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**BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD
WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

Agenda Item No.8

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Councillor Toby Sturgis
Wiltshire Council
Trowbridge

8th January 2010

Dear Councillor Sturgis,

Thank you for coming to the launch of the Bradford on Avon Carbon Neutral Declaration last month, and for signing to show your support in taking this forward. As you know, we have also been working closely with Wiltshire Council to submit an application to the DECC Low Carbon Communities Challenge. We are very grateful for support from officers throughout the Council in developing this, with particular thanks to Graham Harris (Bidding Unit) and Ariane and her team.

As part of work to develop the bid, we explored a number of possibilities for joint work with Wiltshire Council. Whether or not we are successful with the bid, we would be very interested in taking these forward with you and piloting approaches which might be rolled out countywide. Since you are attending the next Bradford on Avon Community Area Board meeting on 21st January, I wonder whether you might be able to take the opportunity to briefly outline Council plans in this area for 2010-2011?

The following areas are of particular interest for Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon:

- Work with the Chamber of Commerce to support low carbon business development.
- Energy audits and action plans for all schools and Council owned property in the area.
- Development of a community waste reduction baseline and action plan.
- Development of a green infrastructure map, consultation and action plan.
- Development of a low carbon transport infrastructure and resources to develop better walking and cycling facilities.

All of these would link in with existing aspects of our work, and have considerable potential for joint action by community and Council working closely together.



Yours sincerely,

Richard Craft (Chairman, Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon)