

Survey Responses

01 July 2021 - 26 July 2021

Is there anything we missed in the climate change and environment summary report?

Future Rutland

Project: Climate change and the environment



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Respondent No: 1

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 08, 2021 20:05:39 pm

Last Seen: Jul 08, 2021 20:05:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Q1. Did you take part in the first stage of Future Rutland, between April and June?** Yes

Q2. **Do you think that the summary report produced for climate change and the environment is a fair and accurate reflection of what matters to people in Rutland?** Yes

Q3. **Please use the space below to tell us what you think is missing from this summary, or needs to be added:**

not answered

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

Not cutting the road verges such a big improvement for wild life.



Respondent No: 2

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 10, 2021 06:37:30 am

Last Seen: Jul 10, 2021 06:37:30 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Q1. Did you take part in the first stage of Future Rutland, between April and June?** Yes

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Q3. **Please use the space below to tell us what you think is missing from this summary, or needs to be added:**

You have missed addressing biodiversity net gain across the County on all land managed by Rutland County Council. In particular, management of roadside verges for wildlife needs to be included urgently. See [https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/inspiring-stories?](https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/inspiring-stories?utm_source=Plantlife+email+updates&utm_campaign=89b4074366-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_07_09_05_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ce964b84b6-89b4074366-285887076&mc_cid=89b4074366&mc_eid=be095f4cce#latest-news-from-the-verge-what-s-happening-where-)

[utm_source=Plantlife+email+updates&utm_campaign=89b4074366-](https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/inspiring-stories?utm_source=Plantlife+email+updates&utm_campaign=89b4074366-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_07_09_05_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ce964b84b6-89b4074366-285887076&mc_cid=89b4074366&mc_eid=be095f4cce#latest-news-from-the-verge-what-s-happening-where-)

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_07_09_05_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ce964b84b6-89b4074366-](https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/inspiring-stories?utm_source=Plantlife+email+updates&utm_campaign=89b4074366-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_07_09_05_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ce964b84b6-89b4074366-285887076&mc_cid=89b4074366&mc_eid=be095f4cce#latest-news-from-the-verge-what-s-happening-where-)

[285887076&mc_cid=89b4074366&mc_eid=be095f4cce#latest-news-from-the-verge-what-s-happening-where-](https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/inspiring-stories?utm_source=Plantlife+email+updates&utm_campaign=89b4074366-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_07_09_05_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ce964b84b6-89b4074366-285887076&mc_cid=89b4074366&mc_eid=be095f4cce#latest-news-from-the-verge-what-s-happening-where-) and the map to show that Rutland is surrounded by proactive Counties. Come on Rutland. Join up reduced number of times mowed, cut and collect mowing with helping wildlife. <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=162QktzkyI6Y53cjxHWRSxQFh5lzH3ZNJ&ll=53.50289139204335%2C-2.3655129738313185&z=6>

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 3

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 12, 2021 11:34:57 am

Last Seen: Jul 12, 2021 11:34:57 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Q1. Did you take part in the first stage of Future Rutland, between April and June?** Yes

Q2. **Do you think that the summary report produced for climate change and the environment is a fair and accurate reflection of what matters to people in Rutland?** No

Q3. **Please use the space below to tell us what you think is missing from this summary, or needs to be added:**

Thank you for taking the time to organise these 'Future of Rutland' events/conversations and for putting together these summary reports. I really appreciated being able to voice concerns about a variety of issues, especially on the climate and environmental crisis. I do hope they will help to positively shape the future of Rutland for our community and generations to come. I am writing to you with some concern over the interpretation of the 'Climate Crisis' answers in the summary report. You open by saying that "a number of residents argue strongly that there is no climate crisis", followed by "others do believe...". Then 4 out of 6 of the example comments that follow feature strong climate denying or 'doomist' (it's too big a problem so why bother with action..) type comments. I believe this not only misrepresents the consensus opinion in Rutland (see the overwhelming majority choose 'global warming' as the number one concern), but it's akin to taking a poll on people's 'opinions' about whether the Earth is spherical and then expressing 'both sides' as equal. Or worse, leading and over-representing the 'flat-earthers'. This is not a matter of opinion. Over 90% of scientists are in agreement. What should be summarised from the questionnaires, are the opinions on how we, as a community, can make a contribution in tackling this global crisis. I sincerely hope this section will be amended to reflect residents' opinions about how we can tackle climate change, rather than be dominated by ignorant comments that are not based in fact.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 4

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 14, 2021 15:32:59 pm

Last Seen: Jul 14, 2021 15:32:59 pm

IP Address: n/a

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Q3. Please use the space below to tell us what you think is missing from this summary, or needs to be added:

