

**GAYDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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**1. Key Aims**

Gaydon Parish Council is committed to the protection of both the local and global environment, as well as our heritage, whilst recognising the need for sustainable essential development and the provision of quality public amenities and services

Gaydon Parish Council aims to continually improve its environmental performance. It will meet the environmental standards set down by law, and exceed them where possible

Gaydon Parish Council will use its influence and resources to achieve a local environment which it will be proud to pass on to future generations

**2. Detailed Aims**

Gaydon Parish Council:

- 2.1 aims to minimise the unnecessary use of resources by:
  - 2.1.1. recycling, reusing materials, and by minimising waste production
  - 2.1.2. purchasing more sustainable goods and services
  - 2.1.3. managing Council land holdings in a way which minimises negative impacts on the environment and promotes environmental benefits
- 2.2 aims to protect the natural and built environment by:
  - 2.2.1 raising awareness of the value of wildlife habitats
  - 2.2.2 protecting the open countryside
  - 2.2.3 raising awareness of the value of the preservation, restoration, and reinstatement of places of historical interest which form our heritage
  - 2.2.4 resisting over-development of the Parish to ensure long term environmental protection, whilst providing for legitimate development needs and employment opportunities
  - 2.2.5 striving towards a safe and pleasant environment for all
- 2.3 aims to improve public health and wellbeing by:
  - 2.3.1 encouraging the use of public and community transport, and facilities for cyclists and pedestrians
  - 2.3.2 attempting to reduce littering, dog fouling, and vandalism
  - 2.3.3 encouraging the provision of good quality affordable housing
  - 2.3.4 providing amenities and services which are relevant to the needs of the community, whilst being compatible with the principles of renewability and sustainability

- 2.3.5 protecting open spaces from development, and encouraging their use by all members of the community
- 2.4 aims to support the local economy by:
  - 2.4.1 encouraging local businesses to adopt good environmental practices
  - 2.4.2 satisfying our needs by using a greater proportion of local produce, materials, and expertise

### **3. Arrangements for achieving the aims**

Gaydon Parish Council will:

- 3.1 assess all existing and new policies and activities for their effects on the environment
- 3.2 work in partnership with other bodies toward shared environmental goals
- 3.3 encourage staff and Councillors to engender a sense of environmental responsibility
- 3.4 encourage contractors/suppliers to the Council to adopt environmental standards, and reflect environmental best practice in the specification of contracts and tenders
- 3.5 raise awareness of environmental issues across the Parish

The policy will be reviewed annually