

**Annual Meeting of Council
4 May 2021**

Questions submitted for the Public Participation Period

Question 1 - submitted by Andrew Carey, Parish Councillor: Stanton St Gabriel / Char Valley Parish Council

Dorset Council's Plan 2020-2024 identifies five priorities, one of which is protecting and enhancing Dorset's 'Unique Environment'.

In delivering that objective, Dorset Council's Plan undertakes to "Develop a climate and ecological emergency strategy working with our partners, particularly town and parish councils and Government".

As Parish Councillor for Stanton St Gabriel since May 2019, I have received no communication from Dorset Council about Dorset's 'Unique Environment' or about developing Dorset Council's climate and ecological emergency strategy (other than the general invitation to all members of the public to respond to that strategy).

When Dorset Council launched that general, public consultation on its climate and ecological emergency strategy, our group Parish Council submitted a detailed response. That response was not acknowledged and its recommendations were disregarded, without any discussion with us, in Dorset Council's subsequent report on its public consultation.

What steps will Dorset Council now take to ensure that it keeps its undertaking to work "with our partners, particularly town and parish councils"?