



## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Parish Council will support the long-term environmental, cultural and economic health and vitality of the Parish.

The Parish Council will promote a high-quality environment in the Parish that is vibrant, safe, healthy, and inclusive.

The Parish Council is firmly committed to keeping Datchworth Parish a very special place through its own activities and through co-operation and consultation with others.

In all its involvement the Parish Council will seek to:

- protect and enhance the special landscape of the Parish and to enhance the quality of the built and heritage features
- promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources
- to value the green spaces in the Parish, including the Common Land, and create opportunities for recreation including sports and children's play
- minimise environmental pollution and waste in all its own activities and encourage the conservation, reuse, and appropriate recycling of resources
- seek to eliminate the unnecessary use of energy
- reduce the need for movement of people by satisfying local needs using local resources and encouraging walking, cycling and public transport
- work in partnership with other organisations to promote the health of Datchworth Parish both ecologically and physically
- progressively build environmental concerns and sustainability into all its policies
- promote understanding and participation in environmental issues throughout the Parish through education, information and consultation

To achieve this, the Parish Council will endeavor to:

- operate an environmental system that co-ordinates work affecting the environment
- consult with the relevant bodies to review local environmental indicators, such as noise and light pollution, littering and fly tipping and waste recycling
- work with the relevant bodies to enforce regulations designed to protect the environment
- work with the relevant bodies to give advice to local business and industry on environmental issues
- adopt practices that minimize the effects the Council has on the environment e.g., reduce, reuse, recycle
- educate in respect of its environmental policies and objectives by working with the relevant bodies
- involve the local community and local groups and encourage local action in support of the environment

This policy will be reviewed every year or earlier if so required by legislation or additional material.

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