



Speldhurst Parish Council Environment Policy 2023

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;

In addition the Council will:

7. Seek to conserve resources where practicable;
8. Aim to reduce soil, water, air, light and noise pollution, littering and fly-tipping;
9. Promote non-motorised transport;
10. Raise the profile of environmental issues, within the Parish and Borough
11. Encourage volunteering and the reporting of environmental issues;
12. Engage with local environmental agencies
13. Maintain an Environment Working Group (EWG) to monitor implementation of this policy and bring forward environmental initiatives.