

## **REVIEW OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY APPROACH IN LOCAL PLANS**

### **Existing Local Plan policy review and declarations of Climate Emergency**

20. The existing policies contained in the local plans of the Derbyshire Local Planning Authorities have been collated and included as appendix 3, linked below, giving an overview as of August 2021. It can be seen that there is a considerable range in the degree to which climate change and other environmental issues have been considered, largely reflected in the date of adoption, some plans being drafted earlier than others. Many of the plans are now due for review or replacement and it is anticipated that this guide and associated metric will assist in developing consistent and robust climate change related policies to enable Derbyshire as a whole to contribute to achieving the target of net zero by 2050.
21. The link below accesses a summary of policies contained in Derbyshire District, Borough and City Council local plans as Appendix 3: [Derbyshire Borough, District and City Council local plans.](#)
22. Declarations of Climate Emergency:
- **South Derbyshire District Council**, declared a climate emergency June 2019, committed to council carbon neutrality by 2030 and district wide by 2050. SDDC have published a Climate and Environment Action Plan 2021 – 2030, a Natural Resources Strategy and a Carbon Management Plan.

- **Derbyshire Dales District Council**, declared a climate emergency May 2019, committed to council carbon neutrality by 2030. DDDC have published 'The Path to Net Zero' climate change strategy and action plan 2020 - 2030
- **Derby City Council**, declared a climate emergency May 2019 and published its Climate Change Action plan 2022 - 2024. The Council has identified the actions needed to achieve Net Zero by 2035.
- **High Peak Borough Council**, declared a climate emergency October 2019, committed to carbon neutrality by 2030. 'Towards Carbon Neutrality 2030, Climate Change Action Plan 2021/22 (part 1) and 'Aiming Low: the way to Net Zero 2021 to 2030' have been published by the Borough Council.
- **Bolsover District Council**, no declaration.
- **Peak District National Park Authority** committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 and has published its Peak District National Park Climate Change Action Plan 2009- 2011. This has been followed by the National Park Management Plan 2019-23, Corporate Strategy 2019-24 and the Carbon Management Plan 2020 – 2050. The Park Authority has also published a Climate Change Adaptation Report and Vulnerability Assessment.

- **Chesterfield Borough Council**, declared a climate emergency in 2019, committed to council carbon neutrality by 2030 and across the borough by 2050. The Borough Council has published its Climate Change Action Plan 2020 – 2023. The Climate Change Assessment Tool ensures that climate change is a mandatory consideration in all decision making in the authority. The tool can be accessed through the Chesterfield Borough Council website.
- **North East Derbyshire Borough Council**, declared a climate emergency in 2019 and committed to carbon neutrality by 2030 and Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 30
- **Amber Valley Borough Council**, in July 2019 declared a climate emergency and committed to carbon neutrality by 2030.
- **Erewash Borough Council**, in October 2019 committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 as part of its Natural Resources Strategy, Carbon Management and Adaptation Plans.
- **Derbyshire County Council**, in 2021 recognised that there is a climate crisis and reaffirmed the commitment to becoming net zero by 2032 or sooner and county wide net zero by 2050. In 2019 the County Council published the Derbyshire Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Manifesto, Environment and Climate Change Framework and the Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy.