

## Sustainable Shaftesbury Action Plan 2023–31



### Climate Change

Cutting our greenhouse gas emissions

**STC will** adopt a **climate change policy** that eliminates all energy production from fossil fuels; seeks to cut greenhouse gas emissions to meet a target of net zero emissions **by 2030**; promotes travel by foot, bicycle and other non-fossil fuel means; supports sustainable food production and consumption and invests in ‘green energy’.

#### TARGETS

- To reduce consumption and waste
- To reduce energy demand and produce smarter energy
- To promote ‘green’ transport solutions

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### Biodiversity

Helping nature recover by protecting and enhancing our land, rivers and seas

**STC will** adopt a **biodiversity policy** that will seek to help nature to recover by protecting and enhancing our local land and waterways in keeping with the **Nature Positive Dorset 2030** declaration and promoting re-wilding of open spaces and green areas for optimal biodiversity and supports sustainable local food production.

#### TARGETS

- To protect and enhance all nature
- To promote re-wilding of open spaces
- To replant depleted areas with trees, hedgerows and flowering plants

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### Environmental Resilience

Adapting for the impacts of unavoidable environmental change

**STC will** adopt an **environmental policy** that will mitigate the impact of unavoidable environmental change or damage by a process of adaptation or ‘managed retreat’ in support of a ‘circular economy’ that allows nature firmly to re-establish throughout the parish area and supports sustainable food production and consumption.

#### TARGETS

- To create ‘green corridors’ for wildlife
- To eliminate plastics and fossil fuels
- To promote and support local food production and distribution.

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## Stage of Development Key



### Thinking

Projects that need more thought and planning before getting started. May also require engagement with partner organisations and stakeholders.

Action not taken yet  
(Aim for 2023–31)



### Testing

Projects that are defined well enough to begin work, but may need to run as a pilot before a wider roll-out, or some other feasibility assessment.




Action pending  
(Aim for 2023–25)


























































### Doing










Projects that are already underway, or that are ready to begin immediately.

Action being taken  
2023–24





























Stage of Development	Energy	Relevant Policies		
<p>Sustainable energy will be supported by promoting the use of renewable energy – and alternative technologies as they develop – throughout the town and encouraging energy storage and conservation. The ‘Energy Hierarchy’ that prioritises reducing energy demand (e.g. by insulating buildings and making better use of energy) will be followed and promoted (see diagram <i>Annex 1</i>).</p>				
	<p>Aim to REDUCE energy demand in Shaftesbury by improving energy efficiency in all buildings by engaging with local residents and businesses with help and advice from established partners such as the DCE to reduce energy use (e.g. through retrofitting) such as by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reviewing all street lighting and ensuring LED lighting is in use and lighting times reduced</li> <li>• promoting information events with demonstrations (interlining curtains, making draught excluders, showing secondary glazing methods) in community settings such as schools, churches and community groups with support and advice from the Sustainable Fashion group</li> <li>• setting up an energy information hub in the town centre (e.g. the library or an empty shop) offering free retrofit assessment advice on ground and air-source heat pumps and keeping up-to-date lists of the various grants available for improvements. See also <b>Dorset Greener Homes and DCE for more info.</b></li> <li>• setting up a Shaftesbury equivalent of Bristol’s Cold Homes Energy Efficiency Survey Experts (CHEESE) Project that aims to reduce domestic energy losses at low cost using thermal-imaging (ref: <a href="http://www.cheeseproject.co.uk">www.cheeseproject.co.uk</a> and ‘Insulate Britain’ <a href="http://www.insulatebritain.com">www.insulatebritain.com</a>.)</li> <li>• setting up <b>Centre for Sustainable Energy’s</b> Future Energy Landscapes Project: <a href="http://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1383">www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1383</a>.</li> <li>• promoting careers in the green energy sector through engagement with local schools, colleges and Dorset Careers. Yeovil and Salisbury Colleges be requested to offer the new T31 Renewable Energy Pathway Apprenticeship scheme.</li> <li>• the creation of an ‘energy champion’ on each street or in each local community and taking a street-by-street approach to installing PV panels and tiles and storage batteries on all suitable buildings, including listed buildings and those in conservation areas, and the generation of power from wind turbines including smaller turbines for individual properties. (Advice available from groups such as <b>Dorset Community Energy</b> and <b>Nadder Community Energy</b>, see below). See also <b>Power for People</b> (<a href="http://www.powerforpeople.org.uk">www.powerforpeople.org.uk</a>).</li> </ul>			





