Introduction: Participants in this conversation have been invited to comment on this narrative summary report and in particular to highlight any input which may have been missed when drafting the report. Some dangers which have been identified as requiring the most urgent attention are : - Global warming - Diversity of Plants and animals - Air pollution - Plastic waste Over the last couple of years there has been much discussion around the nature and form of the Council's Local Plan review. Time and again, when talking about this aspect of the Rutland Conversation, it has been pointed out that the Local Plan is one of the most important tools in the armoury of a Local Authority to influence the future of its area. The Local Plan should be framed around the delivery of the Vision emerging from the Conversation. Bizarrely RCC is doing it the other way round. Not only has RCC seemed to identify a much less sustainable approach to the pattern of future development than previously, it has also embraced an approach geared to delivering significantly more development, particularly housing, than any local needs assessment requires. As a result, all these laudable climate and environmental objectives are in practice going to be much more difficult to improve and could be considerably worsened. There is a root cause underlying all of these dangers facing Rutland and that is over development of the County. This has arisen continuously since around 2014 when housing development has been permitted to increase in each following year to a level of between 200 to 250 dwellings per annum compared with the independently assessed Objectively Assessed Need of around 130 to 160 completed dwellings per annum over that same period. At present, the planning policy trajectory is to vastly increase the rate of over-development in Rutland The permitted over-development leads directly to an increase in the four dangers referred to above, and it leads indirectly to many other undesirable impacts worrying the Rutland Community which have also been referred to in this and other narrative summary reports. What have you missed? There is no mention of the fact (in the Narrative Summary Report) that almost all of the responsibility for adverse impacts on climate change and the environment resides with the Local Planning Authority. This means both the political elements and the professional staff which together comprise the LPA. If there is to be any significant arrest to deterioration and lowering of risks in the area of climate change and the environment, let alone any improvement in conditions of life for the community in Rutland, the present policies and the implementation of them by the LPA will need to be significantly enhanced. The National Planning Policy Framework contains clear guidance that biodiversity net gain is required by every development. In earlier versions of the NPPF the policy guidance was that there should be no net loss of biodiversity. None of this guidance has so far been implemented by RCC LPA Applying a metric to measure biodiversity and charging the developer for the replacement of any loss of biodiversity occasioned by the developer is a fundamental policy requirement in a Local Plan to protect the environment and to slow climate change. Treating the environment as a natural asset and charging developers to maintain and enhance this asset is an essential implementation tool to be rigorously applied by Development Control. We need amendments to the Regulation 19 Local Plan to introduce clearly defined policies in this area. We need Supplementary Planning Guidance and operational instructions developed for Development Control to implement these policies. I have submitted detailed evidence to the Future Rutland Conversation from Warwickshire County Council, sufficient to enable comparable policies to be developed in Rutland with ease. The submitted evidence includes guidance on implementation. Warwickshire have been operating and developing the application of charging developers to achieve biodiversity net gain since around 2003 and are willing to advise and assist RCC wherever necessary. Conclusion The present dangers for the environment and climate change in Rutland arise from the policies and decisions of the Local Planning Authority, which, for the past seven years at least, have been failing our County. The policies contained in our presently adopted Local Plan have not been implemented. Please ensure that this present opportunity is taken to make significant improvements in our planning policies and the implementation of them. C J Bacon. 15th July 2021

Q4. Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:

not answered



Respondent No: 5

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 14, 2021 15:50:19 pm

Last Seen: Jul 14, 2021 15:50:19 pm

IP Address: n/a

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Several people, including myself suggested you immediately move the tips to the old Ashwell prison site. There is loads of room for all vehicles involved and no need for folk to queue on the road to get in. Just do it and stop phaffing about.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 6

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 14, 2021 20:43:05 pm

Last Seen: Jul 14, 2021 20:43:05 pm

IP Address: n/a

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not answered

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

I hope that these ideas come to fruition. Please could we have a 5 year plan



Respondent No: 7

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 18, 2021 12:43:35 pm

Last Seen: Jul 18, 2021 12:43:35 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Q1. Did you take part in the first stage of Future Rutland, between April and June?** Yes

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Q3. **Please use the space below to tell us what you think is missing from this summary, or needs to be added:**

not answered

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 8

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 18, 2021 15:47:56 pm

Last Seen: Jul 18, 2021 15:47:56 pm

IP Address: n/a

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not answered

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

I think on the whole it is a useful summary. I am astounded and concerned that there are still climate change sceptics out there. Action is needed at every level from the individual to the council and at every level between and beyond. Perhaps there should be more of a sense of urgency.



Respondent No: 9

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 19, 2021 12:54:45 pm

Last Seen: Jul 19, 2021 12:54:45 pm

IP Address: n/a

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I strongly endorse the comments against the scale of the development proposed at St George's. The Conservative group on RCC just refuse to accept the will of the people. The origin of the MOU with MOD, and giving houses to Kesteven, all without full council knowledge and debate, was ethically wrong.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 10

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 20, 2021 10:46:52 am

Last Seen: Jul 20, 2021 10:46:52 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Q1. Did you take part in the first stage of Future Rutland, between April and June?** Yes

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Additional considerations include: - Need for a land-use strategy covering not just potential housing development, but agriculture, leisure and energy facilities. Housing development numbers to be tied more effectively to up to date population statistics, with some indication of a possible limit to the amount of development which the county can sustain long-term. - Possible use of drones, especially for deliveries to premises. - Potential for future use of autonomous vehicles to reduce the total number ion vehicles in circulation. - More effective disposal of food waste and, in particular, so-called compostable packaging which is not currently accepted in Green Bins.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 11

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 21, 2021 09:48:43 am

Last Seen: Jul 21, 2021 09:48:43 am

IP Address: n/a

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Q3. **Please use the space below to tell us what you think is missing from this summary, or needs to be added:**

I have sent these separately to Becky Hoyles.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 12

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 21, 2021 16:35:55 pm

Last Seen: Jul 21, 2021 16:35:55 pm

IP Address: n/a

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You did not engage with sufficient members of the public - this needs to be done again with in person surveys I.e, market stands

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 13

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 21, 2021 16:56:38 pm

Last Seen: Jul 21, 2021 16:56:38 pm

IP Address: n/a

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In the summary you included the view of people who believe the climate emergency is not real. This is not true and you know it. In the weather forecast, when they show the globe, do they feel the need to point out that some people believe the Earth is flat? It is irresponsible to use council resources to give credence to things that are simply not true. I know you feel that you need to reflect everybody's views. But you do make a choice. For example, if someone wrote something racist, you would not include that in the summary. You chose to include untruths in your summary, for balance. But there is no balance here. Climate change is a fact just the same as the Earth is a sphere.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 14

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 21, 2021 21:05:28 pm

Last Seen: Jul 21, 2021 21:05:28 pm

IP Address: n/a

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not answered

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

I'd just like to add that it is very important to stress that electric cars are not a sustainable form of transport if the entire population is to adopt it as personal transport. So I agree that there absolutely will be a need for them for disabled people etc Transport needs to be active or public as much as possible. Govt and council need to be prepared for real change on this front and level with people that there is significant change on the way if we are to take this seriously. Secondly I think there needs to be a relaxation on the rules in conservation/listed buildings areas for erecting small wind turbines, solar panels and heat pumps.



Respondent No: 15

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 22, 2021 07:51:39 am

Last Seen: Jul 22, 2021 07:51:39 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Q1. Did you take part in the first stage of Future Rutland, between April and June?** Yes

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The council has just announced more houses on Braunston Road that we do not need and being built for people outside the county to live in which demonstrates the council's commitment to the environment. It's easy to talk the talk and impose sanctions on poorer people in the county demonstrating that the council is only interested in ticking boxes to appear green, keep up the good work building on farmland and we will soon be the concrete county.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 16

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 25, 2021 10:27:05 am

Last Seen: Jul 25, 2021 10:27:05 am

IP Address: n/a

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Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

I find it odd that there appears to be a choice in terms of who has the responsibility to take action between communities and local government. A healthier political environment would surely be one in which the community felt represented by local government and were inextricably involved in it through debate, discussion and action.



Respondent No: 17

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 25, 2021 17:55:26 pm

Last Seen: Jul 25, 2021 17:55:26 pm

IP Address: n/a

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Climate crisis – very concerned that of the 7 comments you include 4 suggested the crisis was not Rutland’s problem. We are part of the world’s fifth biggest economy therefore fifth biggest consumer therefore a major contributor to the carbon crisis. It would be a big mistake to leave inadequately addressed in any further statement. The 1992 Rio conference on climate crisis recognised that the only way to address the world problem was “ to think globally and act locally” this would be a good moto for Rutland to adopt. One other matter which I think could be given greater emphasis is the importance of increasing tree cover across the county. England in the least treed country in Europe and trees are one of the most effective ways in reducing the Counties carbon footprint. The problem with your questionnaire is that it only asks a certain range of questions and even then these have no information on the relative values of what can be the most effective ways to reduce the climate crisis. The vison for our future cannot rely just on peoples general views it needs to be informed by hard facts on what will achieve a truly successful future environment for Rutland.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 18

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 25, 2021 22:17:24 pm

Last Seen: Jul 25, 2021 22:17:24 pm

IP Address: n/a

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Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered



Respondent No: 19

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 26, 2021 12:05:56 pm

Last Seen: Jul 26, 2021 12:05:56 pm

IP Address: n/a

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Reading this Report I am shocked by the inclusion of climate crisis deniers comments. To me this suggests that at a community level considerably more needs to be done to educate Rutlanders regarding decades of scientific evidence supporting and warning of climate breakdown. People will not change their behaviours if they choose to live in convenient ignorance. Surely it is local government's duty to honestly inform the public of what is now an unavoidable climate crisis requiring adaptations locally, nationally and globally over many decades. To put it bluntly, I now regard climate deniers as equivalent to holocaust deniers.

Q4. **Please use the space below to provide any further comments or feedback you may have:**

not answered
