

## Earley Town Council Declaration of Climate Emergency

### Preamble:

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report of November 2018 highlighted insufficient real progress towards capping global temperature rises to 1.5°C

Inaction will lead to an array of increasingly severe negative impacts, locally, nationally, and globally.

Even a further half a degree rise would have catastrophic consequences, including but not limited to: even greater frequency and severity of extreme weather events; further loss of biodiversity; and harms to human livelihoods and quality of life.

The IPCC set bold targets for significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to help address our Climate Emergency.

Thinking and acting locally has vital roles to play in helping to tackle this Climate Emergency.

Earley Town Council therefore commits to:

- declare a Climate Emergency in Earley.
- engage with Earley stakeholders to develop and implement an Earley Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan.
- ensure that the Climate Emergency and related environmental issues are front and centre in Earley Town Council decision making.
- develop and implement realistic strategies and actions, within the remit and capacity of Earley Town Council, to help tackle the Climate Emergency.
- support local and wider initiatives to tackle the Climate Emergency.
- work with Wokingham Borough Council, where relevant and practicable to support our joint ambition for the Borough to be carbon neutral by 2030.