

EARTH PROTECTOR DECLARATION: Towns/villages/parishes and community groups

In declaring (name of place) an Earth Protector Town/community, the Council/group undertakes to collaborate and cooperate with communities, local government bodies, businesses and other organisations to protect land, wildlife, air, soil and water. The Council/group considers the repercussions of its decisions and observes rigorous care to avoid environmental harm in the exercise of its functions.

To protect the Earth, this Council/group will:

Endorse, support and through the publication of this declaration, raise awareness of the campaign to amend the Rome statute and declare ecocide* a crime at the International Criminal Court (ICC) <https://www.stopecocide.earth/manifesto-summary>

Protect the community as best it can from environmental damage and minimise negative environmental impact.

Produce a strategy for the Council's operations, including a date, to achieve a carbon zero future (by 2030).

Work with the community to guide action on becoming carbon neutral.

Promote the movement from sustainable to regenerative living across all aspects of community life.

Campaign with and support the community to achieve, single use Plastic Free Community status.

Work with the community to create a strategy to protect, enhance and connect ecosystems/habitats/species in and around our town.

Raise awareness of the climate crisis and promote events which engage the community in working towards solutions.

Pledge that all investment decisions are based upon the ethical and environmental practices of the institutions involved and move us away from fossil fuel dependency.

Assure transparent and regular reporting of the implementation of the above pledges (including where possible a shared database of participating stakeholders' specific goals and progress achieved in attaining them).

In declaring itself an Earth Protector Town/community, (name of town/place) is publicly supporting the campaign to amend the Rome statute and declare Ecocide a crime at the ICC. <https://www.stopecocide.earth/manifesto-summary>

*ECOCIDE is serious loss, damage or destruction of ecosystems, and includes climate and cultural damage.