

Dear [INSERT CANDIDATES NAME HERE],

As you are a candidate in the upcoming local elections, I am writing to you today to ask how you plan to tackle the ecological emergency and support nature's recovery in my local area if elected as a councillor.

We are facing an ecological and climate emergency, and, in the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, we need to see our political leaders take urgent action to ensure nature's recovery locally and globally.

I am concerned about the decline of nature in my community, and the large numbers of people deprived of accessible green and wild spaces.

[INSERT WHY NATURE IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU OR COPY THE FOLLOWING... For me, nature has never been more important. The value of greenspaces that are rich in wildlife for our physical and mental health has been keenly highlighted during the tough times for everyone over the past few years.

We know that nature's recovery is also vital for tackling the climate crisis and that nature underpins a healthy and thriving society and economy. Thriving habitats can safely lock up vast amounts of carbon, while providing other vital benefits that help us adapt, such as flood prevention, clean water and improved health and wellbeing.

If elected as a local councillor you will play a vital role in restoring nature and tackling the climate crisis locally. As a constituent, I am clear that these are key issues when considering who to vote for in the upcoming local elections.

Therefore, I am writing to ask what are your plans to tackle the ecological emergency and put nature into recovery in our local community?

I am also asking that you pledge to:

- Support investment to secure nature's recovery.
- Create more space for nature.
- Ensure fairer access to nature for communities.

By recognising the need for action, putting a strategy, targets and action plan in place, councils can be part of the change to reverse declines in wildlife and restore a healthy natural environment for people and wildlife.

Kind regards,

[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE] [INSERT ADDRESS AND POSTCODE]