

## Climate Change: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Section 1: Buildings and Heating

#### **1. Has the council completed extensive retrofit work on any of its significant buildings to make them low carbon?**

Yes.

*The Beeston Council Offices have an array of solar photo voltaic installed on the roof generating electricity since 2014 and the building is all electric.*

*Boilers have been replaced at Bramcote Crematorium and Kimberley Depot and are less than 10 years old.*

*At Bramcote Crematorium the cremator replacement project was completed in 2025 featuring two new gas cremators, replacing outdated gas models to enhance operational capacity and efficiency along with a Heat Recovery System implemented to optimise energy use within the crematorium, to further reduce energy consumption. Initial savings calculated indicate a 39% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions. More information can be seen within the news article below:*

# Bramcote

## Bramcote Crematorium Open Day Celebrates Cremator Replacement Project

The Bramcote Crematorium, established in 1979 through a collaborative effort by Broxtowe Borough Council and Erewash Borough Council, is renowned for its contemporary design nestled within 18 acres of natural woodland.

As part of an ongoing commitment to enhancing services, the Council embarked on a vital project to replace aging cremators, some of which were approaching 25 years in service.

### Project Highlights

In January 2025, the project commenced with an investment of £2 million, culminating in September 2025. The initiative included the installation of two new gas cremators that not only accommodate larger coffins but also improve energy efficiency, helping to reduce the facility's carbon emissions by approximately 240 tonnes annually. This significant upgrade underscores the Council's dedication to modernising facilities while concurrently addressing environmental sustainability.

Rose Project Management played an instrumental role in securing and managing the project, ensuring seamless progression throughout its duration. Miller Knight was appointed to execute the necessary alterations and refurbishment of the existing crematorium infrastructure to facilitate the integration of the new cremator equipment.

The technical installation of these cremators was handled by Leeds based Facultative Technologies, with meticulous coordination from the Council's building design team.

### Key Features of the Refurbishment

- Installation of Two New Gas Cremators: Replacing outdated gas models to enhance operational capacity and efficiency.
- Heat Recovery System: Implemented to optimize energy use within the crematorium, further contributing to reduced energy consumption.

### Future Plans

The project anticipates additional enhancements, including:

- Electric Charging Points: Installation in parking bays to promote greener transportation options.
- Photovoltaic Solar Panels: Addition to the new roof, aimed at further increasing the building's energy efficiency.

### Commitment to the Community

Bramcote Bereavement Services emphasizes that this substantial investment is crucial for maintaining up-to-date facilities that provide respectful services for families honouring their loved ones. The upgrades ensure that the crematorium can adequately accommodate larger funerals for residents of both Broxtowe and Erewash Borough Councils.

Louise Singer, the Bereavement Services Manager at Bramcote Bereavement Services, articulated the significance of this investment:

"This investment has been crucial to ensure that the crematorium is up to date and fit for purpose. Having witnessed the improvements firsthand, I am delighted with the results. Although losing a loved one is never easy, I feel assured that the new cremators, combined with the exceptional service our Bereavement Team and funeral directors provide, can fully support grieving families during their most difficult times."

Additionally, she commended the crematorium staff for their dedication: "Thanks to the hard work of the crematorium staff, cremations continued throughout the installation process, and disruptions to services were kept to a minimum."

### Final thoughts

The success of the Bramcote Crematorium Replacement Cremator Project can be attributed to exemplary teamwork between all project partners and managers, along with a flexible approach to program planning and out-of-hours work conducted by the bereavement site team. In September 2025, an Open Day was held to showcase the completed renovations, attended by both the mayors of Broxtowe and Erewash, suppliers, contractors, and Andy Bond, President of the ICCM.

As Bramcote Crematorium moves forward, it stands as a testament to modernity, sustainability, and unwavering support for the community it serves, ensuring respectful and dignified services for generations to come.

**Louise Singer**  
Bereavement Services Manager



**2. Does the council have a target to retrofit all significant council buildings (excluding homes) and has this been costed?**

Yes.

This was completed during 2024/25 as a piece of work completed by external consultants AtkinsRealis, Decarbonisation Roadmap Report as per the Cabinet report on Tuesday 7 November 2023, found via [Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday, 7 November 2023, 6.00 pm : Broxtowe Borough Council](#) agenda item 7.3 page 165-167.

**3. Are the council's operations powered by renewable energy?**

Yes.

*A screenshot of the certificate confirming this is provided below.*



**Renewable Power  
Supply Certificate**

This is to certify that:

**Broxtowe Borough Council**

Uses electricity that is 100% generated from wind, solar and hydro sources

Supply Period: 1st October 2025 to 30th September 2026

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Rose".

Mark Rose, Director, Sales & Marketing on behalf of TotalEnergies Gas & Power

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Date: 03/02/2026



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**4. Are the homes owned and managed by the council energy efficient?**

*This varies across the property portfolio and a large piece of work is progressing to obtain Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) for the entire estate of homes owned and managed by the council.*

*As March 2026, 488 properties remain without a valid EPC out of 4,429 properties. Of these 3,207 have an EPC rating of C or above, meaning 72% of properties with an EPC are above a C.*

*Works are ongoing to obtain EPC data for the remaining housing stock with and the 1,222 properties between E-F to be reassessed for accuracy during 2026/27.*

## 5. Does the council have a target to retrofit all council-owned and managed homes and has this been costed?

Yes

In early 2024, Nottingham University Consultants and Develco Projects Ltd were commissioned to identify cost-effective retrofit opportunities to help decarbonise Broxtowe's housing stock, as part as Broxtowe County Council's commitment to meet 2050 net-zero carbon emission targets. This piece of work considered both social housing and private housing across the Borough. The report presents the following details for the Council:

**Establishing the status quo:** in addition to establishing targets, benchmarks and approaches, this also contain a housing stock characterisation and a fuel poverty analysis.

