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Questions for candidates

Councils around the country from all political parties are signing up to emissions cuts in their council area of at least 40 per cent by 2020. Do you support this council adopting a target of cutting emissions in the council area by **at least 40% by 2020** and drawing up a climate change action plan showing how the cuts will achieved?

Councils need to be able to plan to make their fair share of emissions cuts to help meet our national climate commitments. Do you support **Local Carbon Budgets** for all councils – placing a cap on total CO₂ emissions within each area? - so they can plan to do their?

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Action to reduce carbon emissions locally would create jobs, slash people's energy bills and boost the local economy as well helping to avoid dangerous climate change. What will you do to **support investment in carbon-cutting projects** locally?

Car journeys account for an eighth of the UK's total emissions of carbon dioxide. Do you support the council's **Local Transport Plan incentivising projects to carbon** emissions, and ruling out carbon-intensive projects?

Do you support a 'Merton'-type rule to ensure that **all new developments generate 10 per cent of their energy from renewable sources** onsite?

In Kirklees in Yorkshire, loft and cavity-wall insulation has been given free of charge, and at low cost, to every household, creating jobs and reducing everyone's energy bills. Do you support this council **introducing a similar policy** here?