



FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Appendix 1 – Environmental Policy Action Plan 2021.

1. Introduction and Scope

Fordingbridge Town Council is committed to the continued development of a sustainable community, balancing and integrating economic, social and environmental components. Developing a more sustainable community will benefit current residents and build a community able to meet the increasing environmental challenges that will be faced.

The Council will keep aware of the environmental regulations that apply to its business and ensure that its legal obligations are met. Beyond this, the Council will ensure that environmental considerations are put at the heart of how we operate our functions and services and deal with stakeholders at all levels of our activities.

This policy covers premises directly owned and managed by Fordingbridge Town Council and includes the Town Hall and offices, the Recreation Ground and other council owned open space and Stuckton Road Cemetery.

Our five policy aims are outlined below.

<p>Managing the Town Council in an environmentally sustainable manner We shall ensure that sustainability is at the heart of how we manage the Town Council and its functions</p>	<p>Encouraging, educating and embedding environmental best practice We shall work with the community and other stakeholders to encourage environmental best practice</p>
<p>Managing our built environment sustainably We are directly responsible for buildings and infrastructure which will be managed sustainably</p>	<p>Protecting local infrastructure By working with the community and stakeholders we shall strive to protect and enhance local infrastructure in order to retain a vibrant and sustainable town</p>
<p>Protecting and enhancing the natural environment We are directly responsible for a wide range of open space and shall work to enhance these and look to support initiatives that enhance other natural areas within the town</p>	

2. Action

Fordingbridge Town Council will achieve these policy aims through working with the community, stakeholders and local groups such as Fordingbridge Greener Living. Details of how this will be achieved are listed in the Environment Policy Action Plan (Appendix 1).

3. Communication and Review

All policies are available on the Town Council website and reviews are noted during public meetings and within minutes. **During the first twelve months the Town Council will develop the associated action plan and consult with residents in line with our consultation policy.**

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

Any changes to the policy will be brought to the attention of the Council and all stakeholders, via the Council webpage and Facebook..

4. Other Authorities

At annual review the Town Council will consider the relevant policies of New Forest District Council, New Forest National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council and share best practice when applicable.

5. Relevant Legislation

The current relevant legislation are:

- The Water Act 2003
- The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
- Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006
- Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- Duty of Care (Waste)
- Water Framework Directive
- The Environment Act 2021
- The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA)
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1982
- Climate Change Act 2008

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