**Generic housing performance assessment:** using generic dynamic building simulation models representing the main housing typologies to quantify the implications (in terms of energy/carbon reduction and running costs) of fabric retrofit alongside low carbon heating and renewable energy integration.

**Generic housing embodied carbon calculations:** the generic models representing the main housing typologies were used to calculate the embodied carbon emissions of each retrofit strategy (Life Cycle Stages A1-A5, B1-B5, and C1-C43).

**Specific housing performance assessment:** the method used for the generic models in Section 2 were applied to selected properties to quantify the implications (in terms of energy/carbon reduction and running costs) of fabric retrofit alongside low carbon heating and renewable energy integration.

**Specific housing embodied carbon calculations:** the method used for the generic models were applied to the selected properties to calculate the embodied carbon emissions of each retrofit strategy (Life Cycle Stages A1-A5, B1-B5, and C1-C43).

**Lifetime capital cost of retrofit:** the lifetime capital cost for each typology was calculated using the materials, specifications, and quantities.

**Net lifetime cost of retrofit:** the net lifetime cost for each typology was calculated considering the lifetime capital cost of the works minus the lifetime cost savings, using the annual energy costs and the lifetime capital cost data.

**Carbon-cost effectiveness:** the cost of the retrofit investment per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent saved from the atmosphere over the lifetime of the retrofitted property was calculated for each of the properties studied.

**Broxtowe housing decarbonisation roadmap:** the key data outputs for each typology are summarised and recommendations are suggested alongside estimated projections.

## 6. Is the council part of a programme or partnership to support home retrofitting, through providing the skills and training needed or in other ways?

Yes.

*Broxtowe Borough Council work in partnership with Nottingham Energy Partnership's (NEP) HEAT Hub (Home Energy Advice Team) to support home retrofitting skills, training and in person workshops. This has followed on from the Local Energy Advice Demonstrator (LEAD) project that ran between 2023 and 2025. More information at: [LEAD programme: Local Energy Advice Demonstrator - Net Zero Go](#)*

*During 2024/25 three HEAT hub events took place in March, July and June for homeowners in the Borough to learn more about retrofitting The Council sign post to NEP via the Climate Change webpages [Energy Saving Tips](#)*

Two in person workshops are scheduled for Summer 2026 with more information to be confirmed via the Council's communication channels soon.

*Homeowners are also offered free advice via the Green Doctor service from Groundworks UK more information at [Free money and energy-saving advice for Broxtowe residents](#)*

*The Council is also a member of the Local Authorities Energy Partnership (LAEP) which is a collaboration of councils across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire which supports homeowners with a variety of topics including retrofitting. More information is available via: [Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Climate Network - climate action](#)*

*Work took place between 2023 and 2025 in partnership with Midlands Net Zero Hub following funding of over £277,000 awarded to selected councils in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The project, known as Fast Followers, was part of Innovate UK's*

*Net Zero Living Programme. Designed to help places and businesses across the UK to accelerate the delivery of the transition to Net Zero, more information at [Fast Followers funding brings net zero boost to Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire](#) .*

This project funded the Council's first [Climate Change Forum](#) along with the [Renewable Energy Guide](#).

*In July 2025 the [East-Midlands-Retrofit-Strategy-Full-Doc.pdf](#) was published endorsed by Broxtowe Borough Council.*

## **7. Does the council have a staff member employed to work on retrofitting across the council area?**

Yes.

- *1 x full time Senior Asset Project Officer within Asset Management and Development.*
- *1 x full time Energy Improvements and Grants Officer within Asset Management and Development.*

## **8. Are the homes and buildings in the council area energy efficient?**

*This varies across the social housing and private housing in the area.*

*The work completed by Nottingham University Consultants and Develco Projects Ltd mentioned in question 5 above has completed energy efficiency analysis. In addition, the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) due to be completed by summer 2026 will also have this information.*

## **9. Is the council actively enforcing Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards of homes in the private rented sector?**

*EPC's for licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's) will always be checked in any service request case that the Council is dealing with.*

*In 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 a fully funded proactive project on improving Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards of homes in the private rented sector was carried out. This included employing a part time officer to carry out work in this area. Most compliance notices were served before the end of March 2023 and the team continued to follow up those where notices had been served after this.*

*Figures from the 2022/23 project found 208 properties that fell below the minimum EPC requirements that were investigated however no enforcements were made as all were resolved following notice given.*

*The Council continues to do work on these standards in a reactive manner and in 2024/25 and 2025/26 more stock condition modelling takes place to identify further areas to concentrate on and may involve some further targeted work in this respect.*

*Information on MEES can also be found on the [Housing Conditions webpage](#) (opens new window).*

## **10. Does the council provide a service to support private homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient?**

Yes.

*There are several services available some of which have been included within the Council's ['Cost of Living' webpages](#) (opens new window) and [Warm Homes](#) (opens new window) webpages.*

*Others include:*

- [Green Doctor, helping UK residents stay warm, stay well, and save energy. - Groundwork](#) (opens new window).
- [Nottingham Energy Partnership HEAT Hub](#) (opens new window).
- [The Great British Insulation Scheme \(GBIS\)](#) (opens new window).
- [Sustainable Warmth Competition Home Upgrade Grant \(HUG\) and Local Authority Development Plan 3 \(LAD 3\)](#) (opens new window).
- [Notts Green Rewards](#) (opens new window).
- [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO\)](#) (opens new window).

Private home owners can also seek advice from events throughout the year including the Green Zone at Hemlock Happening; the Green Festival at Coronation Park and the Climate Forum, more information at: [Green Festival and Climate Forum](#)

## **11. Does the council offer funding to private renters or homeowners to retrofit their homes?**

Yes. *More information available via the following links:*

- [Free money and energy-saving advice for Broxtowe residents](#) (opens new window).
- [Warm Homes](#)
- [Home Upgrade Grant: Phase 2 successful local authorities - GOV.UK](#) via Midlands Net Zero (opens new window) *Delivered from April 2023 until March 2025.*

**12. Does the council have a scheme to allow residents to purchase renewable energy cheaply, through collective buying?**

No.

**13. Has the council supported local community renewable energy creation?**

Yes

*Support to the Chetwynd Energy Club provided by providing access to Solar Wizard funded via the Fast Followers project along with the Local Area Energy Plan. Visit: [More links... - Chetwynd Energy Club CIC](#)*

**Section 2: Transport**

**1. Is the council transitioning their vehicle fleet to electric?**

Yes.

*There are currently ten electric vans in the fleet of a total of 109 road taxed vehicles with opportunities being sought continuously for other vehicles.*

*The electrification of the refuse fleet has been costed and is currently cost prohibited at over £18 million. It is not feasible for the Council to look to invest in this currently.*

*In March 2024, the Council has transitioned to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in the majority of vehicles, as an interim measure. Annual carbon emissions savings for 2024/25 were calculated at 109 tCO<sub>2</sub>e which was a 87% reduction on 2023/24 fleet emissions.*

**2. Has the council set up or supported a shared transport scheme that can be used across their whole area?**

Yes.

*Broxtowe Borough Council promotes sustainable travel modes across the Borough with a dedicated webpage for this. [The Nottinghamshire Car Share Scheme is promoted](#) (opens new window).*

*A Lime e-Bike trial began in early 2025 with dedicated parking bays in Beeston Central this is for review in March 2026.*

**3. Has the council supported the expansion of a public network of electric vehicle chargers?**

Yes.

*The Council has its own network of public electric vehicle chargers available across the Borough within its car parks, details of which can be found on the dedicated webpage [Electric Vehicle Charging Point](#) (opens new window).*

*The expansion of this network has been supported with the adoption of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy which can be viewed via [Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy](#) (please note this document is undergoing a refresh during 2026/27).*

**4. Has the council approved, expanded or built a high carbon transport project since 2020?**

No.

**5. Do the NO<sub>2</sub> levels in a significant proportion of neighbourhoods within the council’s area exceed the safe World Health Organisation (WHO) air pollution guidelines?**

*As stated by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the WHO guidelines are neither standards nor legally binding criteria, they are designed to offer guidance in reducing the health impacts of air pollution*

*However, the Air Quality Objectives in England are legally binding and are shown in the table below. Broxtowe Borough Council are not exceeding the objectives throughout the borough.*

***Air Quality Objectives in England***

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective: Concentration	Air Quality Objective: Measured as
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	200µg/m <sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	40µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean

**6. Do the PM 2.5 levels in a significant proportion of neighbourhoods in the council’s area exceed the safe World Health Organisation (WHO) air pollution guidelines?**

*As stated by the World Health organisation (WHO), the WHO guidelines are neither standards nor legally binding criteria, they are designed to offer guidance in reducing the health impacts of air pollution*

*However, the Air Quality Target in England for PM<sub>2.5</sub> are legally binding and are shown in the table below, these targets are stated in the Environment Act 2021. Broxtowe Borough Council are not exceeding the interim and legally binding target.*

**Environment Act 2021**

Pollutant and Metric	Target	Target Year
PM <sub>2.5</sub> annual mean concentration	Interim target: 12 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	2028
PM <sub>2.5</sub> annual mean concentration	Legally binding target: 10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	2040

**Section 3: Planning and Land Use**

**1. Is the council's area-wide net zero target a strategic objective of the Local Plan?**

No.

*However, an objective of the Part 2 Local Plan is ‘Environmentally responsible development addressing climate change: to reduce the causes of climate change and to minimise its impacts’. A copy of the document can be found via: [Part 2 Local Plan](#)*

*The emerging Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan [GNSP Publication Draft March 2025](#) proposes to contain a policy which requires new buildings to achieve net zero regulated operational emissions. Further information can be found via [Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan](#) (opens a new window).*

*The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Policy 1 page 39: Climate Change, Sustainable Design, Construction, Energy and managing Flood Risk requires new buildings to achieve net zero regulated operational emissions, evidence through an energy statement. Note this applies to all new buildings requiring planning permission.*

*Policy 1 is based on a comprehensive consultant's study – Carbon Policy Support prepared by Bioregional who also prepared a separate report on offsetting available via:*

<https://www.gnplan.org.uk/media/5p1mi0bt/gnsp-carbon-policy-support-evidence-base-may-2024.pdf>

**2. Has the council committed to building all future council-owned or managed housing to a high energy efficiency or operationally net zero standard?**

Yes.

*Details can be found within:*

- [The Housing Delivery](#) (opens new window); and
- [Housing Strategy 2025 - 2028](#) (opens a new window) pages 20-24  
[Housing Strategy, Performance and Delivery](#) (opens new window).

**3. Does the council require new homes to make an improvement on the Part L building regulations?**

No.

