Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley and Langley Parish Council

Biodiversity Policy

1. Purpose

The Council recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity and its duty under the Environment Act 2021 to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

The Council has considered the opportunities available to it to contribute to the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity, taking into account its functions, responsibilities and resources.

2. The Council's position

The Council does not own or manage land or buildings and does not directly provide services involving land management. Consequently, the Council has limited direct opportunities to undertake biodiversity projects.

The Council will nevertheless seek to conserve and enhance biodiversity through the functions and decisions available to it.

3. Objectives

The Council will:

- Have regard to biodiversity when making relevant Council decisions.
- Consider biodiversity, where relevant, when responding to planning consultations and other consultations affecting the parish.
- Consider opportunities to support appropriate local biodiversity and nature-recovery initiatives where these fall within the Council's functions and resources.
- Encourage consideration of biodiversity within the parish where this is appropriate and proportionate.
- Keep its approach to biodiversity under review and consider whether further actions are appropriate as the Council's circumstances or functions change.

4. Planning

When considering planning applications or consultations referred to the Council, the Council will have regard to relevant biodiversity considerations where these are material to the matter being considered.

The Council recognises that it is not the local planning authority and therefore its role is primarily to provide comments and observations to the relevant planning authority.

5. Review

The Council will review this policy and reconsider the actions it can take to conserve and enhance biodiversity at least every two years, or sooner where there is a significant change to the Council's functions, responsibilities, and circumstances or to relevant legislation.

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