## 9i - Climate and Ecology Bill

I'm writing on behalf of Zero Hour and seeking Eckington Parish Council support for the <u>Climate and</u> <u>Ecology Bill</u>, which is due for its second reading on <u>24 November</u>.

We recognise that parish and town councils are influential organisations, with links to the local community, regional charities and civic bodies. Eckington Parish Council is 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 the <u>168 parish & town councils</u> across the UK to support the <u>Climate and Ecology Bill</u> and add your voice to those organisations calling for joined-up action that provides an adequate, commensurate response to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife.

We have a <u>draft motion</u>, which you may find useful. If Eckington Parish Council is supportive, we are asking that after the motion is passed, Eckington Parish Council issues a press release that it has done so and writes and requests your MP(s) to also publicly support the CE Bill (*if they are one of the* <u>130</u> <u>that have already done so</u>, please write and thank them for being supporters).

The <u>Climate and Ecology Bill</u>, if made law, would ensure that:

- The threat facing nature is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis in a joined-up approach.

- The Paris Agreement is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its real fair share to limit global temperature rise to the most stringent end of the Paris agreement - 1.5°C.

- The UK takes full responsibility for our entire greenhouse gas footprint 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)-

- The government deliver a climate and nature assembly that is representative of the UK population, working directly with the Government and Parliament to ensure that all voices are heard and that no one is left behind.

A member of Zero Hour, the campaign for the CE 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 CE Bill and supporting organisations can be found at <u>https://www.zerohour.uk/</u>; this <u>2-minute video</u> or a <u>15-minute presentation</u> may also prove useful. If you have any questions or require further information about the CE Bill, please do get in touch.

Thank you on behalf of Zero Hour, If you need any additional information or wish to have a follow-up call, feel free to reach out.

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