Dear Cllr [leader of the Council’s surname]

We, [Friends of the Earth local group name/Climate Action group name], are writing to you as leader of [local authority name] to listen to young people and take urgent action on climate change.

On Friday 20th September 2019 young people will lead the largest global protest on climate change in history. Millions of people – young and old - are expected to take part in peaceful protests in over 100 cities and towns in the UK, and across the world. They will be demanding government take emergency action on climate breakdown and build a fairer and greener society.

In the past few months we have seen the damaging effects of climate change with deadly heatwaves, flooding and extreme weather events. Though we are all impacted by climate change, it's often the poorest people in society who have done the least to cause it who feel the sharpest impacts.

And the window of action to avert further climate chaos is closing.

If we act now and invest in climate solutions like renewables, public transport, insulation, and doubling of trees - we can secure green jobs, clean air, warm homes and thriving wildlife for all.

Huge change is possible. Just this year Britain did not use coal to generate electricity for two weeks - the longest period since the 1880s – this is something that would have been unthinkable a few decades ago.

As more and more people wake up to the climate emergency – we will be looking to government at all levels to show leadership and take decisive action. We understand that local authorities are in challenging times after years of austerity and so Friends of the Earth will continue to lobby for far more funding and powers for local authorities to enable more ambitious action on climate change.

However, even in this context, we believe that local authorities must do all they can to cut greenhouse gas emissions and build climate-friendly communities.

Friends of the Earth have produced resources, templates and guides to help local authorities adopt bold local Climate Action Plans that will make a real difference.

Will you commit to working with us, and the community to make [local authority name] a leader on action on climate change?

We look forward to hearing your answer soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Name and role e.g. coordinator] on behalf of [Friends of the Earth local group name/Climate Action group name]

[Include a correspondence address from within the local authority as well as contact details such as a phone number/email]