Declaration of a climate emergency:

**Date proposed:** Monday 27th May 2019  
**Proposer:** Audrey Plyler  
**Seconded by:** Luke Jenkins, Clare Bissell, and Joseph Myers  
**Date amended and passed by the MCR Committee:** Monday 3rd June 2019

The purpose of this declaration is to raise awareness of the immediacy of climate change and to acknowledge that commitments must be made on an institutional level in order to do our part in mitigating its effects.

**Clare MCR believes:**

1.1 That we are in the middle of a global climate and ecological crisis: species are declining at an unprecedented rate; climate change and extreme weather are leading to severe water scarcity and food insecurity, increasing wars and conflict and leading to the displacement of millions of people;

1.2 That the British state has a particular historical responsibility for creating the climate and ecological crisis;

1.3 That the University of Cambridge, despite being a centre for research on climate science, has been reluctant to consider the full impacts of climate change and the full extent of the British state’s accountability for the above-mentioned issues;

1.4 That both the City and University of Cambridge are vulnerable to coastal erosion and flooding, with the Met Office predicting that Cambridge will become a seaside town by 2100 if rising sea levels continue as predicted;

1.5 That as members of an internationally valued academic community, it is our responsibility to foreground the growing climate crisis and the need to “live within our means, without inflicting damage on the planet”.

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General Meeting: 03/06/2019

Clare MCR resolves:

2.1 To follow the lead of the UK parliament, local councils, UCS and other Students’ Unions in formally declaring a climate emergency;

2.2 To publicise this declaration to the best of its ability;

2.3 To provide the MCR Green Officer with a dedicated slot in Fresher’s Week welcome talks;

2.4 To support members of the wider College community such as students, staff and academics involved in non-violent climate change activism;

2.5 To regularly assess the ways in which the MCR can assist in the mitigation of the climate crisis;

2.6 To provide at each AGM a presentation on the progress the MCR and college has made in the preceding year on climate issues and a plan for going forward;

2.7 To call on Clare college to adopt alternative methods of investment to ensure the impressive endeavours of the College’s Environment Committee and Green Impact teams are not being undermined by investments in fossil fuels.