapped.

It also committed that procurement and management practices will be consistent with the two declarations, with appropriate instructions draft and delivered to Town Council suppliers. This has not yet been completed, and will be prioritised early in the new year.



# Future Strategy 2021-2025

As a Town Council we can make a difference in tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergencies in two distinctive ways.

As this strategy document shows, we can make tangible changes to how we act as an organisation - reducing our carbon footprint, and improving habitats in our local area.

We can also lead by example - building relationships with other councils, community organisations and experts from partnership organisations, and sharing messages and information to help the public understand the impact that the choices they, and the Council, make can have.

## Finance

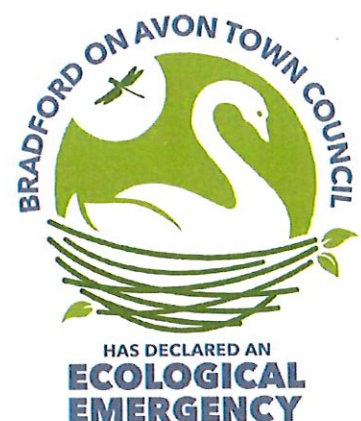
The Town Council has committed over £60,000 since the end of 2018 to environmental projects, around half of which paid for the installation of solar panels on St. Margaret's Hall.

Other main items have included:

- Environmental community fund (£10,000 in 2019 and 2020);
- Climate Emergency and Ecology Communications (£4,000 in 2020);
- Biodiversity Survey (£5,000 in 2020).

However, this equates to less than 4% of Town Council spending in a single year, albeit that some costs will be born in other budget lines, for example in changes to procurement practices.

This level of spending does not equate to prioritising the Ecological and Climate Emergency. The Council will therefore look to allocate no less than 10% of its budget to items and project directly addressing the joint Emergencies.



## Public Authority partnerships

The Town Council has established strong partnerships with other Public Authorities, community groups and national organisations.

The policy positions that it has taken since 2019 have been held up as examples of innovative and progressive work to address the joint emergencies.

Given our geographic position, it is important that will continue to engage both with Wiltshire Council as our own Principle Authority, and also Bath and North East Somerset Council - which also forms part of the West of England Metropolitan Area, with an elected Mayor.

All three of those separate Public Authorities can have an impact on Bradford on Avon and its surrounding area - positive or negative - through the environmental and other policy positions that they take.

The Town Council's role must be to engage, inform and shape those policies. Maintaining links both at Cabinet and senior Officer level will be a focus of the Town Council in the coming years.

## Community Partners

At local level, the Town Council has built very successful partnerships, in particularly with Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon. Sharing of events, and co-working on major projects has boosted this relationship and built up trust - while also enabling a level of constructive challenge.

Both CFBOA, and the Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust have been financial partners on eco-projects in the last two years.

As well as established community groups, ad hoc groups have also become important to specific projects, taking a lead on fundraising and building community support.



Friends of Becky Addy Wood formed as a result of the Council's support for the purchase of the woodland. A similar organisation has formed to support the installation of Living Wall in Lamb Yard. Meanwhile, the Town Council continues to advise and support activities by Clean Up Bradford and other green volunteering groups, to help maintain areas of the town, including those focussing on recycling and plastic-free.

Building and maintaining these partnerships will be key both to controlling costs as Community Assets are delegated to the Town Council, and also influencing and informing the activities of these groups so that operate in a way consistent with responding to the Emergencies.

Engagement of young people in this work will also be key. Offering meaningful opportunities to be involved in decision-making and creation of projects will support the Town Council's work, while also ensuring the young people have a positive experience that encourages future involvement.

Finally, we cannot ignore local independent and other businesses. Shopping locally and sustainably is a great way for individuals to take action, and supporting local independent traders who take action on schemes like Plastic Free is both important in maintaining a thriving town and reducing the town's carbon footprint.



## Advice and support

As far as possible, the Town Council will offer advice and support on how individuals and other organisations can start to tackle the joint emergencies. However, we also acknowledge that we are not experts.

We have built, and will continue to build, relationships with expert partners, both on a commercial basis where necessary, and, where possible, draw on support from trusts and charity organisations to help inform both Council policy and operational delivery of projects.

Commercial partnerships have included EcoSulis, based in Bath, selected to deliver our Biodiversity Survey, and the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), who have facilitated the Climate Action Day which Bradford on Avon Town Council cost-hosted with BANES Council in November 2020.

In each case, the relationship also involved value-added elements. Through their access to external funding CSE in particular have also supported the Town Council providing input on our general programme, and also specifically on 'greening up' the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

As well as these commercial relationships, organisations like the Mammal Society, the Blue Campaign and Sustrans have each provided expert input and support on specific areas of policy, from biodiversity and wildlife protection, to reviewing impact transport on air quality.