Stage of Development	Energy <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
	<p>SUPPORT the creation of a community interest company (CIC) to produce community energy (e.g. from wind turbines, solar panels, biomass or other such renewables) such as <b>Dorset Community Energy</b> (<a href="http://www.dorsetcommunityenergy.org.uk">www.dorsetcommunityenergy.org.uk</a>) and <b>Nadder Community Energy</b> (<a href="http://www.nadderce.org.uk">www.nadderce.org.uk</a>) where profits can be used, for example, for insulation retrofitting and domestic PV installations.</p>			
<p><b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b></p>				
	<p>Improving the energy performance of all Town Council buildings.</p>			
	<p>Educating staff to be more aware of and commit to climate change actions.</p>			
	<p>Generating its own electricity using solar panels and prioritising the use of air or ground-source heat pumps where possible.</p>			
	<p>Phased replacement of LED bulbs and electrical equipment on council premises with products of maximum energy efficiency rating.</p>			
	<p>Switching to 100% renewable energy tariffs for electricity on council premises and annually reviewing the energy supplier.</p>			
	<p>Retrofitting its buildings with energy-saving measures.</p>			
	<p>Updating its website with links to <b>Retrofitting Bruton TC</b>, <b>Green Register</b>, <b>Centre for Sustainable Energy</b>, etc.</p>			
	<p>Investing in electric vehicle (EV) charging points.</p>			















Stage of Development	Travel and Transport	Relevant Policies		
Sustainable travel and transport will be supported by promoting the use of cycling, electric/hydrogen vehicles, public transport and public footpaths and by supporting improvements to cycling, walking, car-sharing and telecommuting facilities in and around Shaftesbury.				
	Consult with <b>Dorset Council</b> to DEVELOP a strategic plan for electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and hydrogen power. Consult on the provision of EV charging points with residents.			
	RECOMMEND to <b>Dorset Council</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suitable locations for EV charging points by adapting existing street furniture such as lampposts and bollards to incorporate charging devices.</li> <li>• discounts for electric vehicles in public-parking areas.</li> </ul>			
	REQUEST <b>Dorset Council</b> implement a 20mph speed limit throughout the town centre and within the parish boundary including St James, Enmore Green and all the new housing estates.			
	ENCOURAGE and support public transport provision and use by promoting information about bus links to surrounding towns and railway networks.			
	COLLABORATE with <b>Dorset Council</b> to implement bike and scooter hire stations such as BCP's 'Beryl's Bikes' and PROVIDE more cycle stands in the town centre.			
	SUPPORT alternative solutions for local public transport needs such as cycle taxis (tuk-tuks).			
	SUPPORT the planned pedestrian priority of the High Street by influencing a greener environment for the town centre and its users.			
	Support <b>Dorset Council</b> to PROVIDE information and advice to residents on bus pass and car-share schemes, community away days and health/wellbeing events (as antidotes to isolation).			
	PROVIDE contact information for the local footpath officer to help manage and maintain public footpaths in and around Shaftesbury, and to deal with any access problems.			













Stage of Development	Travel and Transport <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
<b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b>				
	Reducing the social and environmental impacts of road vehicles by ensuring members and officers car-share when conducting council business and encouraging the use of more sustainable methods of transport for all journeys.			
	Ensuring all council vehicles are serviced and maintained to a high standard.			
	Pursuing the use of electric-powered vehicles (EVs) where this is a workable alternative.			









Stage of Development	Biodiversity improvement/amelioration	Relevant Policies		
<b>Biodiversity in Shaftesbury will be improved by increasing opportunities for nature to thrive in and around the town. Particularly at all public assets owned or managed by Shaftesbury Town Council, including those it works in partnership with Dorset Council and the education authorities, and by the implementation of its 2023 Biodiversity Checklist (see Appendix B). See also Land Management (below).</b>				
	<p>ENSURE biodiversity loss is improved by protecting and enhancing the quality and extent of the natural environment in Shaftesbury by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>managing council assets (including public rights of way and verges) to protect and increase biodiversity</li> <li>supporting the conservation of trees, hedgerows, springs, ponds, and streams habitats</li> <li>protecting existing hedgerows and creating new hedgerows including ensuring that hedging takes precedence over fencing as more wildlife friendly (see <i>Open Spaces Master Plan, Appendix E</i>)</li> <li>ensuring plants in beds, borders and planters are pollinator friendly and have been sourced locally and grown organically (without artificial fertiliser).</li> </ul>			






























