

APPENDIX FOUR – CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY STATEMENT

Climate Change Emergency -Vision/Statement of intent

“A Borough that takes robust action to tackle the local and worldwide threat of climate change and, in all our functions, works in partnership with local organisations and residents, to minimise its environmental impact by cutting carbon, waste and pollution”

Dacorum Borough Council is determined to play its part in helping to tackle the Climate Emergency. We are committed to ensuring that the operations, activities, and impact of our built assets will be net carbon neutral by 2030. This will be achieved through a combination of specific new projects, use of our policy making and regulatory powers and incorporating climate change and sustainability a part of business as usual. In doing so, we will adhere to the highest standards in our efforts to provide services that improve the lives of our residents, partners, and employees - and to protect the planet’s vital resources for the future.

We are mindful that this mission needs residents’ active support in reducing and preventing environmental harms and tackling climate change by making wise, early, significant choices towards achieving carbon neutrality and environmental sustainability

We will demonstrate leadership to our community through ensuring that Dacorum Borough Council, its operations and activities will be net carbon neutral by 2030 and promise/pledge to:□

- Lead by example in reducing carbon emissions year on year□
- Use our powers, such as Town Planning - particularly through the new Local Plan - to require all new development of properties to be as low carbon as possible□
- Work with government, business, Parish and Town Councils, Community groups and other partners to maximize our impact on decarbonisation□
- Encourage and support residents, community groups and businesses to reduce their emissions across the borough□
- Keep residents and businesses as fully informed as possible about actions that can be taken.
- Prepare and plan for the impacts of climate change and their mitigation in our own services together with residents, community groups, businesses and partners.□