

1. Reduce our carbon footprint

- Identify the Council's wider current carbon foot print.
- Consult with the public and with interest groups of strategies for achieving zero carbon emissions by 2030.
- Identify the district carbon foot print and in consultation with the public to identify means by which the council can assist the residents and businesses on North Herts to achieve the target of zero emissions across the district by 2030.
- Purchase of energy from renewable sources.
- Consider all future operational vehicles leased or purchased by the council are Ultra Low Emission Vehicles and encourage contractors to adopt similar measures
- Install PV panels on council buildings where this is practical and economically viable.
- We will continue to work with our suppliers and contractors to minimise the environmental impact of their products and services across our sites/ Work with and where possible require our suppliers and contractors to reduce the impact of goods and services by considering whole life costs and ending our use of single use plastics.
- We will continue to build the capacity of officers to advise developers of carbon reductions and renewables applications/ We will continue to develop our understanding of the climate risks facing the district, and the adaptation actions that will have the greatest benefit.
- Ensure environmental risks and opportunities are managed positively.
- We plan to build on the success of the 'Green Office Project', and explore opportunities to increase staff awareness and reduce waste on our estate.
- We will minimise the production of waste from our own activities and adhere to the principles of the waste hierarchy.

2. Leadership across the district

- Explore the mechanism for tree planting on the Council's land and to encourage private landowners to do so.
- Installing additional electric vehicle charging points in council car parks to ensure that every car park has charging points in at least 5% of spaces, with a minimum of two spaces per car park.
- Installation of on street electric vehicle charging points in on street parking bays in town centres (in agreement with the County Council).
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Events 2-3 events per year.
- Discounts on garden waste charge for vulnerable residents.
- North Herts Plastics campaign - We will develop a communication strategy to increase local awareness of how to reduce, reuse, recycle waste.

3. Partnership working

- Exploring a range of ways in which local communities, including streets and neighbourhoods, can be encouraged to take some responsibility in supporting, improving and maintaining their local environment.

- Work with cycling groups to produce a cycling plan to promote cycling, including the use of electric bicycles, as a means of transport and identify simple to remove barriers.
- Agree a plan with Stevenage Leisure Limited (SLL) to eliminate single use plastics from Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools.
- Greater utilisation of Herts Waste Partnership (HWP).
- We will work with partners to explore opportunities to further integrate environmental awareness, sustainable practices and climate resilience into future projects. Where possible we will seek to promote energy efficiency standards, flood risk planning, sustainable drainage systems and renewable energy sources.
- We will continue to support and engage with local community groups that address climate change in their engagement and awareness raising events.
- We will support the Plastic Free Letchworth Initiative toward their goal of reducing single use plastic and establishing a Refill Scheme across North Hertfordshire.
- We will identify and act on opportunities to work together on joint carbon reduction projects