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Maldon District Council herewith seeks to declare a Climate Emergency. In doing so we acknowledge the growing consensus that unless we significantly reduce UK and global greenhouse gas emissions, the consequences of climate change will be severe.

The District of Maldon is bounded by 70 miles of coast line and there are a number of areas around Mayland, Tollesbury and Goldhanger where sea defences are at risk of being below the acceptable level of protection, potentially causing flooding to valuable agricultural land.

Areas of air quality concern have also been identified within our District due to the use of older, more polluting heavy goods vehicles.

With the prospect of greater development occurring across the District and the increased risk of sea levels and rising pollution, we will seek to identify ways to reduce carbon emissions across Maldon, by developing strong partnership links, improving transport initiatives, encouraging greener developments and supporting green infrastructure.

Our aspiration is:

To develop a Climate Strategy with the aim to be a carbon neutral District Council by 2030 and ensure that all our strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to net-zero carbon by 2030

To support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making Maldon District and its parishes net-zero carbon within the same timescale

To work with, influence and inspire partnerships across the District to help deliver the goals through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources

To seek to include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future

We make this declaration to show our commitment to making a positive change which we hope will benefit our residents and future generations.