Stage of Development	Biodiversity improvement/amelioration <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increasing tree cover</li> <li>• collaborating with <b>Shaftesbury Tree Group</b> on the commitment to a 5-year Shaftesbury Tree Plan (2020–25) (see <i>Appendix C</i>).</li> <li>• ensuring the support and maintenance of healthy soils by causing as little soil disturbance as possible.</li> <li>• collecting rainwater in rain butts to lessen flooding and for watering plants and trees.</li> </ul>			
<b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b>				
	Increasing tree cover-on STC-owned land.			
	Collaborating with Shaftesbury Tree Group on the commitment to a five-year Shaftesbury Tree Plan (2020-25) (see <i>Appendix E</i> ).			
	Purchasing plants from organic nurseries and organically made compost only, but preferably making its own; using homemade compost/mulching instead of bought-in fertilizers promoting seed and plant swapping, and exchange of cuttings.			
	Promoting community rewilding initiatives, such as Sustainable Shaftesbury’s <i>Let’s Go Wild</i> project.			
	Enhancing the STC <i>Wildflower Policy</i> adopted in 2021.			
	Developing <i>Open Spaces Management Plans</i> for all STC owned land.			
















Stage of Development	Land Management including allotments, parks and open spaces	Relevant Policies		
<p>Sustainable land management will be achieved by adopting an evolving policy to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change on land in the town through a variety of measures selected for maximum ecological and environmental efficacy based on a comprehensive land mapping exercise for all areas within the town's settlement boundary. See also <i>Biodiversity</i> (above) and <i>Housing &amp; Commercial Development</i> (below).</p>				
	<p>ENSURE each park and open space has its own management plan with zones marking out cultivated lawn/play areas and those dedicated as more natural.</p> <p>INCLUDE at least a 1–2m uncut 'wilding' strip around the perimeters of all parks, recreation areas, sports fields, cemeteries and churchyards for wildflowers to establish and encourage pollinators.</p>			
	<p>MANAGE all green/open spaces and scheduled monuments to increase biodiversity and mitigate any adverse public impact on wildlife, especially in Bury Litton, Brionne Gardens, St James Park, Queen Mother's Garden, Grosvenor Road bank, Gold Hill Wall, Castle Hill Green, Castle Hill, Wincombe recreation ground, Cockram's, and Trinity churchyard.</p>			
	<p>PROMOTE and create 'green corridors' linking all public open spaces, parks, footpaths, play areas, sports and recreation grounds, allotments, cemeteries, churchyards (such as Trinity churchyard) to facilitate</p>			
	<p>PROMOTE and encourage the use and maintenance of footpaths and rights of way such as the White Hart Link, Hardy Way, Ox Drove Trail etc.</p>			
	<p>PUBLISH an <b>Allotments Policy</b> to assist allotment holders to optimise biodiversity on their land with advice on best practice in composting, growing organically, minimising chemical use, planting schemes that benefit pollinators, use of water, and good soil management (see <i>Appendix D</i>).</p>			
	<p>Collaborate with <b>Dorset Council</b> to ENSURE no tree is felled or hedge removed in gardens or agricultural settings without good ecological reason and never without permission.</p> <p>Continue SUPPORT to those planting trees and organised groups carrying out such work, particularly <b>Shaftesbury Tree Group</b> and <b>Planet Shaftesbury</b>.</p>			
	<p>ACHIEVE Green Flag status for the towns parks and gardens.</p>			










