

## **Response to the letter from the Leader of Derby City Council**

**From:** Jones, Hilary

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**To:** 'Peter Robinson'

**Cc:** Jennings, Harvey; Williamson, Chris; Care, Lucy; Bob Troup

**Subject:** RE: Derby City Council and the 10:10 Climate Change campaign

Dear Peter and Keith

Thank you for your recent letter asking about the Council's position in relation to the 10% in 2010 campaign.

Whilst it is true that the Council has not signed up to this campaign this does not mean that the Council is not fully committed to making significant carbon emission savings.

The reason that we feel we cannot sign up to a 10% cut next year is because we do not have sufficient projects lined up ready to deliver savings of this magnitude within or before the start of the year. Our existing programmes, not only seeking to reduce our own carbon emissions but also working with both other public sector bodies and the private sector as well as supporting domestic energy efficiency and tackling fuel poverty, will continue.

We are in the process of preparing a five-year plan which will demonstrate a range of initiatives and projects to achieve significant carbon emission reductions and expect to publish this as part of our wider climate change strategy later this year.

The very real and complex challenge is to find ways of making significant cuts in energy consumption without adversely affecting service delivery.

As part of the way forward we have recently restructured our energy and climate change teams bringing them together in a single unit enabling them to focus more efficiently on the various tasks and challenges.

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