



Speldhurst Parish Council Environment Policy 2017

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

It will promote a high quality environment in the Parish and communities that are vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive.

In its administration and activities it will seek to protect and enhance:

1. The special landscape quality of the Parish and access to the countryside;
2. The quality of the built environment and heritage features;
3. Biodiversity including habitats and protected species;
4. Village services and local employment opportunities;
5. Valued green spaces within villages, including village greens, and opportunities for recreation including sports and children's play;
6. The character, identity and rural setting of villages and hamlets;
7. Safety for all road users including pedestrians;

In addition the Council will:

8. Seek to conserve resources where practicable;
9. Aim to reduce soil, water, air, light and noise pollution, littering and fly-tipping;
10. Promote non-motorised transport;
11. Raise the profile of environmental issues, within the Parish and Borough
12. Encourage volunteering and the reporting of environmental issues;
13. Review planning policies and proposals affecting the Parish and their likely environmental impacts and respond as appropriate;
14. Engage with local environmental agencies, councils and planning authorities;
15. Maintain an Environment Working Group to monitor implementation of this policy and bring forward environmental initiatives.