



SHERE PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT POLICY

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL is committed to supporting the long-term environmental, cultural and economic health and vitality of the Parish. It will promote a high-quality natural and built environment in the Parish, striving to help deliver safe, healthy, vibrant and inclusive communities.

In its administration and activities Shere Parish Council will seek to protect and enhance:

- The special landscape quality of the Parish, AONB and Green Belt, and access to the countryside.
- The quality of the built environment and heritage features.
- Biodiversity including habitats and protected species.
- Parish services and local employment opportunities.
- Valued green spaces within the Parish, such as village greens, and opportunities for recreation including sports and children's play.
- The character, identity and rural setting of the Parish.
- Safety for all road users, including pedestrians, especially around issues of speeding vehicles, HGVs and air pollution.

In addition, the Council will:

- Seek to conserve resources wherever practicable
- Reduce waste in its daily operations, particularly single-use plastic
- Be committed to recycling
- Have consideration of carbon footprint
- Aim to reduce soil, water, air, light and noise pollution, littering and fly-tipping
- Promote the use of greener transport alternatives
- Encourage environmental initiatives, and engage residents in environmental projects and issues
- Request environmental policy statements from contractors, where appropriate
- Review planning policies and proposals affecting the Parish and their likely environmental impacts, and respond as appropriate
- When considering new-build planning applications the Planning Committee should require housing and business properties to function as carbon neutral either from the outset, or in the very near future, with a clear plan based upon sustainable energy use, and re-use of existing materials
- Put environmental impact as a significant consideration in its decision-making process

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