

SWALLOWFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

*Adopted at the
Parish Council Meeting held on
14th December 2021*

Revisions

Adopted	Significant Amendments
December 2021	First adopted
May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Links to WBC Action Plan and further information updated

Climate Change Emergency Statement

Swallowfield Parish Council has agreed to continue to review and recommend how the Parish Council can further reduce its environmental impact, in support of Wokingham Borough Council's wider response to the climate emergency and its published [Action Plan](#). Further information on this can be found [here](#).

As a Parish Council we aim to:

- Review and recommend how we can reduce the environmental impact of our operations, premises and projects.
- Minimise waste going to landfill or incineration.
- Effectively utilise the potential of land we own or manage in support of nature and wildlife, including identifying areas suitable for tree, wildflower and other planting.
- Avoid the use of herbicides, pesticides and other non-organic or harmful substances on our land.
- Protect and preserve green spaces in the Parish and safeguard the rural nature and character of the area, including through input into the Local Plan and feedback on planning applications.
- Manage flood risk and other environmental factors through our Flood and Resilience Group (FRG).
- Divest in the fossil fuel industry.
- Undertake a climate change impact assessment as part of our procurement processes, to identify and select sustainable suppliers, goods and services wherever possible and in line with resources.
- Review and update all our policies to support the above aims.
- Work with public transport providers serving the Parish and promote cycling, running and walking in our local area.
- Engage with Wokingham Borough Council and neighbouring parish councils to share and adopt best practice.
- Seek and listen to ideas and input from residents and others in our community.
- Inform residents and others in our community how they can help, including through effective waste disposal and recycling.