*There are no existing policies. However, the emerging Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan proposes to require all new residential development to demonstrate a minimum of 63% improvement on Part L and between 25% and 45% for non-residential development.*

A direct link to Policy 1, part 2 page 39 of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan proposed can be found here:

<https://www.gnplan.org.uk/media/dsrndti2/gnsp-publication-draft-march-2025.pdf>

The supporting work can be found here:

<https://www.gnplan.org.uk/media/5p1mi0bt/gnsp-carbon-policy-support-evidence-base-may-2024.pdf>

**4. Does the council require fabric first approach for new development?**

Yes.

As part of the [Reduction of Carbon in New Development SPD](#) (SPD) (opens new window) section 2.5 page 28 onwards. Direct link to the document here: [Reduction of Carbon in New Development SPD June 2025](#)

As well as Policy 1, Part 6 page 42 of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan stating:

*'When meeting these requirements, the energy and waste hierarchies should be followed except where it can be demonstrated that greater sustainability can be achieved by utilising measures further down the hierarchy. Implementing the energy hierarchy within the design of new buildings means prioritising fabric first, passive design and landscaping measures to minimise energy demand for heating, lighting and cooling.'*

**5. Does the council set a requirement that all new homes to be built must be operationally (regulated) net zero?**

Yes.

[The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Policy 1, page 40](#): (opens new window) Climate Change, Sustainable design, Construction, Energy and managing Flood Risk at Part 2 requires new buildings to achieve net zero regulated operational emissions, evidence through an energy statement. Note this applies to all new buildings requiring planning permission.

**6. Does the council require developers to carry out a whole life-cycle carbon assessment of new build developments?**

Please refer to section 3.4 Embodied Carbon and life cycle analysis from page 53 of the [Reduction of Carbon in New Development SPD June 2025](#) (opens new window).

**7. Has the council set limits on upfront embodied emissions for new build developments?**

Yes.

Please refer to section 3.4 Embodied Carbon and life cycle analysis from page 53 of the [Reduction of Carbon in New Development SPD June 2025](#) (opens new window).

**8. Does the council require a higher level of water efficiency for all new homes?**

Yes.

Policy 1: Climate Change of the [Aligned Core Strategy](#) (opens new window) requires that planned residential water use should be no more than 105 litres per person per day page number 38 (46 in the pdf version).

**9. Has the council removed minimum parking requirements for new residential homes across their area?**

No.

The current Local Plan does not contain parking requirements (minimum or otherwise).

The Local Plan encourages development to have good access to public transport and encourages walking and cycling enhancements as part of development (Policy 17): <https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/media/7088/part-2-local-plan-adopted-october-2019.pdf>

**10. Does the council include a policy in the Local Plan to create 15/20 minute neighbourhoods?**

Not in the Local Plan but within the [GNSP Publication Draft March 2025](#) (opens a new window) policies are included that are intended to result in 'developments that are compact, including a mix of uses, and connected by sustainable modes of transport', based on the principles of 15/20 minute neighbourhoods.

In the [Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan](#) (opens new window) reference is made to the principles of the 20-minute neighbourhood approach see paragraphs 3.2.10, 3.2.121 on pages 57 and 58.

Numerous policies seek to locate development in locations well served by public transport and to maximise opportunities for walking and cycling. See Policy 2:

*The Spatial Strategy on page 55 of the GNSP. Policy 14: managing travel demand on page 123; and Transport Infrastructure priorities on page 128.*

*The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan takes into account evidence of accessibility to key facilities and services which has informed the settlement hierarchy and in particular the choice of key settlements and includes work based on accessing services within a 20-minute round trip. It is considered that the majority of the urban area which is the focus for growth meets the criteria for accessibility to key services within a twenty-minute round trip by either walking or by public transport.*

### **11. Has the council committed to avoiding new building developments on the functional flood plain?**

Yes.

Please refer to Policy 1 page 18 in the [Part 2 Local Plan](#) (opens new window) where it states:

*Development will not be permitted in areas at risk from any form of flooding unless:*

- 1. There are no suitable and reasonably available alternative locations for the proposed development in a lower-risk area outside the Green Belt; and*
- 2. In the case of fluvial flooding, the proposal is protected by the Nottingham Trent Left Bank Flood Alleviation Scheme or other flood defences of equivalent standard of protection; and*
- 3. Provision is made for access to watercourses (8 metres for 'main river') and flood risk management assets; and*
- 4. Measures are included to:*
  - a) mitigate any residual fluvial flood risk;*
  - b) provide flood compensation where it is appropriate; and*
  - c) ensure, including by the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), that:*
    - i. developments on greenfield sites maintain greenfield (pre-development) surface water run off rates*
    - ii. developments on brownfield sites reduce surface run off by a minimum of 30% compared with pre-development rates.*

*More details in the Policy.*

### **12. Does the council have a minimum requirement for on-site renewable energy generation for new building development?**

*Yes as part of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Policy 1 part 3 page 39 and 40 via the following link: [GNSP Publication Draft March 2025](#)*

*This is required as part of the measures set out in Policy 1 part 3 to achieve net zero regulated operational emissions in Part 2 of the Policy:*

*For all development covered by part 2 of the Policy above:*

- a) *the use of fossil fuels and connection to the gas grid is strongly discouraged*  
the use of fossil fuels and connection to the gas grid is strongly discouraged and will require robust justification;
- b) provision of on-site annual renewable energy generation capacity is required to at least equal the predicted annual total regulated energy use, to achieve net zero regulated emissions once measures required by part 2 of the Policy have been implemented;
- c) where on-site net zero regulated operational emissions are not possible, it should be demonstrated that the amount of on-site renewable energy generation equates to more than 113 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> building footprint / year. In the case of a multi-building development, any shortfall should be made up across the development where possible. Large scale development (50 dwellings or 5,000 square metres or more) should demonstrate that opportunities for on site renewable energy infrastructure have been explored and implemented where feasible;
- d) only in exceptional circumstances and as a last resort where it is demonstrably unfeasible to achieve an on-site net zero regulated energy balance, any shortfall is to be offset via a S106 contribution, reflecting the cost of solar PV delivered off-site, at a cost of £1.69/ kWh in 2024, revised annually.

