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to Councillor Tony Smith
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Dear Mr Mayor

We would be grateful for your assistance in arranging an extraordinary meeting of the Council at 5.30 p.m. on 15 July.

We wish to call on Government to recognise that the world is facing a climate emergency and redouble its efforts to protect future generations from what the United Nations secretary general called a 'direct, existential threat'.

We recognise the efforts already developed locally to protect our environment by reducing our carbon footprint and congratulate those residents and organisations from our borough who won awards at the recent Liverpool City Region Environment Awards.

However, in this Liverpool City Region Year of the Environment, it is clear more needs to be done to avert what scientists are now calling an environmental catastrophe. Global temperatures are rising and millions of species are threatened with extinction, many of which are essential for human existence.

We wish to use this extraordinary council meeting in July to call for an Environment and Climate Emergency to be declared in Wirral. This declaration will include calling on Government to show leadership and do more on this agenda, but also be clear that Wirral Council is committed to playing its part.

Subject to securing cross-party support, we will immediately start work on creating our Climate Emergency action plan, including investment in electric car charging points, energy efficient lighting and power across public estates and many other measures to reduce our carbon footprint.

Yours sincerely,