



Statement on Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency

On 1st May 2019, the UK Parliament declared an Environment and Climate Change Emergency. In the following month, the Climate Change Act was amended to commit the UK government to a net zero emissions target by 2050. In response, the built environment professional bodies in membership of the Construction Industry Council that are signatories to this statement:

- recognise that the breakdown in global climate and biodiversity is the most serious issue of our time and that the built environment is a major contributor, accounting for almost 40%¹ of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions whilst also having a significant impact on our natural habitats;
- agree that there is an urgent need for coordinated action to address and mitigate the impact of the built environment on both the climate change and biodiversity 'emergencies';
- agree the need to ensure that our built and natural environments have increased resilience and are capable of adapting to the future climate;
- commit to a fundamental change in thinking, behaviour and policy by working individually and together, to drive programmes of change within and across our professions; and
- support the establishment of a Climate Change Panel, formed from leaders within each profession and convened by CIC, to aid collaboration and shared endeavour between the professional bodies

The signatory professional bodies will publish and implement climate change and biodiversity action plans relevant to their own discipline, membership and organisation; and working together, bilaterally and through the CIC, they will:

1. raise awareness and knowledge of the climate and biodiversity 'emergencies' and the urgent need for action, particularly through members' sharing knowledge and research;
2. form a panel that will develop and regularly review actions and a CIC Action Plan that recommends how best the built environment professions working together can:
 - drive a net zero carbon emissions pathway;
 - identify and promote examples of best practice carbon reduction, climate resilience, biodiversity protection and improvement;

¹ The Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction, in partnership with UN Environment and the International Energy Agency released the 2018 Global Status Report – Towards a Zero-Emission, Efficient and Resilient Buildings and Construction Sector
www.worldgbc.org/news-media/2018-global-status-report-towards-zero-emission-efficient-and-resilient-buildings-and

- encourage thought leadership and innovation to bring about change;
 - share best practice in terms of education accreditation, membership qualification and CPD development;
 - provide advice and guidance on all matters relating to the mitigation of the climate change and biodiversity 'emergencies' and the appropriate adaptation of the built and natural environment, including:
 - new regulatory and policy approaches;
 - embedding the mitigation and adaptation of climate change and the protection and improvement of biodiversity into:
 - industry standards;
 - the accreditation of education;
 - requirements of professional membership; and
 - Continuing Professional Development (CPD);
 - what constitutes best practice;
 - advocacy; and
 - report regularly to all members of CIC on these recommendations and actions.
3. Oversee actions (and an action plan) that is recommended by the Climate Change Panel.

On behalf of members and with the advice of the Climate Change Panel, CIC will:

1. support and provide co-ordination and information exchange for the climate change and biodiversity action plans and activities of individual CIC member organisations;
2. work with the professional bodies to develop partnerships with governments, the Committee on Climate Change, the Construction Leadership Council and other governmental and non-governmental organisations in pursuit of these objectives; and
3. communicate activities both internally and externally, including through the publication of a regular Climate Change and Biodiversity Digest.

Agreed and signed on behalf of the following organisations:

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	Construction Industry Council	
	Association for Project Management	
	Association for Project Safety	
	British Approvals for Fire Equipment	
	British Institute of Interior Design	
	Building Services Research & Information Association	
	Chartered Association of Building Engineers	
	Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists	
	Chartered Institute of Building	

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 <p>CIPS Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply</p>	Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply	
 <p>chartered ICS</p>	Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors	
 <p>CIBSE</p>	Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers	
 <p>CIHT Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation</p>	Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation	
 <p>CIPHE Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering</p>	Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering	
 <p>ciria</p>	Construction Industry Research and Innovation Association	
 <p>ICWCI Founded 1882</p>	Institute of Clerks of Works and Construction Inspectors	
 <p>IET The Institution of Engineering and Technology</p>	Institute of Engineering Technology	
 <p>iwfm Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management</p>	Institute of Works and Facilities Management	
 <p>The Institution of Structural Engineers</p>	Institution of Structural Engineers	

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	International Institute of Risk and Safety Management	
	Landscape Institute	
	Local Authority Building Control	
	National House Building Council	
	Royal Institute of British Architects	
	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors	
	Royal Town Planning Institute	
	The Edge	
	UK Green Building Council	
	University College of Estate Management	