**13. Has the council identified suitable areas for new solar energy, wind developments and district heat networks?**

No.

*Broxtowe Borough Council is however having a Local Area Energy Plan and Digital Twin completed as part of a wider East Midlands project. The final versions for Broxtowe Borough Council are expected by Summer 2026 [East Midlands Mayor gives green light to country's largest local area energy plan - East Midlands Combined County Authority](#)*

**14. Has the Council approved any planning applications for new or expanded solar or wind developments, battery storage, or renewable district heat networks since 2020?**

Yes.

*The Council has approved one development for battery storage (24/00066/FUL) “Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) facilities operating at different voltages (132kV and 33kV) in order to fully support the local electricity network.”*

#### **Section 4: Governance and Finance**

##### **1. Does the council's corporate plan include a net zero target and make tackling the climate emergency one of its main priorities?**

Yes.

*The Council's Corporate Plan for 2024-2029 sets out its priorities which are:*

- *Housing – a good quality home for everyone*
- *Business Growth – Invest in our towns and our people*
- *Environment – Protect the environment for the future*
- *Health – Healthy and supported communities*
- *Community Safety - A safe place for everyone*

*A copy of the current corporate plan can be found on the dedicated webpage [Corporate Plan](#) (opens new window).*

*Broxtowe Borough Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019. Subsequently a Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy with supporting Carbon Management Plan was adopted. All versions of this Strategy can be found on the dedicated webpage [Carbon Neutral by 2027](#) (opens new window). Please note that the current strategy is undergoing a review and update during 2026/27 and will become available publicly following approval by Cabinet in July 2026.*

*Whilst the council is yet to declare a net zero target other than in line with the Government's target of 2050, work has taken place during 2024/25 to determine the Scope 3 emissions baseline calculations. This piece of work will enable a net zero target to be set in the future. This work is currently on hold due to Local Government Reorganisation.*

##### **2. Does the council's Corporate Risk register accurately identify the risks of climate change to the local area?**

Yes.

*The Council's response to Climate Change is a key consideration as part of the budget setting process. Capital schemes that are contributing the Council's*

climate change priority and net zero target were highlighted in the Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2027/28. Full budget details can be found via the following link: [Council Budget](#)

Environment and Climate Change Capital Programme is shown on page 76 of the document found via [Enc. 5 for Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies.pdf](#) (opens new window).

A copy of the Council's latest Statement of Accounts can be found at <https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/about-the-council/performance-spending/annual-accounts/> .

A copy of the Council's Business Plans can be found via [Strategies, Plans & Policies](#) and the [Environment Business Plan 2025–2028](#) .

Although the Strategic Risk Register is not available publically, the changes to the Register are approved at the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, with the forthcoming report being available within the [\(Public Pack\) Agenda Document for Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, 21/07/2025 18:00](#) (opens new window) reference page 81-82.

### 3. Is the council reporting on its own greenhouse gas emissions?

Yes.

These are reported annually to Cabinet and include Scopes 1,2 and 3 the latest report is available via [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Cabinet, 27/11/2025 18:00](#) (opens new window) Agenda Item 7.3 pages 215-230. One page summary documents are published on the dedicated webpage [Carbon Neutral by 2027](#) (opens new window).

The Council uses the Greenhouse Gas Protocol see Appendix 1 page 136 to 157 of the [Climate Change and Green Future's Programme 2020-2027](#) (opens new window). These pages show the methodology used by the Carbon Trust in February 2020 and has continued to be used since.

### 4. According to the council's own reporting, have the council's own greenhouse gas emissions reduced since 2019?

Yes.

*The Council's own emissions have reduced year on year. These reductions can be seen in the section called '[Our Carbon Footprint](#)' with individual reports from 2020-21 through to 2024-25.*

**5. Has the council's area wide carbon emissions decreased, according to UK Government data?**

Yes.

*Data published in July 2025 via the UK Local Authority and regional greenhouse gas emissions statistics 2005-2023 via the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero show a 6.8% decrease in 2023 compared to 2022. Data can be found via [UK local authority and regional greenhouse gas emissions statistics, 2005 to 2023 - GOV.UK](#) (opens new window).*

**6. Has the council adopted a new governance or decision making process to put tackling the climate emergency at the heart of every council decision made?**

Yes.

*All Cabinet reports include a section entitled Climate Change Implications. This is for report writers to consider anything concerning climate change, carbon emissions or environmental impacts as part of the report.*

*Examples of a variety of Cabinet reports where this is demonstrated can be found on the [Cabinet webpage](#) (opens new window).*

**7. Does the council have a sustainable procurement policy that includes an area wide net zero target and makes tackling the climate emergency one of its main priorities?**

No.

*There is currently no sustainable procurement policy. However, within the [Microsoft Word - Procurement and Commissioning Strategy - latest](#) (opens new window) environmental impact is considered under 'Quality Criteria'(refer to page 18). For procurement that required a tender, the Council contracts out the procurement to Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and the process follows their procurement policies in place which includes a Sustainable Procurement*

*Policy. All of NCC's procurement policies including their questionnaire can be found via: [Procurement policies | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)*

*The Council recognises that a sustainable procurement policy is desirable and is an action within the Carbon Management Action Plan which can be found via [Carbon Neutral by 2027](#) (opens new window).*

**8. Does the councils' procurement policy require tenders to take action to reduce waste, carbon emissions or other environmental actions?**

Yes.

