

APPENDIX FOUR – CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY STATEMENT

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Climate Change Emergency -Vision/Statement of intent

‘A Borough that takes robust action to tackle the local and worldwide threat of climate change, both internally and in partnership with local organisations and residents, and 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 have 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 of quality in our efforts to provide services that add value to our residents, partners, and employees - and to protect the earths’ vital resources for the future.

We will demonstrate leadership 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, to require all new development to be as low carbon as is possible
- Work with government, business, 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
- Prepare and plan for the impacts of climate change and their mitigation in our own services together with residents, community groups, businesses and partners.
- Keep residents and businesses as fully informed as possible about what action can be taken