

Matter 1: Procedural/legal requirements

Climate Change

Q.9 Are the policies of the Plan designed to secure that the development and use of land contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change in accordance with Section 19(1A) of the 2004 Act?

Policy NE4 provides a key mechanism for adapting to climate change, in accordance with Section 19(1A) of the 2004 Act. The policy supports the resilience of the district's ecological networks through safeguarding and enhancing major strategic wildlife corridors that connect Chichester and Pagham Harbours with the South Downs National Park, allowing species to adapt and move through the landscape. Policy NE4 is also in accordance with national policy, particularly paragraphs 158, 181 and 185(a) of the NPPF (2023). The overall effectiveness and deliverability of Policy NE4 is therefore an important consideration in the Plan's overall contribution to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.