



## **WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL**

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# **Environmental Policy**

## **Policy Statement**

Wendover Parish Council aims to carry out its activities with environmental care, actively seeking to protect and enhance the local environment within its area of operation whilst endeavoring to ensure wider adverse environmental impact does not occur as a result.

## **Aims**

In all its activities the Parish Council will aim to:

- a. Minimise the adverse environmental impact of WPC activities.
- b. Seek to use only contractors and suppliers who have their own environmental policy, one which is continually reviewed, updated, and measured.
- c. Positively influence parishioners to incorporate environmental considerations in all aspects of parish life.
- d. Work towards reaching the Council target of net-zero by 2030

## **Principles**

Wendover Parish Council will strive to:

### **Legislation**

- Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
- Work with Buckinghamshire Council Environmental Service Departments to ensure good practice is followed.

### **Reduce Waste**

- Dispose of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.
- Reduce and reuse materials where possible, seeking creative ways to re-life materials.
- Ensure that non-essential documents and e-mails are not printed, and where possible phone and e-mail communication discussion will occur to reduce paper use.

### **Purchasing**

- Base purchasing decisions on a choice of materials or products that have the lowest environmental impact in production, transportation, use and disposal, provided that they are fit for purpose and available competitively in terms of quality and price.



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- Such decisions will give consideration to lifetime impacts – environmental cost of ongoing maintenance and consumables plus disposal until the end of the purchase lifetime
  - Project Status Documents will include environmental impact assessments where relevant
  - Insist that contractors and suppliers minimise their impact on the environment.

### Biodiversity

- Protect, restore, and enhance all aspects of biodiversity, expanding wildlife areas within the village where possible.
- When possible and appropriate use native species for planting schemes.

### Community

- Support initiatives that reduce waste, litter, vandalism, and graffiti in the community.
- Monitor environmental issues and bring them to the attention of the WPC, or other tiers of local government.
- Actively engage with Parishioners to encourage and maintain environmental standards throughout Wendover Parish.

### Governance

This document will be viewed in a dynamic sense so that progressive updates occur in line with current legislation

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