Stage of Development	Land Management <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
	<p>SEEK to restore any land degraded or made sterile in the town, but particularly land the Town Council is responsible for, as well as seeking to influence the restoration of land for which it isn't responsible, including farmland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the planting of new hedgerows (<i>see Open Spaces Master Plan</i>)</li> <li>ensuring plants in beds, borders and planters are pollinator friendly.</li> <li>supporting the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds, and streams habitats.</li> <li>increasing tree cover (such as collaborating with <b>Shaftesbury Tree Group</b> in its commitment to a 5-year Tree Plan 2020–25 for shelter, shade and habitat protection as well as climate change mitigation. <i>See Appendix C</i>).</li> <li>collecting rainwater in rain butts to lessen flooding and for watering plants and trees.</li> <li>managing Council assets including public rights of way and verges to protect and increase biodiversity.</li> </ul>			
	<p>IMPLEMENT a land mapping exercise for Shaftesbury and the surrounding area to detail land use, area, ownership and other key information with the potential to identify opportunities and trade-offs for energy, nature, food, connectivity and other uses.</p>			
	<p>MAXIMISE fire safety standards by banning all barbecues, fireworks, litter and the release of balloons/sky lanterns from council land and events unless officially authorised or permitted on special occasions. Private garden and allotments bonfires to be limited by regulations for frequency and the right weather and wind conditions.</p>			
	<p>REVISE plans for natural area maintenance and planting programmes as part of a parish-wide <b>Environmental Improvement Project</b> to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>brambles and fallen trees left in dedicated zones to promote the natural environment and for invertebrates</li> <li>public paths cleared to maximum of 1m either side</li> <li>zones designated to allow wildflowers to flourish with meadow areas mown with paths to lessen impact from dogs.</li> </ul>			












Stage of Development	Land Management <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
	STC and <b>Dorset Highways</b> collaborate to ensure that mowing of roadside verges in Shaftesbury does not exceed 1m from the roadside edge <i>unless and only</i> for reasons of road safety and/or to improve visibility.			
	BAN the use of herbicides and pesticides, and specifically glyphosate, on any STC-controlled land subject to exceptional circumstances demanding it as a 'last resort'. <i>See Annex 2.</i>			
<b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b>				
	All of the above involves principal town council action in collaboration with <b>Dorset Council</b> .			

















Stage of Development	Food Consumption and Production	Relevant Policies		
<b>Sustainable food consumption and production will be promoted by supporting all locally grown food, agro-ecology and sustainable diet initiatives together with a policy of zero waste for food. STC will particularly support all local producers of sustainable food.</b>				
	PROMOTE support for community growing initiatives such as <b>Shaftesbury Home Grown, The Donkey Field Community Orchard</b> and <b>The Orchard in the Park</b> , including volunteering opportunities by working with <b>Planet Shaftesbury</b> to publish an online register of outlets, including websites, locations, partners and available supply. See also <a href="http://www.sustainablefoodplaces.org">www.sustainablefoodplaces.org</a> .			
	DEVELOP a 'Good Food Growing Guide' for local growers, horticulturalists and regenerative farmers following advice from such as the <a href="#">Nature Friendly Farming Network</a> (NFFN), <a href="#">The Soil Association</a> and <a href="#">Sustain</a> .			
	SUPPORT <b>Shaftesbury Community Fridge</b> and other food bank initiatives wherever and whenever the need arises.			

Stage of Development	Food Consumption and Production <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
	Support the PROMOTION of plant-based diets and ‘less and better meat’ to reduce the overall consumption of industrial meat products.			
	Support the FURTHER DEVELOPMENT of partnerships with local schools to deliver speakers and workshops on sustainable diets, sustainable food production and purchasing.			
	USE its influence to support the procurement of healthy and sustainable diets/foods both for the Town Council and within local schools and businesses.			
	SUPPORT the promotion of advice on sustainable diets, including guidance on food preparation and cooking, alongside broader health initiatives such as the <b>Shaftesbury Wellness Programme</b> in partnership with groups such as the <b>Blackmore Vale Partnership and Planet Shaftesbury</b> . See also <b>Sustainable Dorset’s Green Living Project</b> and free guide: <a href="https://greenliving.sustainabledorset.org">greenliving.sustainabledorset.org</a> .			
	SUPPORT and PARTICIPATE in the emerging <b>Dorset-wide Food Partnership</b> to influence and support its development in taking a whole food systems approach.			
<b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b>				
	Avoiding food waste at council events and meetings and promoting practical ways to address food waste.			
	Promotion of the allotment giving scheme in collaboration with Open House.			
	Support the Community Larder.			




























