



WISTOW PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL BIO DIVERSITY POLICY

Biodiversity Policy for Wistow Parish Council.

Vision Statement

To promote and protect the rich biodiversity of Wistow Parish Council, ensuring a sustainable and thriving environment for future generations.

Objectives

- Conservation: Preserve local habitats and species, focusing on threatened or endangered species.
- Sustainability: Implement practices that promote ecological balance within community development.
- Awareness: Educate the community on the importance of biodiversity and encourage active participation.

Actions

- Habitat Protection: Identify and protect local natural habitats (e.g., woodlands, wetlands) from development.
- Community Green Spaces: Enhance public parks and community gardens to support local flora and fauna.
- Wildlife Corridors: Create and maintain corridors to connect fragmented habitats, allowing safe passage for wildlife.
- Sustainable Practices: Encourage sustainable land management practices among local farmers and landowners.
- Carbon Footprint: Reduce and monitor the Council's footprint with their operations and resources. To only use recycled material where possible and only issue printed documents where required by law.

Partnerships

- Collaborate with local conservation groups, schools, and businesses to promote biodiversity initiatives.
- Engage with neighboring councils to share resources and best practices.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Regularly assess biodiversity in the area through surveys and community reports.
- Review and update the policy every few years based on new research and community input.

Community Involvement

Approved: October 2024
New Review Date: May 2025



- Organise workshops, clean-up days to foster community engagement.

Funding and Resources

- Seek funding from local government grants, environmental organizations, and community fundraising to support biodiversity projects.

Conclusion

By adopting this biodiversity policy, Wistow Parish Council commits to safeguarding local ecosystems and promoting a healthy, diverse environment for all residents.