The national campaigns and organisations have supported our work in inception, and also actively promote it - building the Town Council's reputation

and in so doing enhancing the awareness of what we're doing among other towns and parishes across the region and the UK.

This means that we reach further in encouraging others to take action - which in turn means a 'butterfly effect', multiplying our impact in tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergencies.

## Talking about the problem

As well as engaging with other organisations, among the greatest impact the Council can have is informing our own residents, and making them aware of what they can do to make a difference.

As a public authority, we cannot campaign - but we can inform, and share information from authoritative sources.

The science on Climate Change and habitat loss is indisputable - but the messages supporting that can be difficult for people to hear. Investing in communication and providing digestible and accessible information is a way to cut through that.

The dedicated section of the Town Council website seeks to address this, providing a huge range of information. This is supported by the print Newsletter and social media presence. The Council will continue to invest in this area as a major multiplier of efforts to address the Emergencies.

Deploying clear Climate and Ecological Emergency signage around the town will also help to highlight the importance of the issues, and should be deployed in the near future.



## Green growth

A major part of the Town Council's activity in the last 12 months has been the acquisition of new green space - notably the woodlands that have been taken on on behalf of the community. With the completion of the Asset Transfer process, the Town Council will own or manage a further 160,000 square metres of outside space too.

As identified in the Wildlife Protection Policy, this gives the Town Council the opportunity to bring into reality the idea of a Green Corridor - or more properly a green wheel running through and around the town.

This could and should be added with further acquisition of green spaces, to protect and maintain them, and bring them into line with the Biodiversity Forward Management Plan, and also extend to protection of waterways that flow through the town.

This may include land outside of the parish boundary - including where it will achieve other ends, for example flood risk attenuation or protection of amenity areas used by residents.

## Green planning

While the Neighbourhood Planning process is in some state of flux, and subject to national government changes under the National Planning Policy Framework, the Town Council will persist in seeking to insert additional Climate and Ecological Emergency countermeasures into the revised plan, which will need to be prepared by the end of the next Town Council Administration.

In addition to this, the Town Council will support home-owners and businesses in understanding technologies available to them, through partnership working with groups such as the CSE.

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It will also continue efforts to support Neighbourhood Planning through collaboration with other Councils, and seek to support and enhance local protection and promotion of the Green Belt and other green areas around the town.

In addition to this, the Town Council will support home-owners and businesses in understanding technologies available to them, through partnership working with groups such as the CSE.

The Town Council will also work with partners to establish a 'standard' by which it will assess strategic or other impactful planning applications, to test the environmental impact of the development. This will feed directly into the review of planning applications.

## Air Quality

The Town Council has placed improvement of Air Quality at the heart of its Highways and Transport policies, which is consistent with address the Climate Emergency, alongside Pedestrian Safety.

This position will continue, and the Council will support and promote actions to improve air quality across the town.







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# Climate and Ecological Emergency Budget Proposal

2020-2021

<p>1. Revision to Ethical Investment policy to make it proactively and positively ethical – what we will invest in, rather than what we won't, including looking at firms like Triodos, Octopus and Ecotricity;</p>	<p>Cost neutral, subject to current status of investments (RFO to confirm)</p>
<p>2. Installation of recycling bins, and full-bin reporting mechanism, with standard bins to match;</p>	<p>&gt;£20k for eco element</p>
<p>3. Installation of EV charging points in at least 2 locations by May 2021, with at least 1 more in plan, and offer of support to WMC and CRT; Phase one cost &gt;£20k.</p>	<p>&gt;£20k excluding income from charging</p>
<p>4. Specification, selection and purchase of electric vehicles for TC use – Kubota type buggies for Town Wardens, replacement of CEV, preferably capable of 2/3phase charging</p>	<p>&gt;£25k, but from general equipment budget. E&amp;P to agree spec</p>
<p>5. Terracycling units installed at Youth Centre, and re-establishment of community fridge project;</p>	<p>&gt;£3k</p>
<p>6. Replacement signage at Town Limits including Eco and Climate Emergency elements;</p>	<p>&gt;£6k</p>
<p>7. 'Switch-off while idling' signage at pinch points;</p>	<p>&gt;£2k</p>
<p>8. Retain £10k pot for community eco projects, with a further £6k to support youth eco-projects, to be proposed by young people as part of eco youth engagement strategy.</p>	<p>£16k</p>
<p>9. Eco and Climate Comms budget retained;</p>	<p>£5k</p>
<p>10. Development and implementation of an Eco procurement policy;</p>	<p>£5k</p>