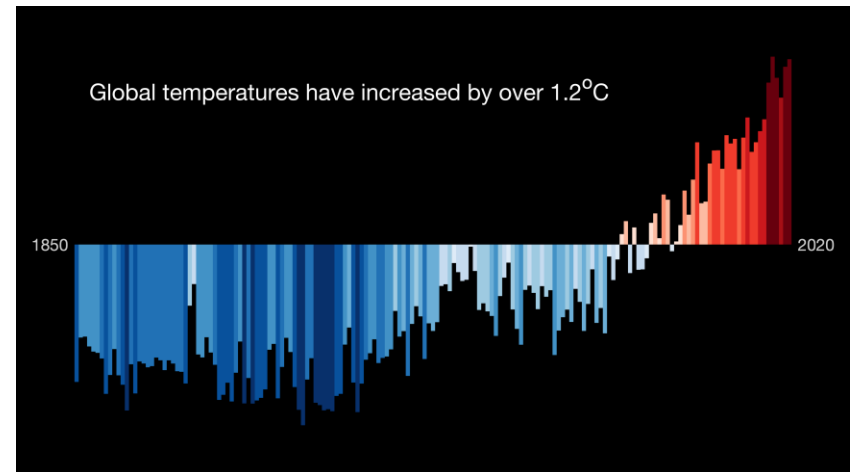
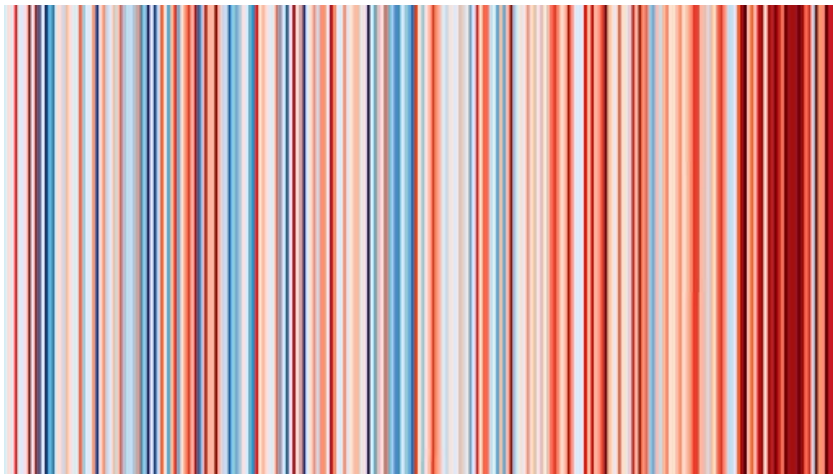




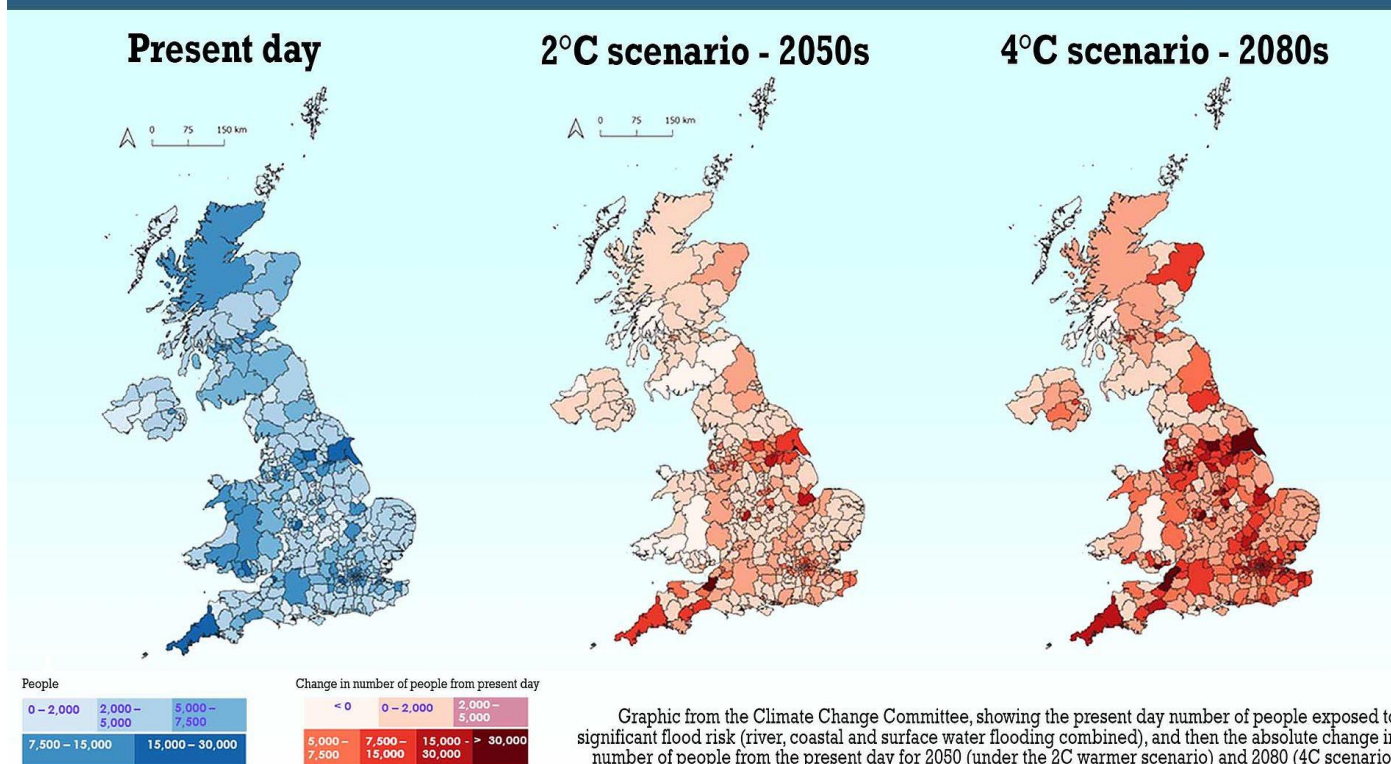
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# Global picture



