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[Name]
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Dear [Name],

Shropshire Council Elections 2009

Stretton Climate Care is a registered charity with the aim of reducing carbon emissions in Church Stretton and within an area approximately 5 miles in radius around it. Parts of three electoral Divisions of the new Council fall within our area of operation: Church Stretton and Craven Arms, Corvedale and Burnell.

We are writing to you as a candidate for one of those Divisions to ascertain your views in relation to issues in which we have an interest. The questions below are have been agreed by the Shropshire Environmental Alliance, of which we are a member, and are being sent to all candidates across Shropshire. It is possible, therefore, that you may receive the same enquiry from another group that also exists within the Division in which you are a candidate. If this should happen, please be assured that your answers will be circulated amongst the Alliance's constituent members and there is no need for you to answer the same question more than once!

Stretton Climate Care proposes to advise its members and publish on its web site the views of candidates in relation to these questions. We shall also report if we have received no response. Charities cannot of course express support for any political party or candidate but they can comment on particular aspects that are relevant to their objectives.

Our objectives, as set out in our constitution, state:

"The Charity's objects (the Objects) are for the benefit of the public in the Church Stretton area in Shropshire:

- a) the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment;

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- b) the advancement of education about energy efficiency including the provision and use of energy in ways which reduce or eliminate emissions of carbon dioxide and harmful emissions; and
- c) the relief of fuel poverty by promoting the efficient use of energy among persons who are in necessitous circumstances including people in low income households.”

Our questions are set out on the attached sheet, and we should be grateful to receive your reply as soon as possible and in any case not later than **Friday 29 May 2009**. If you would prefer to reply by email please send your response to info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. Wrench
Vice-Chair
Stretton Climate Care

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Electoral division:

Name of Candidate:

Party or description:

1. How will climate change affect the county of Shropshire and what, in your view, are the urgent actions that the Council needs to take?

2. If elected, will you vote to include climate change issues in the list of the Council's top ten priorities?

3. What further steps should the Council take to raise public awareness and educate people about environmental issues so that they can achieve sustainable lifestyles?

4. What ideas do you have to help people in villages to live, work and stay there so that they are not merely dormitory or commuting satellites?

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