

Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

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To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: CEE Bill

Dear Mr R Bishop, Swaffham Town Council

The CEE Bill Alliance recognises that Parish and Town Councils are incredibly influential with local authorities and elected politicians, and as 'local' organisations they are on the front line when it comes to protecting the places and communities we love and cherish.

We are writing to ask your council to join many others across the UK to support the [Climate and Ecological Emergency \(CEE\) Bill](#) and add your voice to those organisations calling for join-up action that responds to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife. We have a draft [motion](#) which you may find useful to use, alongside a [briefing](#) document. If your council is supportive we are asking that after the motion is passed Council writes and requests your principal authorities and MP to also publicly support the Bill, if they have not already done so.

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, if made law would ensure that:

1. the **ecological emergency is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis** in a joined-up approach
2. the Paris Agreement is enshrined into law to ensure that UK does its real fair share to limit global temperature rise to the most stringent end of the Paris agreement - **1.5°C**
3. the Leaders Pledge for Nature is enshrined into law to ensure that the **UK's ecosystems are protected and restored** with a focus on biodiversity, soils and natural carbon sinks.
4. the UK takes **full responsibility for our entire greenhouse gas footprint** (ie. consumption emissions plus passenger shipping, flights and land-based transport) by accounting for all of the emissions that take place overseas to manufacture, transport and dispose of the goods and services we import and consume.
5. the UK takes **full responsibility for our ecological footprint** so that we protect health and resilience of ecosystems along both domestic and our global supply chains
6. an **emergency strategy** is drawn up via a temporary Climate and Nature Assembly representative of the UK population working directly with Government and Parliament to find a way forward.

A member of Zero Hour, the campaign for the CEE Bill would be happy to (virtually) attend a pre-Council meeting and answer questions about the proposed legislation, if that would be helpful. More information about the CEE Bill and supporting organisations can be found at www.CEEBill.uk, this [2 min video](#) or a [15 min presentation](#) may also prove useful. If you have any questions or require further information about the CEE Bill, please do get in touch.

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