Stage of Development	Housing and Commercial Development	Relevant Policies		
<p>Sustainability in housing and commercial development will be achieved by working closely with developers, builders and Dorset Council as the local planning authority (LPA). Ensure that everyone meets the very latest and highest standards of sustainability and energy conservation in construction as well as protection for the local ecology and environment, including strict adherence to the net biodiversity gain ruling.</p>				
	<p>COLLABORATE with <b>Dorset Council</b> to SUPPORT the '12 living systems framework' for sustainable community planning and design, applicable to both the local and regional landscape. This means meeting the following conditions before any development takes place (see <i>Annex 3</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifying and retaining a 'baseline ecology' for Shaftesbury with computer-based land mapping Geographic Information System (GIS) technology such as free access Qgis (<i>Note: Dorset Council already uses such a system that may be used by town and parish councils on request</i>).</li> <li>identifying the relationship between this ecology and the wider ecosystem, especially for water, air, soil and energy co-dependency</li> <li>rejecting all destructive, destabilising construction technologies (e.g. RAAC) in favour of regenerative and sustainable substitutes</li> <li>prioritising social structures and cultures in planning that perpetuate sustainable values and ethical behaviours.</li> </ul>			
	<p>COLLABORATE with <b>Dorset Council</b> to FAVOUR planning applications only where the applicant can positively demonstrate not only good design, effective insulation and energy conservation as integral components of the application but also biodiversity net gain (i.e. biodiverse land use that takes account of below ground conditions as well as those above ground), the quality of indoor as well as outdoor space, and acceptable development density. These conditions must apply as much to commercial premises applications as residential housing. Full support will always be subject to other planning considerations.</p>			
	<p>COLLABORATE and ADVOCATE the recycling of building demolition materials in building works, particularly of heritage materials such as greenstone, brick and wood, in the furtherance of a circular economy (see also <i>Circular Economy</i>, below).</p>			
	<p>WORK with <b>Dorset Council's</b> Conservation Team to enable a quicker pathway for listed buildings and/or conservation area properties to install PV panels/tiles.</p>			










Stage of Development	Housing and Commercial Development <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
	ENCOURAGE full public participation and consultation in all development including the provision of information on the methods and costs involved in retrofitting and decarbonising all buildings (see			
<p><b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b></p>				
	Allowing only non-fossil fuel produced steel (e.g. steel beams) to be used in any of its building work.			
	Promote events, such as Open Homes, that allow people to view sustainable properties and get information about what adaptations can be made to homes to improve energy efficiency.			

















Stage of Development	Waste Reduction and Management	Relevant Policies		
<p><b>Sustainable waste management will be achieved by keeping waste in Shaftesbury to a minimum, by preventing, reusing, recycling and/or recovering waste. See also <i>Circular Economy</i>, below.</b></p>				
	ENSURE ALL waste is sorted, stored and disposed of properly by working in partnership with <b>Dorset Council Waste Services</b> and <b>Hilltop Litter Pickers</b> in a regular ‘litter-free Shaftesbury’ campaign.			
	ENSURE composting facilities are in use at relevant amenities including allotments and cemeteries.			
<p><b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b></p>				
	Introducing segregated bins for food waste, recycling and other waste in line with any emerging <b>Dorset Council</b> policy.			













Stage of Development	Waste Reduction and Management	Relevant Policies		
	Reducing printing and increasing digital communications			
	Observing its duty of care in relation to waste contracts			
	Encouraging councillors to 'opt-in' to receive paper documents			
	Using recycled or compostable products on council premises and at events.			








Stage of Development	Circular Economy	Relevant Policies		
<p>A sustainable 'circular economy' – an economy which is self-supporting by reusing and recycling as much as possible within a community – will be achieved by supporting and promoting whatever enterprises, projects or plans best support the principles of regenerative economics and also to allow nature and the local ecology to thrive.</p>				
	SET UP a community climate resource space in the town centre (High Street/Bell Street, e.g. 8 Bell St) with energy resources, advice sessions, repair café, clothes swap, library of things, 'mindful' mending workshops etc similar to <b>Weymouth Climate Hub</b> ( <a href="http://www.weymouthclimatehub.com">www.weymouthclimatehub.com</a> ).			
	WORK with <b>Shaftesbury &amp; District Chamber of Commerce</b> to identify other town-centre outlets ready and able to offer sustainable facilities to residents and visitors promoting environmental resilience and the circular economy.			







