

Public Statements – County Council 26 April 2018

Statement from Joe Burlington BSc, Resident of Bridport, to the County Council in relation to Climate Change

1 Climate change is happening.

2 We humans are responsible. We are doing it.

“The science is unequivocal. Human activity is leading to a warming of the atmosphere.”

Ruth Davidson, Scottish Conservative Leader

“Emissions are 60 percent higher” than 27 years ago. *Professor Kevin Anderson*

Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. University of Manchester

3 For most of the past century, economic growth was fuelled by what seemed to be a certain truth: the abundance of natural resources.

We mined our way to growth. We burned our way to prosperity.

We believed in consumption without consequences. That model is a recipe for disaster.

The longer we delay, the more we will pay.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, January, 2011

4 Book: Drawdown – 100 SOLUTIONS TO REVERSE BLOBAL WARMING

Edited Paul Hawken Penguin £16.99 www.drawdown.org

5 Yet the council pursues economic growth – without distinction.

6 “**Sea Level Rise** is dangerous” and “accelerating”.

“There is lots to do to hold our ground.”

Professor Jeremy Jackson speaking at the US Naval War College

Some of the Solomon Islands have gone.

BBC Radio World Service 22 April 2018

“The UN is warning that we are now on course for **3C of global warming**. This will ultimately redraw the map of the world.” Shanghai, Osaka, Alexandria, Rio de Janeiro, Amsterdam and London are all vulnerable.

Guardian 3 Nov 2017

So are Wareham, Weymouth, West Bay

The entire ice mass of Greenland will disappear if temperatures rise by as little as 2°C ...
enough ice to raise sea levels by 7 metres

Professor Richard Alley, Pennsylvania State University to Congress (Guardian 10 Aug 2010)

The temperature in Northern Greenland was **20 degrees above normal for the time of year** during the recent cold spell when we experienced the ‘beast from the east’.

Reuters 26 February 2018 <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-weather/wacky-weather-makes-arctic-warmer-than-parts-of-europe-idUSKCN1GA2AD>

7 Yet the Council pursues undifferentiated economic growth.

8 I am interested in speaking with any councillor or group.