

Environment and Biodiversity Policy

Farnsfield Parish Council, (FPC), recognises its obligations to the environment and seeks to consider environmental issues in its decision-making process. Council action is subject to statutory powers and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have published a framework [Ways to tackle climate change - Parish and town councilsGOV.UK](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/t.ORG/councilsGOV.UK)[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk > media > t.ORG](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/t.ORG/councilsGOV.UK), for councils to act to meet climate change challenges. The framework covers a broad range of environmental action areas and whilst FPC's resources are limited, our policy is to work with Newark and Sherwood District council who at Full Council in July 2019, declared a climate emergency. Newark [and-Sherwood-District-Council---Climate-Emergency ...Newark & Sherwood District Council](https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/media)[https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk > media](https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/media)

Farnsfield Parish Council also support the Motion for The Ocean [First Midlands Council to declare Ocean commitment Newark & Sherwood District Council](https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/october%20to%20first)[https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk > fi...](https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/october%20to%20first)

Biodiversity Net Gain

[Biodiversity Net Gain FAQs - Frequently Asked QuestionsLocal Government Association](https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/environment/biodiversity)[https://www.local.gov.uk > pas > environment > biodi...](https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/environment/biodiversity)
<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/latest->

Suggested areas for Farnsfield Parish Council to consider in their decision making are

- Emergency Planning
- Opportunities - Open Spaces, Tourism, Renewable Generation
- Planning
- Planting
- Buildings and Infrastructure
- Housing
- Waste
- Sustainable Transport
- Farming
- Funding

Further action points for the Parish Council can be found in the Friends of the Earth Framework [20 actions parish and town councils can take on ...Friends of the Earth UK](https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-on...)[https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk > reports > 20-actio...](https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-on...)

Under the 2021 Environmental Act, public authorities including Parish Councils in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. In May 2023 the government stated that Parish Councils should agree policies to this end and complete an action plan to increase biodiversity and net gain biodiversity
[FC24.179c Biodiversity.pdf](#)

The Action plan will be developed using a template as in the link above and it will be discussed at Finance and Environment Committee (F and E) meetings as updates when appropriate. It will also appear on the FPC website

FPC wishes to engage with the younger members of the community and so please note this link <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-action-superheroes/>

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