

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Parish Councils widely accept that human activities have negative impacts on the environment and it leads to change the patterns of climate. It is recognised that climate change is not only a threat to our environment, but it is our biggest economic and social challenge.

Climate change mitigation forms a core part of Mid Suffolk District Council's Strategic Priorities. The Parish Council is committed to minimise its adverse environmental impacts by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to plan how best to adapt to the changing climate to improve the quality of life for the people of Mid Suffolk and beyond.

**The policy statement below briefly describes some of the key areas of the Council's environmental commitments:**

1. Ensure compliance with relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
2. Develop resilience to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and plan to address the unavoidable impacts.
3. Monitor and reduce the impact of the Council's operations on the local and general environment through the use of appropriate performance indicators.
4. Ensure that the Council obtains products and services from sustainable and environmentally responsible sources, including local suppliers where possible.
5. Operate an environmentally responsible vehicle fleet to promote the use of more environmentally friendly modes of transport.
6. Ensure that waste generated by the Council is reduced, reused or recycled where possible and the remainder disposed of responsibly.
7. Encourage residents and businesses to reduce their consumption of energy and increase energy efficiency.
8. Conserve and enhance the character of the district's ecology, biodiversity, landscapes and architecture.
9. Promote environmental improvements in new developments through the strategic planning process and the Local Development Framework.