

**KIRKBYMOORSIDE ENVIRONMENT GROUP**  
Letter of wishes for the new Co-op Store in Kirkbymoorside

We would like to welcome the new Co-op store to Kirkbymoorside, and see this as an opportunity that can benefit all parties: customers, producers, town and the Co-op organisation, if it is done well.

To this end, and in light of the recent government declaration of a Climate emergency, we would back calls from the community for this store to be a flagship for good environmental practice.

There are three parts to this request:

- 1) that the **building** be constructed to the highest environmental standards. This could include:
  - a) the use of less concrete
  - b) the use of recycled materials
  - c) the use of locally sourced materials
  - d) using the roof for generating renewable electricity with solar panels, maybe through working with the local solar co-op group, if incentives change to make this possible.
  - e) Installing either air source or ground source heat pumps
  - f) good insulation and heat exchange systems
  - g) that the fittings prioritise energy saving over increased sales, e.g. doors on fridges and freezers
  - h) that the shop uses smart technology where this will be environmentally advantageous
  - i) that there is 'grey water' collected for toilet flushing etc.
  
- 2) That the co-op shop **engages with the community**, through continuing discussion, and by:
  - a) encouraging local producers to offer good for sale by having smaller tenders available.
  - b) empowering the local store manager to do some local purchasing.
  - c) continuing to host a cash machine
  - d) providing a local information advertising board
  - e) providing Bicycle Racks, plus electric bicycle charging points ( maybe in conjunction with local council)
  - f) providing electric Car charging points, (again with local council)
  - g) working with local 'In bloom' group to make the store look great
  - h) engaging local builders to construct the store and fitting
  - i) engaging with local environment group, WRAP, school, and community groups to do food and healthy eating training and help to minimise waste.
  - j) Use signposting within the store to point out 'most needed' items for food banks
  - k) Use signposting and labelling to show food miles and seasonality.
  - l) Provide a bus shelter/stop on site, working with local council.
  - m) Doing local deliveries with an electric bike.
  - n) Making the isles 'buggy' friendly, for both disabled and customers with small children
  
- 3) That the store commits to **reducing waste** drastically, of goods, packaging and energy, by:
  - a) having unwrapped fruit and veg, including 'wonky veg'
  - b) reducing food waste by making up boxes of fresh fruit and veg, near their sell by date, for reduced prices. Remaining veg to go to soup for food bank?
  - c) reduce packaging altogether.
  - d) all co-op produced plastic waste being recycled by the store, where council facilities do not exist.
  - e) plastic bottle reverse vending machine to be installed
  - f) No single use plastic bags by 2020 in line with E.U. Targets.
  - g) Matching, and where possible, exceeding best practices from other stores
  - h) Reducing the food miles, even if it means reducing customer choice.