

## **Draft Letter from CEE Bill Alliance to Local Authorities**

Dear Chief Executive/Leader of the Council,

May I begin by congratulating your Council for declaring a climate emergency. This is the visionary effort that is needed to find best practices to prevent the planet from heating more than 1.5 degrees °C above pre-industrial levels.

The Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill<sup>1</sup> is now before Parliament because we feel that net zero by 2050 is far too late and that the Government needs to listen to the direction that councils across the country are taking. I am writing to ask your Council to declare its support for the CEE Bill, which obliges the Government to develop a strategy with legal obligations to:

- require that the UK takes its fair share of reducing CO2 emissions to ensure that global temperature does not rise above 1.5 degrees C.
- ensure that all the UK's entire carbon footprint (including the manufacture and transportation of goods from overseas) is accounted for and that we are taking full responsibility for our ecological footprint by protecting nature along supply chains
- restore and regenerate the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, and to maximise their capacity to absorb CO2 and optimise their resistance to climate heating
- set up an independent Citizen's Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and help develop the national strategy.

I attach a copy of the bill and a flyer on why this bill is essential. I hope your Council will be able to support the CEE Bill, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Formally known as the Climate and Ecology Bill