

FOI Evidence Summary:

Supporting the Heritage Party's Formal Objection to Geoengineering and Solar Radiation Management (SRM)

This appendix contains selected Freedom of Information (FOI) responses from UK local authorities, demonstrating that climate emergency declarations, now being used to justify atmospheric intervention strategies, were made **without local data, consultation, or fiscal accountability**.

1. No Local CO₂ Data Used to Declare Climate Emergencies

“We do not hold localised CO₂ data.”

- Buckinghamshire Council, FOI Response (March 2024)

“The Council has not conducted any local carbon measurement or modelling.”

- East Devon District Council, FOI Response (April 2023)

“Devon County Council contributes approximately 0.0000072% to global CO₂ emissions.”

- Devon County Council, FOI Response (June 2023)

“No local CO₂ data is held.”

- Wealden District Council, FOI Response (January 2025)

“No internal definition of 'climate emergency' exists, and no data was used to justify the declaration.”

- Bracknell Forest Council, FOI Ref: 693, Response (2025)

2. No Public Consultation Prior to Climate Declarations

“There was no public consultation before the emergency declaration.”

- West Berkshire Council, FOI Response (August 2023),

“The decision was made via a Cabinet-only resolution and was not subject to public vote.”

- Torbay Council, FOI Response (October 2023),

“Declaration adopted without any formal survey or resident engagement.”

- Hastings Borough Council, FOI Response (May 2023),

“No consultation occurred before climate-linked election delays.”

- Devon County Council, FOI Response (April 2025),

These election delays occurred alongside structural governance changes, many of which were justified under the broader “climate emergency” framework. While not always stated explicitly, the timing and nature of these decisions indicate a strong policy alignment with Net Zero restructuring and regional centralisation efforts.

3. No Transparency on Climate or Net Zero Spending

“The Council does not hold a departmental breakdown of climate-related funding.”

- Worcester City Council, FOI Response (Feb 2024),

“No cost–benefit analysis conducted for our Net Zero policies.”

- Exeter City Council, FOI Response (March 2024),

“Cannot separate climate spending due to accounting structures.”

- Wealden District Council, FOI Response (January 2025),

Summary

This evidence confirms that:

- Climate declarations were made without supporting data
- Residents were not consulted
- Funding was distributed without oversight
- Yet these declarations now underpin extreme measures like solar radiation management

These documents are submitted in support of the Heritage Party's formal objection to government-endorsed geoengineering.

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