



GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Biodiversity & climate change Policy

The Council has declared a climate emergency on 14th September 2021 The Council formally adopted the parish Biodiversity Audit on 8th September 2026 and supports the resultant 10 umbrella actions in the report.

The following objectives will be given full consideration in all Parish Council operations and decisions.

- To use best efforts to consider the climate impact of its decisions and actions and minimise any such impact wherever practical and possible.
- To reduce paper use- wherever practical, electronic communications, email and Internet, will be used to distribute documents. Recycled paper and double-sided printing will be used wherever possible.
- To endeavour to ensure that low energy technologies, lighting and power will be used in all new and existing public buildings and open spaces throughout the village, where this is practicable and does not compromise safety.
- To seek ways to reduce light pollution throughout the village. All Parish Council lighting and power will be switched off when the office is not in use.
- To encourage tree planting
- To promote Safer Routes to School to encourage low carbon accessible transport and to seek the provision of new footpaths and cycle paths around the village.
- In Planning matters to seek to maximise employment opportunities within the village to enable the use of low carbon accessible transport and help minimise traffic movements.
- To minimise water usage in all public places and request that water conservation be considered in all planning applications.
- To provide sufficient allotment land to satisfy local demand



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- To encourage and promote the use of low carbon technologies, waste reduction and opportunities for recycling by the whole community through its website and the Gamlingay Gazette.
- Promote biodiversity and support struggling insect, flora and fauna populations where feasible
- Commit to the sustainability and environmental objectives of Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan (adopted November 2022). And review the Neighbourhood plan every 5 years
- Council supports in principle the projects and actions of Gamlingay and Hatley Climate Action Group and commits to work collaboratively with this group to produce a climate action plan. (Review Terms of Reference with the group)

Adopted 12th May 2009;

Reviewed November 2012

Amended Replacement trees- cross reference with the tree policy-28-04-21

Amended title and added 2 final bullet points 10-10-23

Additions/amendments proposed 06-08-26 Addition appendix showing tree planting monitoring spreadsheet.