



Proposals to Dorset Council 3 March 2020

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Planning consent for all new homes, started from now, to require net *greenhouse gas emissions from heating, lighting and power to be net zero*;


- All electricity from renewable sources;
- Other heating from ground / air source heat pumps or a similarly carbon free source;
- No Gas supply;
- Electric car charging points



Action Now!

“Climate change is moving faster than we are,”“We must listen to the Earth’s best scientists,”

[UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres – 2018]



Net-zero by 2050 or before

Do we have 30 years to take action? Do we have 1 year or less?

- From a mitigation perspective, 1.5°C-consistent pathways require **immediate action** on a greater and global scale to achieve net zero emissions by mid-century, or earlier [IPCC 2018]
- Legislated by the UK Government – June 2019;
- CCC -only possible if clear, stable and well-designed policies to reduce emissions further are introduced across the economy **without delay**;



Can Dorset Council Impose Such Planning Conditions?

- Heathrow Airport expansion case – 27 February 2020
- Government failed to consider Paris Agreement obligations.
- Implications for all infrastructure & planning decisions.

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- Friends of the Earth Judicial Review, March 2019
- High court ruled key aspects of Government's national planning policy ... unlawful.
- It was material for Government to consider scientific evidence, including the effects on climate change, in deciding policy on [fracking];
- Government had failed to do so.
- Objections to [fracking] on the basis of its climate change impacts must be considered at a local planning level.



The Future We Choose: Surviving the Climate Crisis

Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac

- The architects of the 2015 Paris climate accords;
- “We have delayed appallingly for decades. But science tells us we are still in the nick of time.”
- “It is 2050-heading towards heating of 3°C -For many, the only uncertainty is how long we’ll last, how many more generations will see the light of day.