Battle Town Council

STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

Battle Town Council (BTC) is committed to protecting the environment within the Civil Parish of Battle and its surroundings.

The Council will comply with all relevant environmental legislation and will aim to reduce any negative environmental impacts and pollution.

The Council will seek to conserve biodiversity and will consider the impact on the environment in its decision-making.

The Council will seek to conserve and enhance the High Weald Area of National Landscape in line with their management plan.

The Council acknowledges that it has declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency and will reflect this in all its decisions and practices.

In particular:

The Estates Committee will endeavour to manage the estate in a way that is as efficient, effective, economical and environmentally friendly as practical, seeking to:

- Minimise resource consumption in functions under the management of the Committee (e.g. fuel, power and water)
- Reduce waste generation across functions under the management of the Committee by reusing, recycling and composting whenever possible, along with reducing the volume of waste
- Conserve, enhance and, if appropriate, restore habitats for wildlife

The Town Development & External Relations and Town Development Committee will endeavour to:

- Protect the heritage of the town
- Retain, and where necessary improve, BTC buildings of interest
- Promote an enjoyment and understanding of the environment

The Planning and Transport Committee will endeavour to

- Take into account all relevant policies within the Made Battle Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2028 when considering planning applications'
- Take into account the Council's Heritage Charter, sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when considering planning applications
- Take into account the Council's Heritage Charter, sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when considering any plans or policy documents that may affect Battle, Netherfield and Telham.

BTC policies will be implemented within the framework of the relevant legislation, the main statutes being:

- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Section 40
- Countryside & Rights Of Way Act 2000, Section 85
- The Environment Act 2021
- Current Health & Safety at Work legislation

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