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**Your request:**

Dear Committee on Climate Change,

Reference: [link redacted]

At the reference address you will find a response to an FOIR I originally submitted to Hampshire County Council (HCC). My request was for the rationale for HCC's declaration in June 2019 of a 'Climate Change Emergency' and their statement that the "biggest threat to our environment and way of life is climate change".

HCC's response stated that the emergency in the county was solely based on "advice and guidance directly from National Government and other globally recognised experts like the Committee on Climate Change". Given that the CC is identified by HCC as the source of their advice and guidance, alongside "National Government", I am writing to request this information from your organisation.

Given that an emergency is widely defined as "serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action", please provide the evidence provided by the CCC, directly or indirectly, to HCC underpinning the latter's contention that an emergency arose in June 2019 in the county of Hampshire, directly resulting from long-term changes in the pattern of weather (i.e. Climate).

Yours faithfully,

[name redacted]

**Our response:**

Thank you for your request. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) rather than the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) as it relates to measures affecting or likely to affect or protect the elements of the environment. Please find our response below.

We do not know which information specifically Hampshire County Council (HCC) used as evidence in their decision. However, all the information we publish on climate change which is available to local governments, such as HCC, is also available to the public.

You can access all of our publications on the Climate Change Committee website, on our publications webpage: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publications/>

We also publish information about climate change risk on the UK Climate Risk website: <https://www.ukclimaterisk.org/>

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Kind regards,

Climate Change Committee