

This action plan has been developed as a guideline for the community to follow. If councillors agree to the content it would be widely publicized and implemented.



Climate Change Action Plan – Halstead Town Council

This Action Plan has been developed by the HTC Climate Change Action Plan working group.

This Plan takes into account the existing Initial Climate Change Action Plan developed by BDC, and the documents produced by the Essex Climate Change Action Commission. However, being a town council at the lowest level of local government, Halstead Town Council is not in a position to dictate policy or make recommendations on large scale matters. In this document it has attempted to tackle those matters which affect residents in their everyday lives, and over which we all can have some control.

Action	Outcome	Timescale	Carbon impact
Transport			
Install a network of EV charging points in Halstead	1. 4 EV charging points to be installed in Chapel St carpark in February 2023 2. Planned installation of further EV chargepoints in Butler Road carpark and Courtaulds sports ground will encourage drivers to rely on being able to charge in Halstead	It should be possible to install further points by 2025, which will also encourage more Halstead residents to buy electric cars	High
Install lamppost charging points, on streets other than the High Street	Consulting with Essex Highways	By 2025	High
Van and Tractor to be electric when replaced	Reduction in pollution	In around 5 years	High
Press local bus services to provide transport to rural areas	Less use of private cars	By 2025	High

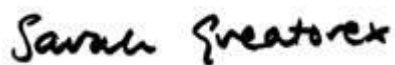
Support the cyclepath strategy	More use of bicycles instead of cars	Some parts available by 2025	High
Raise awareness of footpaths and walking possibilities in and around Halstead	More walking by residents	Immediate	Medium
Encourage children to walk safely to school	Healthier alternative for children	Immediate	Medium
Pursue the removal of the strategic lorry route through Halstead	Less traffic and less air pollution	By 2025	High

Recycling			
Encourage all residents to compost small garden and kitchen waste Advise BDC not to charge for collections	Less need for collections	Immediate	high
Encourage all residents to recycle plastic as well as paper, glass, textiles and cans. Notify them of the plastic recycling points	Prevents waste	Immediate	high
Lobby BDC/ECC for road side separated collection points for all waste (as often seen in towns in Europe)	More efficient separation and collection	By 2025	high
Establish a community based repair hub	Less waste of electrical products	Immediate	high

Preserving resources			
Encourage the use of water container/water butt on all allotments/cemeteries	Less use of piped water	Immediate	medium
Encourage householders to think about their use of water: • Reuse tumble dryer water on garden • Do not fill the kettle for one cup of tea • Have a shower rather than a bath	Less water consumed	Immediate	High

Install solar panels wherever possible on council properties Queens Hall/Empire Theatre	Using reusable power	By 2025	High
Campaign for the installation of solar panels and EV charging on all new builds in Halstead	Using reusable power	By 2025	High
Build on the success of Community fridge Widen network of supermarkets contributing	Preventing food waste	Immediate	medium
Save power where possible: • Dry clothes outside when weather is warm enough • turn off electrical appliances when not in use: • explore the development of Community energy networks in Halstead	Less electricity used	Immediate	high

Recommendation: that council adopts and implements the Climate Change Action plan



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