

Aston Clinton Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan

AIM	HOW	TARGET	STATUS
Review Policies & Processes	<p>The Council will look to make changes, where necessary and appropriate, to ensure its policies and internal processes support biodiversity, which may include, but is not limited to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procurement – buy sustainable materials and supplies to reduce the demand on natural resources. ▪ Water – improve water efficiency to reduce the effect water abstraction can have on sensitive habitats and species. ▪ Support community projects which promote biodiversity. 	ongoing	
Conserve & Enhance Parish Biodiversity Via the Planning Process.	<p>Specific consideration of biodiversity when commenting on planning applications e.g., regard for direct loss of habitats and commuting / foraging wildlife paths; light pollution; and construction/ operation noise and vibrations.</p>	ongoing	
Neighbourhood Plan	<p>The Council will ensure that biodiversity is conserved and enhanced within the Aston Clinton Neighbourhood Plan</p>	Within the current NHP review	
Land Management	<p>The Council will review how it manages land which may include, but is not limited to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides. ▪ Leave standing and fallen dead wood as habitat. ▪ Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible as habitat. ▪ Remove invasive and non-invasive species that are detrimental to 		

	<p>native flora or fauna as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider reducing the number of grass cuts. ▪ Hedge cutting outside of the bird nesting season. ▪ Consider installing bird and bat boxes in Council owned/managed trees and buildings. ▪ Plant native trees and shrubs ▪ Ensure all compost used is peat free. ▪ Create habitat rich, biodiverse areas where appropriate with planting schemes and expert support where necessary. ▪ Ensure that the use of artificial light minimises the effect on nature. 		
<p>Promote & Encourage Biodiversity Within The Community</p>	<p>The Council will educate, advise, raise awareness, and support the community to understand biodiversity and why it's important to conserve and enhance it.</p> <p>The Council will: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Include the public & community partners in projects to improve biodiversity. ▪ Encourage residents to remove litter & pick up after their dogs. ▪ Feature biodiversity in public communications. ▪ Put information boards in green spaces. ▪ Raise public awareness of how their gardens can support biodiversity. 	Ongoing	