

Appendix A
Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of
the Climate and Environment Panel of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Climate and Environment Panel on 20 November 2024 concerning the High-level challenges and constraints impacting on the deliverability of solar opportunities at Council car parks. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

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Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1) That Officers update the report to include a comprehensive list of Council-owned car parks that are large enough to meet the viability requirements for the solar canopy scheme.	Yes	List of car parks that are likely to meet viability requirements added as an addendum.
2) That Cabinet proceeds with the feasibility assessment by engaging with the Greater South East Net Zero Hub, focusing on exploring other viable uses for car parks, including potential revenue-generating opportunities, to ensure the most effective and sustainable.	Yes	It is proposed the Environmental Sustainability Team engages with the Greater South East Net Zero Hub to explore routes and grant opportunities to support a detailed pre-feasibility study for the Council's car parks. The potential solar opportunities the car parks provide, perhaps most likely associated with the progressive rollout of installation of electric vehicle chargers, will need to be set against alternative options and potential uses for these sites.
3) That Cabinet pursues engagement with the County Council to explore the potential for joint schemes for car parks owned by Oxfordshire County Council but managed by Oxford City Council; efforts should be made to influence and advocate for collaborative projects that maximise opportunities and ensure alignment with sustainability objectives.	Yes	Oxfordshire County Council are looking into the potential of their car parks in terms of solar, they are further into their investigations e.g., at the stage of putting Business Cases together. The City Council Environmental Sustainability team will engage with County officers to understand project scoping findings and assess opportunities for collaboration. At the very least there is the opportunity to share learnings and knowledge.

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