Stage of Development	Circular Economy	Relevant Policies		
<b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b>				
	Undertaking an audit of the materials and services used by the Council.			
	Ensuring all councillors and staff undertake carbon literacy training and track the Council’s carbon footprint over time.			
	Ensuring that procurement of goods and services are weighted appropriately to encourage local suppliers.			
	Revising STC procurement policies to support sustainable diets and sustainable land use/food production.			
	Promoting and encouraging the use of local suppliers in procurement policies.			
	Pursuing a policy of responsible and sustainable procurement by sourcing materials and services locally (so long as value for money and quality needs are met).			
	Ensuring that catering produce is sourced from local, organic, Fair Trade (or other recognised certification schemes) where possible.			
	Ensuring that timber, or similar products, used by the council will be from certified sustainable (i.e. Forest Stewardship Council or FSC) sources where possible.			
	Ensuring that consumables used on Council premises are eco-friendly.			

Stage of Development	Circular Economy <i>continued</i>	Relevant Policies		
	Operating a ban on single-use plastic (SUP) across STC activities.			
	Working towards being paperless			
	Promoting and supporting modern work practices such as remote working to staff and councillors.			

Stage of Development	Water Management	Relevant Policies		
Sustainable water management in Shaftesbury will be achieved by promoting responsible water and drought management and conservation through natural solutions to reduce/re-use surface water-run in the town and monitoring the state of local ponds, springs, rivers and streams.				
	Work with <b>Dorset Council</b> to ADVOCATE the capture and use of rainwater and the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes (SUDS) within all new developments including retrofitting SUDS in existing developments where feasible.			
	PROMOTE the introduction of water butts in gardens and public places to collect rainwater and provide drinking/bathing water for wildlife.			
	SUPPORT for volunteers monitoring the state of all ponds, springs, rivers and streams in the town and surrounding area, including Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes (SUDS) in the new development areas to the north and east of Shaftesbury.			
	ADVOCATE permeable hard surfacing is used instead of non-permeable finishes such as tarmac and concrete for all public areas (e.g. Park Walk) and private settings.			

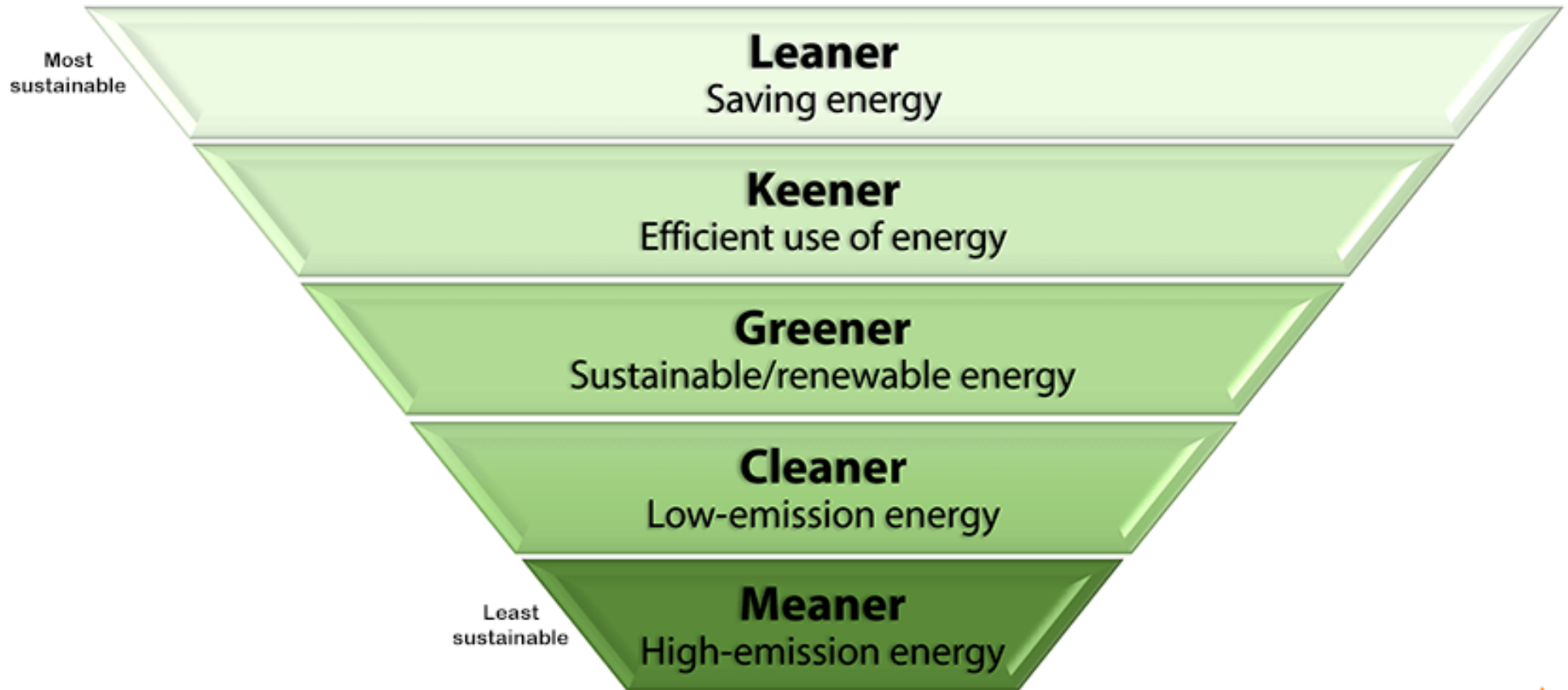
Stage of Development	Water Management	Relevant Policies		
<b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b>				
	Ensuring water efficiency on its premises, including using water butts as a non-drinking water source.			
	Ensuring its staff are aware of which materials can be disposed of as waste water.			
	Installing a free refill water point outside the town hall.			

