



Winchester Council October 2023



Our Performance on Climate Action - 5th of UK Councils

More detail, and the methodology, can be seen at [District Councils' Climate Action Scorecards | Climate Emergency UK \(councilclimatescorecards.uk\)](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk)

No room for complacency though, Building and Heating, and Transport, are a work in progress.

	Total Score	Building & Heating	Transport	Planning & Land Use	Governance & Finance	Biodiversity	Collaboration & Engagement	Waste Reduction & Food
District average	29%	42%	9%	23%	24%	22%	42%	23%
Lancaster City Council	61%	62%	27%	85%	38%	30%	73%	65%
Exeter City Council	56%	84%	27%	58%	41%	20%	82%	38%
Cambridge City Council	55%	71%	63%	33%	49%	45%	70%	69%
Oxford City Council	55%	39%	71%	68%	62%	20%	50%	78%
Winchester City Council	49%	45%	40%	72%	40%	40%	59%	15%
Teignbridge District Council	47%	67%	8%	55%	32%	20%	61%	28%
Warwick District Council	47%	55%	27%	57%	41%	10%	74%	36%
City of Lincoln Council	47%	54%	40%	69%	34%	15%	36%	46%
Lewes District Council	46%	64%	8%	32%	37%	50%	56%	46%
Eastbourne Borough Council	45%	64%	8%	27%	55%	40%	65%	31%
West Suffolk Council	45%	55%	27%	43%	41%	60%	58%	8%
North Kesteven District Council	43%	54%	4%	74%	23%	10%	70%	0%

Different circumstances can make direct comparisons hard. Large urban areas have an advantage over scattered rural ones in some instances. WCC is a mixture of both as a non-metropolitan district. An added complication is that waste is collected by WCC but disposed of by HCC. Food waste recycling is low as only southern areas can link in with Portsmouth waste facilities.

New Car Park in The Dean, Alresford

Revised plans are to be submitted shortly, hopefully with a less peculiar design. The comments on traffic movements are worth a read, and, if true bring into doubt the viability of the off street parking. We continue to object to the lack of traffic management measures at Pound Hill/West Street junction.

Sun Hill Construction Management Plan (CEMP)

Given the delays in agreeing this we believe that the works to enable the A31 access should be deferred until Spring 2024, to reduce the number of traffic movements necessary. The original plan was that excavated chalk could be reused on site, however wet chalk makes soft slurry, hard to handle and cannot be used to build up the A31 access, necessitating material to be bought in.

WCC Finances

A very useful lecture on local government finance was organised by WCC for councillors, delivered by Mark Callow of CIPFA. Mark managed to make the topic not only understandable but gripping! Two hours very well spent learning of the manifold differences between public finance and that of private businesses, the legal duties of councils and the very great complexity of local government finance. There are lots of horror



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stories of local authorities running up unmanageable debts or investing in crackpot schemes, which might have been avoided if councillors had taken the time equip themselves with a greater understanding of how to undertake their duties and how to spot the warning signs that show up in audit reports. Happy to say that Winchester city finances, despite past storms are still ship-shape. It says much for the very competent staff and cabinet members that this is so.

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