

## Environment Plan

Lilford cum Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch Parish Council will support the long-term environmental, cultural and economic health and vitality of the Parish

Lilford cum Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch Parish Council will promote a high-quality environment in the Parish that is vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive.

Lilford cum Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch Parish Council is committed to keeping Lilford cum Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch Parish a special place through its own activities and through co-operation and consultation with others.

### **The Parish Council will seek to:**

Protect and enhance the landscape of the Parish and to enhance the quality of the built and heritage features, Promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources – **take the environment and historic context into account when discussing planning applications**

Protect the valued green spaces in the Parish and opportunities for recreation including sport and children's play – **seeking the views of residents as to which open spaces are important to them**

Minimize environmental pollution and waste in all of its own activities and encourage the conservation, reuse and appropriate recycling of resources. Seek to eliminate the unnecessary use of energy. Operate an environmental system that co-ordinates work affecting the environment The Council will adopt practices that minimize the effects the Council has on the environment, eg reduce, reuse, recycle – **apply these principles to all aspects of the Council's activities**

Reduce the need for movement of people by satisfying local needs using local resources and encouraging walking, cycling and public transport – **seeking to improve public transport links, monitoring and raising issues concerning public rights of way**

Work in partnership with other organisations to promote the health of the Parish both ecologically and physically – **take advantage of such schemes when they arise, share information with residents via the website, occasional newsletters and other means**

Progressively build environmental concerns and sustainability into all of its policies – **taking environmental issues into account when review or adopting policies and procedures**

Promote understanding and participation in environmental issues throughout the Parish through education, information and consultation. Work with the relevant bodies to give advice to local business and industry on environmental issues. Involve the local community and local groups and encourage local action in support of the environment – **through grants to fund activities such as the Achurch bulb planting**

Work with the relevant bodies to review local environmental indicators such as noise and light pollution, littering, fly tipping and waste recycling – **pass on concerns to North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority and work with them to reduce such issues.**

Educate in respect of its environmental policies and objectives by working with the relevant bodies – **share information with residents via the website, occasional newsletters and other means**