

Environmental Policy

Statement:

This policy statement affirms that Hessle Town Council is committed to the preservation of the environment. Hessle Town Council's aims are for making Hessle a safer, fairer and greener place in which to live, work and play.

The Council will strive to:

- Incorporate environmental factors in its decision-making.
- Conserve natural resources, notably energy, water and fuel consumption, and the reduction of materials used, which damage the environment.
- Minimise waste particularly waste going into landfill.
- Promote sustainability
- Promote biodiversity

The Town Council will specifically:

- Support the community towards achieving involvement in and responsibility for its own development.
- Ensure that all Council initiatives comply with the principle of sustainable development.
- Seek to maintain and improve the character and environment of Hessle by:
 - Upholding the policies of the Town Centre and Southfield Conservation Areas.
 - Responding fairly and speedily to consultations on planning applications, tree orders, licences etc.
 - Informing the people of Hessle of significant issues on major planning developments
 - Opposing building on the green spaces, outside the Town's development limit, to the north and west.
 - Seeking to preserve as many green spaces as possible within the Town limit.
 - Liaising with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and others as appropriate.
- Promote and encourage public rights of way.
- Provide and effectively manage allotments for residents of Hessle, the former Beverley Borough area and others.

- Encourage the planting and replacing of trees where necessary.
- Take responsibility for all publicly owned land in Hessle, including Hessle War Memorial Park, ensuring high standards are maintained.

This Environmental Policy has been adopted in July 2018. It will be given further consideration at future Hessle Town Council meetings.