



Winchester
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 January 2020

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 8

From: Councillor Cook

To: The Cabinet Member for Service Quality and Transformation (Cllr Tod)

“Can the Cabinet Member please inform us as how all the Lib Dem Election Literature (in many cases in excess of 20 leaflets being deposited through the door of each household) has been disposed of and do you consider this appropriate behaviour and action given the so called well publicised Emergency Declaration that your Party have widely declared?”

Reply

“I’m sure Councillor Cook will be pleased to know that Winchester Liberal Democrats, wherever possible, work with printers who offer climate neutral printing and climate neutral shipping as well as ensuring that we print on recyclable FSC®-certified paper. We would hope that the Conservative Party could take a similar approach.

Every month the council collects and recycles around 193 tonnes of paper and cardboard – and our estimate is that, on average, each household across the district received less than 200 g of Liberal Democrat literature during the General Election campaign – about the same weight as a single copy of the Hampshire Chronicle. This added around 2% by weight to the amount recycled across the district in November and December.

Given that the Liberal Democrats don’t have tons of newspapers such as the Daily Mail, Daily Express, Sun etc. produced every day in support of our party, we will continue to produce our own printed materials to challenge government and county council complacency on issues such as climate change and make no apology for doing so.”