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BIODIVERSITY STATEMENT

As of 1 October 2006 every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard so far as it is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions to the purpose of conserving biodiversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. This Act means that parish and town councils can spend funds in conserving biodiversity.

Objective:

The objective of this policy is to work towards enhancing and protecting the biodiversity of the town of Hellesdon.

The Council will aim to improve the biodiversity of the area in the following ways:

Manage its land using environmentally-friendly practices that will promote biodiversity

Support local businesses in the adoption of low impact practices

Support residents and local organisations activities to enhance and promote biodiversity

Specific Actions:

The Council will consider sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when commenting on planning applications

The Council, within its Neighbourhood Plan, has promoted and will monitor outcomes of appropriate sustainable development in Hellesdon

The Council will, whenever possible, consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity in all its activities, particularly with regard to the management of its open spaces.

The Council will aim to work in partnership with the development of environmentally friendly areas created by residents, local organisations and businesses

The Council will raise awareness of environment and promote conservation projects in conjunction with its County and District Council, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Norwich Fringe Project.