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Tønder Kommune



Dear Mayor Jørgen Popp Petersen

In 2016, nations of the world ratified a historic global agreement on climate change – the Paris Agreement – committing to keep global average temperatures within 2°C of pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C. The Agreement also commits to strengthening the ability of countries to deal with the unavoidable impacts of climate change through adaptation.

A requirement of membership of the C40 network is for all cities to have a climate action plan which will deliver action consistent with the ambitions of the Paris Agreement. The plans need to address both the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. But action by C40 cities alone will not avert a climate crisis. All cities and municipalities must act, and fast.

The DK2020 project and the ambition of the Danish municipalities is exactly the level of ambition we need to see replicated by municipalities, cities, and nations everywhere. It has never been more important or more urgent for every level of government to adapt and act. It is our hope that through this programme all of you will provide inspiration to other countries and municipalities to follow the cities from C40 and your lead.

I would, therefore, like to thank you and to congratulate you and your team on this achievement and the development of an ambitious climate action plan, which C40 has assessed as compatible with our Climate Action Planning Framework. Cities and municipalities around the world will be able to look to you and the other Danish municipalities for inspiration.

We look forward to following your work and learning from your experiences as you move towards implementing your climate action plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Watts".

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