Stage of Development	Air Quality	Relevant Policies		
<b>Air quality in Shaftesbury is relatively good but this will be maintained by regular monitoring to ensure it meets the highest standards of cleanliness and safety imposed by the UK's Environment Agency.</b>				
	Collaborate with Dorset Council to ENSURE micro-climate conditions affecting air quality, solar radiation and wind are taken into account at the planning stage in all development applications ( <i>see also 'Housing and Commercial Development.'</i> ).			
	REGULARLY MONITOR the air pollution levels for quality and to minimise, and where possible, eliminate the release of pollutants that cause damage to health and the environment. Consideration will be given to closing the High Street to non-essential vehicles to reduce pollution for pedestrians.			
	IDENTIFY, ADOPT AND PROMOTE technologies to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases within our properties and the wider community.			

Stage of Development	Air Quality	Relevant Policies		
	ADVISE drivers, especially of diesel-driven coaches, buses, vans and HGVs, not to leave engines running on idle while waiting anywhere within the town.			
<b>What the Town Council is doing internally</b>				
	Minimising, and preventing pollution from light, noise, solids, liquids and chemicals where possible.			

ANNEX 1

The 'Energy Hierarchy'



## Pesticide/Herbicide Use in Shaftesbury

HERBICIDES and pesticides, and specifically including glyphosate, are not to be used on any STC-controlled land, unless exceptional circumstances demand it as a 'last resort'.

The exceptional circumstances are solely and only:

- Where no viable alternatives exist for the control of non-native invasive plant species specifically listed in S9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, notably Japanese Knotweed, and
- Where no viable alternatives exist for the control of invasive plant species on historic structures and scheduled monuments, such as Valerian.

'No viable alternatives' will be defined and assessed by STC in consultation with **Sustainable Shaftesbury Group** and relevant experts on a case-by-case basis adhering to strict criteria relating to efficacy, safety and cost.

STC will establish a **register of invasive species** with their precise location and extent and **draw up a method statement and permissive protocol** for each of these species and locations. These will be followed without variation by all contractors and/or sub-contractors. STC will provide for all contractors a **pre-start toolbox talk, an identification guide for the specific species to be targeted and methods permitted** (including to prevent drift to non-target species). STC will ensure this protocol/method statement is strictly monitored and firmly enforced.

*Until such a time that these procedures/ protocols are in place, no glyphosate will be used on any council-controlled land.*

## 'The 'Living Systems' concept of planning and development on land, air and water\*

The *Living Systems* concept recognises the interdependence of human activities and ecosystem (natural) functions acting on the land, air and water, and comprises 12 major systems:

1. Landscape ecology & biodiversity
2. Culture, educational & community values
3. Land-use planning, site planning, built form & open space design
4. Transport & circulation
5. Sustainable food
6. Water supply, use & conservation
7. Wastewater treatment
8. Stormwater management
9. Energy supply, use & conservation
10. Processed materials flow & recycling
11. Regenerative industry & economy
12. Recreation

Ref: 'Gray World, Green Heart: Technology, Nature, and the Sustainable Landscape' by Robert L Thayer, John Wiley & Sons, USA, 1994.

*\*From 'Housing and Commercial Development' p11–12*