

**Questionnaire in advance of
Freshford Climate & Nature Emergency Village online forum
January 28th, 2021 7pm-9pm**

Dear Freshford residents and landowners,

The next decade is seen as critical in addressing biodiversity loss and climate change. Freshford Parish Council has declared a Climate Emergency and a Nature Emergency, in line with B&NES and the UK Government.

“Tackling climate change is the one of the most urgent shared endeavours of our lifetimes, demanding bold action from every nation to prevent catastrophic global warming.”

UK Business and Energy Secretary and COP26 President Alok Sharma 3rd December 2020 www.gov.uk

Now we need to develop a Freshford parish-focussed plan; one that is meaningful, actionable and appropriate to the challenge, and to us and our village. That is why on January 28th 2021, 7pm – 9pm Freshford Parish Council (supported by B&NES) will be holding an on-line village forum to discuss the issues and start to develop a shared plan.

The following questionnaire will feed into the forum and ensure:

- (I) Those who cannot attend the meeting online on the 28th January can input their thoughts and ideas
- (II) Residents thoughts and ideas can be captured in advance of the forum, allowing for:
 - a. more detail to be included
 - b. help us design the forum and assign break out groups

A summary of results from this questionnaire will be shared in advance of the forum and during the session itself.

Background information on UK Government and Local Council targets and priorities are included on page 5.

Thank you for taking part.

Please return all completed questionnaires to xxxxx by xxxxx.

For additional copies or to get in touch please contact xxxxxx.

You can also submit your answers via the online questionnaire at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Freshford Parish Council

Questionnaire

1. How important to you is it that we address the climate & nature emergency in Freshford and why? *please tick most relevant and add reason/s why*

Not important at all	Not very important	Neutral	Somewhat important	Of the utmost importance

Please provide reasoning for your response.	
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2. What do you think are the biggest issues we, as a village, should be taking action on?

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3. Of the following 8 action areas please rank by priority and give your specific ideas or thoughts? (1 = of most importance, 8 = of least importance)

	Rank by priority	Your specific ideas and thoughts for action
Reducing energy usage in homes and building		
Local renewable energy generation		
Enhance/restore nature (gardens, parish land, farms, woodland)		
Zero carbon transport (holidays, commuting, cars, road usage and public transport)		
Reduce waste and increase recycling		
Reduce/ carbon neutral consumption		
Low carbon food, organic /less meat & dairy		
Other, please specify		

4. Do you have any comments on the process going forward?

Is there anything you would like to see happen so we can develop the action plan effectively? This might be around education, information on funding, partnering with other groups, or ensuring all voices are heard?

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5. Are you planning to attend the online forum on January 28th, and if so, what subject areas would you like to participate in for focused discussion?

During the forum we will break-out into groups where actionable ideas can be discussed together in more detail. You might want to be placed in a break-out group because this area is where your passion lies, or where your expertise or interests are. We would hope that break-out groups might turn into action groups going forward.

I/We plan to attend (Yes or No)	
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Name(s)	
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Email Address	
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Postal Address (Optional)	
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Area(s) of interest (In order of preference)	
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Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you need more space, please write on the back, or add additional pages.

Please now return it to xxxxxx. Contact: XXXXX

Background information including Government & Council targets & priorities

Greenhouse gas emissions were 62% higher than when international climate negotiations began in 1990 and 2020 was on track to be one of the three warmest years on record globally, while the past decade was the hottest in human history and ocean heat was found to be at record levels.

[World Meteorological Organisation December 2nd 2020](#)

	Bath & North East Council	UK GOVERNMENT
Key targets	45% reduction in carbon emissions by 2026. Zero carbon by 2030. (I)	Net zero emissions by 2050 with 68% reduction by 2030 (II)
Heating & energy use	B&NES priority #1: Energy efficiency improvement of existing buildings (domestic and non-domestic) and zero carbon new build. (I) It is estimated that 66% of B&NES emissions come from heating and supplying energy to our homes and buildings.	No new gas boilers to be installed after 2025 (II) Green Home Grant – for homeowners and residential landlords. Vouchers up to £5,000 available for reducing energy usage or installing low-carbon heating. Available now - March 2022 (III)
Transport	B&NES priority #2: Major shift to mass transport, walking and cycling to reduce transport emissions. (I) Additional focus on Electric vehicle charging.	Ban on sale of new petrol & diesel cars & vans from 2030 (II) Gear change: a bold vision for cycling and walking sets out a vision for a travel revolution in England’s streets, towns and communities. (IV)
Renewable energy	B&NES priority # 3 Rapid and large-scale increase in local renewable energy generation. (I)	Plan for UK to be the world leader in clean wind energy. Producing enough electricity to power every home in the country by 2030 (based on current usage). (V)
Biodiversity		In 2021 the Government will announce the new Environment Bill – it will be one of the most important pieces of legislation for a generation. Legally binding targets will be introduced for air quality, nature, water and resource and waste efficiency, and a new, independent Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) will be created. (VI)

(I) [Climate Emergency Progress Report](#) www.bathnes.gov.uk/climate-emergency

(II) [All UK Government targets](#) www.gov.uk

(III) [Apply for the Green Homes Grant](#) www.gov.uk

(IV) [Cycling and walking plan for England](#) www.gov.uk 27 July 2020

(V) [New plans to make UK world leader in green energy](#) www.gov.uk 6 Oct 2020

(VI) [Environment bill resumes passage through parliament](#) www.gov.uk 3 Nov 2020