*In accordance with the Procurement and Commissioning Strategy 2019-2024 such actions fall under the 'Quality' criteria.*

*Further information and a link to the Strategy can be found within the dedicated webpage [Procurement and Contract Opportunities](#) (opens new window).*

*Also covered via the NCC Procurement Policies as mentioned above and available via: [Procurement policies | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)*

**9. Does the council have a Cabinet member or Portfolio Holder that has climate change explicitly in their remit?**

Yes.

*Councillor Helen Skinner is Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change. Information can be found via the dedicated webpage [Councillor Helen E Skinner](#) (opens new window).*

**10. What percentage of the council's overall staff work on implementing their Climate Action Plan or other climate change projects?**

*As of March 2026 the following staff work on implementing the Carbon Management Action Plan and other climate change projects:*

- *Assistant Director - Environmental Services (Programme Theme Lead)*
- *Climate Change Manager*
- *Waste and Recycling Manager (Programme Theme Lead)*
- *Parks and Green Spaces Manager (Programme Theme Lead)*

- *Conservation and Green Spaces Development Manager (Programme Theme Lead)*
- *2 x Environmental Development Officer*
- *Conservation and Green Spaces Development Manager*
- *Waste and Recycling Manager (Programme Theme Lead).*
- *Senior Asset Project Officer – Asset Management and Development.*
- *Energy Improvements and Grants Officer – Asset Management and Development*
- *Assistant Director of Asset Management and Development (Programme Theme Lead).*
- *Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development (Programme Theme Lead).*
- *Transport and Stores Manager (Programme Theme Lead).*
- *Capital Works Manager (Programme Theme Lead).*
- *Head of Communities and Community Safety (Programme Theme Lead).*
- *Interim Deputy Chief Executive - Finance (Programme Theme Lead).*
- *Communications, Cultural and Civic Services Manager (Programme Theme Lead).*

**11. Have all senior management and councillors in the cabinet or committee chairs received climate awareness training?**

*The most recent awareness training was Climate Fresk with Carbon Literacy which took place on 8 May 2024. A short article of which can be found on [Broxtowe Borough Council's LinkedIn pages](#) (opens new window).*

**12. Has the council raised ring-fenced income for climate action from property development?**

Yes.

*This is via Section 106 funding, details of which along with annual reports can be found via the dedicated webpages [Infrastructure Funding Statement](#) (opens new window).*

**13. Has the council launched a Climate Bond, Community Municipal Investment or equivalent?**

No.

*Although the Council is considering the opportunity of accessing capital finance from the Midlands Engine Green Finance Fund.*

#### 14. Has the council raised income for climate action from any other sources?

Yes.

Through a variety of other sources including:

- England's Community Forests – ['Greenwood Community Forest | Trees for Climate programme | Nottinghamshire'](#) (opens new window) with Nottingham County Council and Greenwood Community Forest.
- [Archer's Field Recreation Ground](#) (opens new window).
- [Severn Trent's Boost for Biodiversity](#) (opens new window). Full details of the project can be found within the dedicated blog found on the [Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Group website](#) (opens new window).
- Severn Trent Green Recovery Project refer to page 32 of [stw-green-recovery-report-2024.pdf](#)
- Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust [Habitat creation and restoration across a wilder Nottinghamshire | Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust](#)
- Fields in Trust Park Land-Use Pilot 2024 funded by the Linder Foundation page 10 of [Annual-Report-and-Financial-Statements-2024.pdf](#)
- Rural Communities Action Nottinghamshire – energy surveys/advice/signposting [Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire - Projects](#)
- Citizen Visioning [Citizens' Climate Panel](#)

#### 15. Has the council passed a motion in support of divestment from all fossil fuels from the councils' pension funds?

Broxtowe Borough Council's pension funds are managed by Nottinghamshire County Council. More information available via: <https://www.nottspf.org.uk/>

#### 16. Has the council's pensions fund committed to divesting from all fossil fuels?

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#### 17. Does the council have direct investments in airports or high carbon intensive energy industries?

No.

### **Section 5: Biodiversity**

**1. Does the council use peat-free compost or soil in all landscaping and horticulture?**

Yes.

*Following a trial of peat free compost during 2024/25 which was an action in the Carbon Management Action Plan the council now uses peat free compost in all landscaping and horticulture.*

**2. Has the council banned the use of pesticides on all council owned and managed land?**

No.

*The use of pesticides is kept to a minimum. Further information about the use of pesticides by the Council can be found within the report to Cabinet: [Use of Glyphosate](#) (opens new window).*

**3. Has the council stated they are mowing their green spaces less for wildlife?**

Yes.

*Further information on this can be found via the dedicated webpage [Caring for Green Spaces](#) (opens new window) as well as within the Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy available on the webpage [Carbon Neutral by 2027](#) (opens new window).*

**4. Does the council have a target to increase tree cover and is a tree management plan agreed as they grow?**

Yes.

*The [Tree Strategy 2023-2027](#) (opens new window) was approved and adopted at the November 2023 Cabinet.*

**5. Have the council's parks been awarded Green Flag status?**

Yes.

