

Gloucestershire Climate Change 2019 Residents survey

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Background

On 15th May 2019 Gloucestershire County Council joined many other local authorities in declaring a climate emergency.

What does this mean?

The United Nations explain:

“Global emissions are reaching record levels and show no sign of peaking. The last four years were the four hottest on record, and winter temperatures in the Arctic have risen by 3°C since 1990. Sea levels are rising, coral reefs are dying, and we are starting to see the life-threatening impact of climate change on health, through air pollution, heatwaves and risks to food security.

The impacts of climate change are being felt everywhere and are having very real consequences on people’s lives. Climate change is disrupting national economies, costing us today and even more tomorrow. But there is a growing recognition that affordable, scalable solutions are available now that will enable us all to leapfrog to cleaner, more resilient economies.

The latest analysis shows that if we act now, we can reduce carbon emissions within 12 years and hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C and even, as asked by the latest science, to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Thankfully, we have the Paris Agreement – a visionary, viable, forward-looking policy framework that sets out exactly what needs to be done to stop climate disruption and reverse its impact. But the agreement itself is meaningless without ambitious action.”

As a result...

Gloucestershire County Council has committed to reduce its carbon emissions by at least 80 per cent by 2030; with the remaining being offset, resulting in a “net zero” organisation.

The council also committed;

- to follow scientific advice of the Committee on Climate Change,
- to help deliver a carbon neutral county by 2050,
- to work with partners to identify what measures would be needed to deliver a stepped target of 80 per cent carbon reduction by 2030, reflecting the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on climate change.

But we need a plan to make this happen.

The county council now needs to refresh its Climate Change Strategy. This is a document which will plan how the council will tackle climate change in Gloucestershire. We will be talking to partner organisations, local residents, and businesses. We need your feedback to make our plans achievable and realistic.

Your feedback will help us prioritise how we tackle climate change in Gloucestershire.

Which area do you live in?

- Gloucester City Cheltenham Borough Stroud District Tewkesbury Borough
 Forest of Dean District Cotswolds District

Q1a: Are you concerned about the impact of climate change?

- Yes a lot Yes a little Not really (Go to Q2) Not at all (Go to Q2) Don't know (Go to Q2)

Q1b: What concerns you most about climate change?

Please tick as many as you like. If an option is not listed please tick other and tell us more.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Species extinction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising temperatures | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment destruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme weather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us more) | |

Q2: How well do you think you understand what is meant by being carbon neutral?

- Very well Quite well Not well Not at all well Don't know

Q3: Do you think it's achievable to become carbon neutral for Gloucestershire by 2050?

- Yes No Don't know

If no, please tell us why?

Q4. What do you think are the benefits of reducing the effects of climate change?

Please tick as many as you like.

- Saving money in the long run
 Improved physical health (air quality, walking and cycling more, eating less meat)
 Improved mental health (more blue and greenspace, walking and cycling more, reduced fear of climate change impacts)
 Improved low carbon transport options (walking, cycling, public transport, electric vehicles)
 Reduced waste
 Slowing down climate change
 I don't think there are benefits
 Don't know
 Other (please tell us more)

Q5a. Which of the following do you think households could do to have the greatest impact on reducing climate change and which of the following have you done already?

Please tick the boxes provided

	Could have an impact	I have already done this
Switching to renewable energy such as solar or wind power		
Recycling as much household waste as possible by taking part in all household recycling options available		
Limiting the amount of water you use		
Using public transport more often than you currently do		
Driving less or driving an electric or low emissions car		
Car sharing		
Make sure home has enough insulation		
Growing your own food		
Reducing food miles by shopping local		
Eating a more plant based diet		
Minimising single use plastic in packaging or products you buy		
Travel by plane or helicopter less		
Switch to an electric or hybrid family car		

Q5b. What else could be done by households to have an impact on climate change?

Q6. How useful would you find the following to encourage your household to do more to reduce it's carbon footprint?

Please tick the boxes provided

	Very useful	Quite useful	Not useful	Not at all useful	Don't know
Green alternatives to everyday products being more affordable/widely available					
Green alternatives to travel more affordable/widely available					
More energy efficiency advice and information					
Financial incentives/subsidies/grants					
More factual information available on a local scale, so it's clear how you can have an impact					
The ability to find out your households carbon footprint (similar to a smart meter) so you can take informed decisions about what would have the greatest impact					
More or different recycling facilities near you so more materials can be recycled					

Q7a. It's important to prioritise time and resources to make sure we make the greatest impact. What do you think will have a big or small impact on reducing climate change in the county?

Please tick the boxes provided

	Big impact	Small impact	Don't know
Reducing Gloucestershire's carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2030, when compared to 2005			
Becoming a carbon neutral (net zero) county by 2050			
Growing the county's low carbon economy (if needed) For example a low carbon economy would use sustainable energy sources in industry and technology sectors			
Reducing public sector carbon emissions (councils, police, health service) by 80 per cent by 2030 and offset the rest			
Seeking additional powers and resources from Government to help tackle climate change			
Public sector services such as councils, police, fire and health services becoming carbon neutral by 2030			
Developing stronger planning policies, so new buildings are built to the most efficient standards			
Supporting renewable energy generation, such as wind or solar farms			
Supporting and promoting the development of low carbon travel and low emission vehicles			
More places to charge electric/hybrid cars			
More local information on carbon emissions figures and recycling rates to help influence people's daily behaviour			
Retrofitting homes to become more energy efficient and tackling fuel poverty			
Planting more trees			
Support better public transport (including Ultra Low Emission Vehicles), safer walking and cycle routes			
Developing a Grow Your Own food initiative			
Reducing private sector carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2030 and offset the rest			

Q7b. Are there other priorities that you would like to see included in the new strategy?

Yes No Don't know

If yes, please tell us more

Q8. Do you have any other comments about this issue?

Please return this form by 23rd September 2019 to:

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Thank you for your time, the results of this consultation will be published on the Gloucestershire County Council website in due course.

About you

It would help our understanding of your responses if you would provide some information about yourself. Some of the following questions are for equalities monitoring purposes.

These details do not form part of the survey and will not be included along with your responses to the survey.

Q9: What age will you be on your next birthday?

Under 16 16-34 years 35-55 years 55-75 years 75+ Prefer not to say

Q10a: Do you have a disability?

Yes No Prefer not to say

Q10b: If yes, what disability is this?

Physical Learning difficulties Sensory Mental/emotional Prefer not to say

Q11: What is your current working status?

- Employed in Gloucestershire area
- Employed outside Gloucestershire area
- Unemployed and actively looking for paid employment
- Unemployed but not looking for paid employment
- Retired
- At school/college/university
- Other (eg house person, carer)
- Prefer not to say

Q12. Which of the following ethnic groups do you consider you belong to?

- White or White British Asian or Asian British Black or Black British
- Chinese or ethnic group Mixed Prefer not to say

Other (please specify)

Q13. What gender do you identify as?

- Male Female Transgender Non-binary Prefer not to say

