

Proposal to Support a Community Screening of the National Emergency Briefing

Background The *National Emergency Briefing* has been developed as a public information initiative to ensure that communities across the UK have access to a clear and accessible explanation of the challenges associated with climate and nature breakdown, and the opportunities available to respond positively. It has been specifically designed for screening within local communities.

As local councils, we have responsibilities towards the wellbeing of our communities, stewardship of public assets, and support for future generations. Providing residents with an opportunity to view and discuss the film aligns with these responsibilities.

Purpose This proposal seeks the support of Parish Councils in the local area and County and District Councillors for a community screening of the *National Emergency Briefing*, a public information film that aims to provide an accessible overview of the climate and nature crisis facing the UK. The purpose is to encourage community members and groups to develop their own plans to tackle the issues addressed in the film with the support of their Parish Council. <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film>

The intention is not to promote any political position, but to provide residents with an opportunity to engage with an important issue, hear evidence-based information, and encourage constructive discussion about local action and resilience.

Proposal

It is proposed that:

1. Parish Councils across the area work collaboratively to support a local screening of the *National Emergency Briefing*. Current interest from Melbourn, Meldreth & Fowlmere.
2. Local County and District Councillors be invited to host the event.
3. A suitable public venue be secured, accessible to residents from across the area. It is proposed that the Melbourn Community Hub could be approached to run the event.
4. The screening should be followed by a facilitated discussion focusing on:
 - Local impacts and opportunities.
 - Community resilience.
 - Practical actions that residents, organisations and councils can take.
 - Existing local initiatives and partnerships.
5. The event be promoted jointly through council communications, community organisations, schools, businesses and local networks.

Benefits

Supporting a community screening would:

- Increase awareness and understanding of issues that will affect local communities in the years ahead.
- Encourage civic participation and informed discussion.
- Provide residents with an opportunity to ask questions and explore potential local responses.

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- Strengthen collaboration between parish councils, county councillors, community groups and residents.

Requested Support

We ask Parish Councils to:

- Endorse the principle of a community screening.
- Assist with promotion through council communication channels.
- Consider a modest contribution towards venue or event costs where appropriate.
- Encourage councillors to attend and participate.

We ask County and District Councillors to:

- Host, support and help champion the event.
- Assist in securing a suitable venue.
- Host and attend the screening and lead community discussion.
- Encourage wider participation from local stakeholders and partner organisations.

Conclusion

The National Emergency Briefing offers an opportunity for residents, councillors and community organisations to come together, learn, discuss and consider positive local responses to the challenges and opportunities facing our communities. By supporting a collaborative screening event, local councils can help foster informed public engagement and strengthen community resilience for the future.

Consideration

This Council supports the principle of organising a local community screening of the National Emergency Briefing and agrees to work with neighbouring parish councils and county and district councillors to facilitate and promote the event for the benefit of residents.