- *Bramcote Hills Park.*
- *Colliers Wood – Moorgreen.*

- *Alexandrina Plantation – Bramcote (Community Green Flag).*
- *Brinsley Headstocks (Community Green Flag).*
- *The Old Church Tower – Bramcote (Community Green Flag).*

**6. Does the council employ a planning ecologist to scrutinise planning reports for improvements to biodiversity in new developments, such as biodiversity net gain?**

*Yes – the Council has a consultant ecologist who is consulted on all planning applications which relate to biodiversity net gain.*

*The Council also uses specialist software to assess the Biodiversity Net Gain matrix.*

**7. Does the council require a higher biodiversity net gain commitment from developments?**

*No.*

**8. Has the council introduced a Green Space Factor to increase habitat in new development?**

*No.*

**Section 6: Collaboration and engagement**

**1. Do the council's climate pages include information about behaviour changes that residents can make, and are they easy to find?**

*Yes.*

*The dedicated webpage [Energy Saving Tips](#) (opens new window) provides this information as well as links to other useful resources.*

**2. Has the council published a Climate Action Plan with SMART targets?**

*Yes.*

*A Carbon Management Action Plan (CMAP) is included as part of the Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy 2023-27 and is updated annually. Copies*

can be found via the dedicated webpage [Carbon Neutral by 2027](#) (opens new window). There is also a one page summary of the strategy that summarises the document as a quick reference document that can be found via the webpage also.

**3. Has the council published an up to date and easy-to-read annual report on their Climate Action Plan?**

Yes.

The latest copy of the Carbon Management Action Plan 2025/26 can be found via the dedicated webpage [Carbon Neutral by 2027](#) (opens new window).

**4. Has the council lobbied the government for climate action?**

No.

**5. Is the council working with external partners or other councils to seek to influence national governments on climate action, or to learn about and share best practice on council climate action?**

Yes.

This is happening through a number of external partnerships and other councils including:

- [Innovate UK's Fast Followers Accelerate towards Net Zero](#) (opens new window).
- Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authorities' Energy Partnership (LAEP). [Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Climate Network - climate action](#)
- *Environmental Strategy Working Group.*
- *Carbon Neutral Officers Group.*
- [Notts Green rewards](#) (opens new window).
- *Local Area Energy Plan* [East Midlands Mayor gives green light to country's largest local area energy plan - East Midlands Combined County Authority](#)
- *Carbon Disclosure Project via Sustainability West Midlands during 2024* [Midlands Net Zero Hub: Midlands Climate Action Benchmark – Sustainability West Midlands](#) and [Midlands Local Authority Climate Action Benchmark 2024 – Sustainability West Midlands](#) and subsequently submitted independently for 2025 and will be doing for 2026.
- [Broxtowe Conservation, Nottinghamshire - INCA EWI Case Study](#)

**6. Does the council have an ongoing way for residents to influence the implementation of the council's Climate Action Plan?**

Yes.

*A full public consultation on the refreshed Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy 2023-27 and supporting Carbon Management Action Plan took place during the summer of 2023. Members of the public were able to comment on the documents either via an online survey or in person through a series of focus groups.*

*A dedicated webpage has more information on this; [Climate Change and Green Futures Consultation](#) (opens new window).*

*Residents are able to contact the council regarding the implementation of the council's Carbon Management Action Plan at any point via [environment@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:environment@broxtowe.gov.uk)*

*Residents also have the opportunity to influence the implementation of the actions plan via Climate Forums and Green Festivals held throughout the year. More information can be found via: [Green Festival and Climate Forum](#)*

**7. Does the council's ongoing engagement with residents include those most affected by climate change and climate action policy?**

Yes.

*The council's ongoing engagement is for all residents with 'Communications' being one of the ten themes of the Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy 2023-27 and having dedicated targets within the Carbon Management Action Plan.*

*For example, residents across the Borough have been particularly affected by flooding over the past few years. There is a dedicated webpage on [Flooding](#) (opens new window) for all residents to refer to. The equalities impact assessment for the Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy can be found [here](#) (opens new window).*

*Additional communication is provided via the cost of living webpages [Cost of living](#) which includes energy saving advice, grants and benefits and information on warm spaces.*

**8. Does the council provide funding for community climate action, for example through an environment fund or climate action fund?**

Yes.

*All local Secondary schools have had the opportunity to apply for SEED funding during 2024/24 to be spent on a climate change project on site. [Reducing your carbon footprint - community, business, schools](#)*

*In addition, the Green Festival has offered a school competition prize of £250 in 2024 and 2025 with the winning school being able to spend the money on environmental projects. [Instagram](#)*

*Other funding includes:*

- [Free Trees](#) (opens new window).
- [Communities Grants Fund](#) (opens new window).

**9. Is the council working in partnership with cultural institutions and organisations to encourage decarbonisation within culture and arts locally?**

Yes.

*This is taking place within the [DH Lawrence Museum](#) (opens new window) where the Museum and Collections Officer has completed a Carbon Literacy Workshop. The training was run by the Historic Houses Association, which the museum is a member of. One of the 'pledges' that the Officer made as part of this was to develop the garden and outdoor space at the museum into a more welcoming habitat for wildlife. In March a big step towards this was made, when the Environment Team at Broxtowe Borough Council replanted the main border in the garden, using plants that would encourage wildlife such as lavender, geranium and verbena. The border is developing beautifully, blends perfectly with the old brick wall and the historic environs and adds interest to the area for the museum's visitors.*

*In addition to this The Green Festival 2024 has invited all local primary schools to enter a climate change arts and writing competition. Further details can be found on the dedicated [Green Festival webpage](#) (opens new window).*

**10. Is the council working in partnership with schools or other education settings to deliver climate actions that young people can engage with?**

Yes.