# National picture

## HOW MANY PEOPLE FACE FLOOD RISK NOW - OR COULD DO IN THE FUTURE?

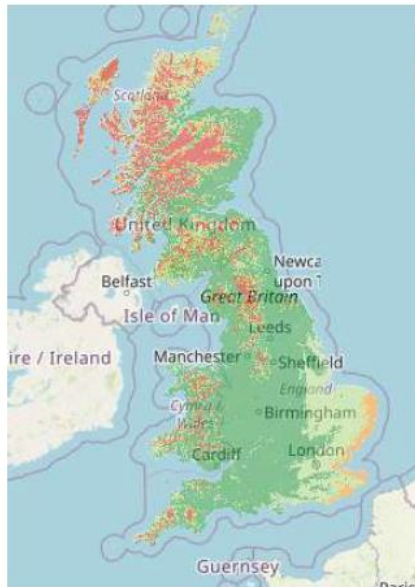


# East of England

We could lose beech woods

Areas projected to become unsuitable for beech

Today



2050



Unsuitable  
Marginal  
Suitable  
Very suitable

Forest Research Decision Support Tools Portal v2.0 ([forestdss.org.uk](http://forestdss.org.uk))





# The Hertfordshire view



# What does Sustainable Hertfordshire mean?

# 1987 **Brundtland** report 'Our Common Future'

The definition of Sustainable Development:

'development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'.

## Thinking **Beyond Today**

# Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015
- Shared blueprint for sustainable development to ensure peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future
- 17 SDGs - global partnership & urgent call to action for all countries
- Recognise to tackle climate change we must end poverty and other deprivations with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth





# HCC Journey so far

- ❖ July 2019 – County Council declares a Climate Emergency
- ❖ Mar 2020: Sustainable Hertfordshire Strategy approved
- ❖ Mar - Aug 2020: Sustainable Hertfordshire Action Plan prepared
- ❖ Nov - Dec: Action Plan presented at panels
- ❖ Dec 2020: Sustainable Hertfordshire Action Plan approved
- ❖ February 2021: Sustainable Hertfordshire Central Fund
- ❖ February 2022: Additional resources secured

# Our strategy

- Lead

- To be a leader in our operations:

- How we manage our estate
    - How we manage our land
    - How we manage our energy use
    - How staff travel

- Enable

- To enable a sustainable county with our policies and programmes:

- Effective, safe, low carbon transport networks
    - Planning policies
    - Waste disposal practices

- Inspire

- To inspire businesses and residents to act and thrive:

- Helping residents lead more sustainable lives
    - Working with our partners to act together to establish a culture of sustainability in Hertfordshire

# Our strategy - 9 ambitions

1

To be a  
**carbon neutral**  
in our own operations  
by 2030

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2

Our operations and  
services are ready for  
**future climates**

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3

**Improve nature**  
on our own land by 20% by  
2030

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4

Reduce what we  
**throw away**  
Send nothing to landfill  
by 2030

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5

**Net zero**  
**greenhouse**  
county by 2050

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6

Our communities are  
ready for  
**future climates**

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7

**Improve wildlife**  
in our land and water by  
20% by 2050

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8

**Clean air**  
for all by 2030

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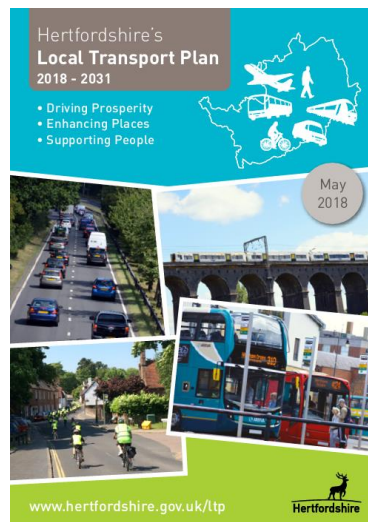
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Increase  
**resource**  
**efficiency**  
threefold in Hertfordshire

# Scope of the Strategy

- ☐ Adult Care Services
- ☐ Children's Services
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Community Protection
- ☐ Highways & Environment
- ☐ Sustainable Growth
- ☐ Resources – Property

# Building on strong foundations



## Air Quality Strategy





# Relevance to RoW?

- Online meetings & going paperless
- Pool car/bikes
- Procurement – goods and services
- Active Travel – legibility
- Hedgerows – RoW, wild flowers, biodiversity corridors
- Policies – Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Planning – Applications and Local Plans

# Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership



# Action Plans Prepared & Approved



- ❖ Water
- ❖ Biodiversity
- ❖ Carbon
- ❖ Transport
- ❖ Adaptation
- ❖ Behaviour Change

# Key messages:

- ✓ Knowledge is power
- ✓ It's good to talk
- ✓ No one is too small to make a difference

# thank you