

OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Winchester City Council has declared a Climate Emergency and has set an ambition for the wider district to become carbon neutral by 2030, see details here: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/climate-change-and-energy>. Otterbourne Parish Council supports WCC and will work towards helping WCC achieve its goal.

The challenge of being a carbon neutral district needs to be fulfilled by all of us working and acting collectively. The Parish Council has founded 'Ambition Otterbourne – Climate Solutions' in an effort to understand the problems faced by businesses and parishioners wanting to reduce their carbon emissions with the aim of providing information to support their positive steps towards this.

Procurement has a part to play in this aim and the Parish Council will consider climate and sustainability in each procurement and assessment of its supply chains.

The Environment Act 2021 introduced a 'biodiversity duty' for public authorities and the Parish Council will consider the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in all matters, to include the assessment of contractors engaged for work on its public open spaces.

Adopted: Otterbourne Parish Council meeting 21 May 2024