



THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL

BIO DIVERSITY POLICY

Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity. Thornaby Town Council's aim is to care for the environment through its own policies and practices and by encouraging others to do the same. The Town Council will endeavour to be as conscientious as possible about biodiversity, conservation and use of resources. The Town Council will keep aware of the environmental regulations that apply to its business and ensure that its legal obligations are met. The Town Council will communicate this policy to Councillors and officers through channels such as meetings and work planning, and it will encourage suggestions of ways to provide a positive environmental impact.

Thornaby Town Council practices and initiatives to improve biodiversity include:

- Assessing chemicals used (e.g. cleaning/gardening) and ensuring their appropriate safe disposal;
- Minimising use of harmful pesticides.
- Composting and shredding garden waste, and controlled burning only when necessary.
- Mulching horticultural waste where possible.
- Planting more trees and using indigenous species as much as possible.

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