



Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation

This briefing note explains what the climate emergency is and how the public can have their say by taking part in the Climate Emergency Conversation.

What is the climate emergency?

Human activity produces greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide. These gases cause climate change, raising the average temperature of the world. This is already causing extreme weather, sea level rise and damage to nature. If we don't take urgent action, these impacts will get much worse in the future.

What are we doing about it?

Leicester City Council has been taking steps to tackle climate change for a number of years and we are on track for the city's carbon emissions to halve by 2025. However, it has become clear that we need to go a lot further than this. We need to redouble our efforts and encourage others across the city to take action too.

For this reason Leicester City Council declared a Climate Emergency on 1st February 2019. Since then over half of other UK councils have now done likewise.

Declaring a climate emergency means we are prepared to play our part. Alongside other cities around the world, we are committed to taking the action needed to prevent climate change becoming much worse.

We are also developing a vision for how Leicester will need to change, alongside new actions and a target for the city to become 'carbon neutral'. This will need coordinated and shared action from us, the public and the UK government.

Join the conversation

Responding to the climate emergency will mean making big changes to the way we all live and work. We want to make sure that everyone in Leicester can have their say on how the council and the wider city should respond and how it will affect them. We are running Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation from 18th November 2019 to 9th February 2020 for you to have your say.

Through the conversation, the council is seeking to gain the views of the widest possible range of people and organisations in the city. This is made possible by the availability of a selection of channels which combine traditional consultation methods with more innovative approaches, as summarised below:

Online questionnaire Available throughout the conversation period (18th November 2019 – 9th February 2020) on the council's [Consultation Hub](#) on our website: Leicester.gov.uk

Community discussions A conversation pack is available throughout the conversation period for any group of people wanting to run their own discussion



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event and to feed back the results. The pack is available by emailing sustainability@leicester.gov.uk

Leicester's Climate Assembly A one-day workshop event on Saturday 18th January 2020 run in partnership with the RSA. The event is designed to find out the views of a cross-section of Leicester's population. It will help people to learn more about the climate emergency and our proposals, and to share their views directly. Anyone interested in applying to take part should email sustainability@leicester.gov.uk.

Young People's Climate Assembly A one-day workshop event on Monday 27th January 2020 for city secondary schools, supported by Leicester's Youth Council. Schools interested in taking part should contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Co-ordinator at the council. Email lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk

Dialogue The council's online moderated forum will open for discussion of a series of climate emergency 'challenges' starting on Monday 16th December. In addition to challenges posted by the council, participants can post their own ideas for comment.

Contact us if you need to discuss or acquire more information on the climate emergency conversation process using the following email addresses:

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