
Twigworth Parish Council

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



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Environmental Policy

Policy Aim

The aim of this policy is to demonstrate how Twigworth Parish Council will support the long-term environmental, cultural, and economic health and vitality of the Parish, and will promote a community that is vibrant, safe, healthy, and inclusive.

Twigworth Parish Council is seeking a high quality built and natural environment for the benefit of all, and recognises the need to use its powers and influence to protect and improve the environment.

Policy Statement

As a Parish Council:

- We are committed to continually improving environmental performance and prevent pollution
- We will use resources efficiently and take appropriate opportunities to minimise waste through re-use and recycling
- We will develop environmental action plans with achievable and realistic targets which will be monitored and reviewed periodically

In its administration and activities Twigworth Parish Council will seek to:

- Protect the environment by encouraging reducing, reusing, and recycling within our community, to save money, energy, and natural resources
- Protect and enhance the special landscape quality of the Parish and access to the countryside;
- Protect the character, identity, and rural setting of the village;
- Enhance the quality of the built environment and heritage features;
- Protect and enhance biodiversity including habitats and protected species;
- Protect valued green spaces within the village, and recreation areas including sports and children's play facilities;
- Protect and enhance village services and local employment opportunities;
- Enhance safety for all road users including pedestrians
- Consider sustainability within the neighbourhood plan and consider supporting planning applications that prioritise sustainability

In addition, the Parish Council will:

- Seek to conserve resources where practicable;
- Aim to reduce soil, water, air, light, and noise pollution, littering and fly-tipping;
- Promote non-motorised transport;
- Raise the profile of environmental issues, within the Parish and Borough
- Encourage volunteering and engage residents in environmental projects and issues;
- Enlist public engagement to report environmental issues;
- Review planning policies and proposals affecting the Parish and their likely environmental impacts and respond as appropriate;
- Engage with local environmental agencies, councils, and planning authorities;

By adopting this policy document Twigworth Parish Council (TPC) is committed to the whole of the community becoming cleaner and greener with the lowest carbon footprint possible.

This Environmental Policy will be reviewed at least annually and revised as necessary to reflect changes to the business activities and any changes to legislation.