*SEED funding available for all secondary schools in the Borough to enhance their eco schools or support other environmental initiatives. Information available via [Reducing Your Carbon Footprint – Schools, Businesses and communities](#) (opens a new window).*

*Green Festival primary school competition 2024 has invited all primary schools from across the Borough to create either a piece of artwork or a creative piece of writing to be judged at this year's Green festival. More information found on the [Broxtowe Green Festivals](#) (opens new window) webpages.*

*The Waste and Recycling Engagement Officer visits local schools to talk to children about waste and recycling and links this in with environmental awareness days such as [World Environment Day 2024](#) (opens new window).*

*The team work in collaboration with [Nottingham Climate Assembly - Youth Panel](#) (opens new window).*

*The Parks and Green Spaces Team work with local schools and scout groups for example [A fruitful partnership between Broxtowe Borough Council, Incredible Edible, Canopy2050 and the 2nd Chilwell Scout Group will provide local people near Cator Lane Recreation Ground with a new... | Broxtowe Borough Council.](#)(opens new window).*

*Litter picking events [Clean and Green](#)*

*In March 2025 the Climate Forum sponsored by Fats Followers invited local schools to attend and meet the Lets Go Zero team to learn more about completing their climate action plans more information via [Facebook](#)*

**11. Is the council working in partnership with local businesses to encourage decarbonisation?**

Yes.

*This is through a variety of different channels including:*

- a. *UKSPF funding. For current information on the support on offer visit: <https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/investing-in-our-area/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/> and success stories [UKSPF Success Stories](#)*
- b. *Fast Followers – [Fast Forward Net Zero event](#) (opens new window).*
- c. *[Notts Green rewards](#) (opens new window).*
- d. *[Reducing your carbon footprint - community, business, schools](#)*
- e. *[Green Festival and Climate Forum](#)*
- f. *[30 trees planted for 30 years of local business – Nottingham Local News](#)*

**12. Has the council adopted a policy to prohibit advertising and sponsorship for high carbon products?**

No.

**13. Does the council have an ongoing way for recognised trade unions or the employee forum to influence the development and delivery of the council's Climate Action Plan?**

Yes.

*This is encouraged in a number of ways including:*

- *Within the Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy 2023-27.*
- *Through the Climate Change and Green Futures public consultation.*
- *Through consultation of new strategies for example the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy (2024-27).*
- *Through emailing [environment@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:environment@broxtowe.gov.uk)*
- *Through articles provided in the internal weekly Employee Briefing which included Climate Change updates and contact details when appropriate.*
- *Through in person Corporate Inductions*

**Section 7: Waste Reduction and Food**

**1. Has the council encouraged the reduction of single use plastic at external events on council land, property or public spaces such as roads and parks?**

Yes.

*Events managed by the Council include messaging to stall holders asking that they keep all waste to a minimum, use reusable items where possible to reduce single use plastic waste. Vendors who sell hot drinks are asked to accept customers with reusable cups.*

## 2. Has the council taken steps to support a circular economy locally?

Yes.

*This is an action within the Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy 2023-2027 along with the Carbon Management Action Plan.*

*It can also be demonstrated through the [Furniture Rental Scheme](#) (opens new window).*

*The Council also supports local initiatives such as the [Beeston Repair Café](#) (opens new window), [Beeston Library of Things](#) (opens new window) and [About Us | We Are Repairs](#). These are signed posted on Green Rewards.*

Other opportunities can be found via the following links:

- [Financial Inclusion](#)
- [Reconnect with local businesses](#)
- [Beeston Bee Trail Takes Flight!](#)

## 3. Does the council support initiatives to redistribute surplus food?

Yes.

*Through the [Nottinghamshire County Council Local Communities Fund: Food Distribution Grant](#) (opens new window).*

*More information can be found via the following links:*

- [Environmental Enforcement Agency WISE give festive boost to food bank](#)
- [Cost of living](#)

- Working with Pulp Friction [Workplace Skills for Learning Disabled and Autistic People - Pulp Friction Charity CIO](#)

4. **Does the council have a sustainable food strategy?**

No.

5. **Is the council part of a sustainable food partnership?**

Yes.

*The Council is part of the Nottinghamshire Sustainable Food Network led by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC). The network is an inclusive forum for discussion and collective actions on all key food issues and aligns with the six principles of [Sustainable Food Places](#).*

*Additional information can be found on NCC's dedicated webpage [Sustainable Food Network](#) (opens new window).*

*On 16 October 2024 the group delivered the first Nottinghamshire Food Summit, part of which was to shape a Food Plan / Strategy for Nottinghamshire. Hold the date flyer is shown below and more information via [Notts first Food Summit celebrates Bronze Award and sets out future Food Plan - Nottinghamshire County Council](#)*



6. **Has the council taken steps to support local food growing?**

Yes.

*Examples include:*

- Supporting [Dig in the Community](#) (opens new window)
- Supporting [Nature Spotting: Incredible Edibles](#) (opens new window)

- Through [Green Rewards](#) (opens new window).
- Free Trees initiative [Free Trees](#)

## 7. Does the council provide weekly kerbside food waste recycling?

*Food waste collections are offered to Trade Waste customers more information found at [Trade Waste](#)*

*Weekly collection of food waste for households across the Borough will be implemented by October 2027. A pilot food waste round is scheduled for later in 2026.*

## 8. How high is the council's area wide annual recycling rate?

*Information can be found within the [Environment Business Plan](#) (opens new window) on page 12.*

## 9. How low is the councils' area wide level of household waste produced?

*Information can be found within the [Environment Business Plan](#) (opens new window) on page 20.*