WERRINGTON
Neighbourhood Council
50 YEARS SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF WERRINGTON

ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Werrington Neighbourhood Council (the Council') aims to operate efficiently, protect and enhance local biodiversity and the environment, and avoid wider adverse environmental impacts.

2. CONTEXT

2.1. The Council recognises climate emergencies declared nationally, regionally, and locally, and will help protect the local environment.
2.2. The Council will assess its impact on climate change and biodiversity and, where practical and affordable, mitigate harm and support positive outcomes.
2.3. This policy recognises the value of the area's natural heritage and its contribution to residents, visitors, and the wider community.
2.4. The Council will consider:

2.4.1. the environmental impact of operating its assets.
2.4.2. the environmental impact of procured goods and services, including suppliers' commitments.
2.4.3. replacing inefficient assets with environmentally friendly alternatives where appropriate; and
2.4.4. the environmental impact of its activities.

3. AIMS

In all its activities 'The Council,' will aim to:

3.1. Minimise the consumption of all resources used in its operations, particularly in respect of the buildings and equipment it uses and the administration of its activities.
3.2. Seek, wherever possible, to only use contractors and suppliers who have their own environmental policy, which is continually reviewed, updated and measured against recognised, best practice examples and recognises the aims of 'The Council.'
3.3. Where possible, affordable, and commensurate with 'The Councils' powers and duties, support local initiatives aimed at climate change and or biodiversity protection or enhancement.
3.4. Embrace the aims of Net-Zero and Carbon targets following seventh Carbon budget (CB&) set in June 2026.
3.5. Support the Environment Improvement plans outlining the long-term milestones for England.

4. PRINCIPLES

'The Council' will:

4.1. Commit to the principles of stewardship, inclusivity, integrity, and transparency and leading by example in the field of sustainability.
4.2. Regularly update and improve standards in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
4.3. Commit to the sustainability and environmental elements of all relevant legislation and regulations, including the Werrington Neighbourhood Plan and the UN Paris Agreement.
4.4. Promote walking, cycling and public transport to visitors and residents.
4.5. Discourage the use of single use plastics.
4.6. Discourage all forms of littering and encourage any litter-picking efforts.
4.7. Encourage use of local and sustainable products and services, especially food.
4.8. Respect and protect natural resources by practicing conservation and good management by
4.9. Recycling and reusing waste materials where possible.
4.10. Avoid the creation of unnecessary waste by adhering to a policy of considered strategic purchasing.
4.11. Commit to the prevention of pollution, and compliance with relevant legislation and other requirements such as using the services of sympathetic contractors and disposing of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.
4.12. Send minimum organic waste to landfill.
4.13. Commit to protecting Werrington' architectural and historic aspects including protecting green spaces and the brook from unsustainable development.
4.14. Encourage wildlife such as birds and bees via the use of suitable plants including perennials and self-seeding annuals.
4.15. Encourage its Members and Contractors to take responsibility for ensuring that the best environmental policy is used and adhered to at all times.

5. REVIEW

This document shall be reviewed annually.

Signed: .....

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