

## Aston Clinton Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan

AIM	HOW	TARGET	STATUS
<b>Review Policies &amp; Processes</b>	<p>The Council will look to make changes, where necessary and appropriate, to ensure its policies and internal processes support biodiversity, which may include, but is not limited to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Procurement – buy sustainable materials and supplies to reduce the demand on natural resources.</li> <li>▪ Water – improve water efficiency to reduce the effect water abstraction can have on sensitive habitats and species.</li> <li>▪ Support community projects which promote biodiversity.</li> </ul>	ongoing	
<b>Conserve &amp; Enhance Parish Biodiversity Via the Planning Process.</b>	Specific consideration of biodiversity when commenting on planning applications e.g., regard for direct loss of habitats and commuting / foraging wildlife paths; light pollution; and construction/ operation noise and vibrations.	ongoing	
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	The Council will ensure that biodiversity is conserved and enhanced within the Aston Clinton Neighbourhood Plan	Within the current NHP review	
<b>Land Management</b>	<p>The Council will review how it manages land which may include, but is not limited to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides.</li> <li>▪ Leave standing and fallen dead wood as habitat.</li> <li>▪ Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible as habitat.</li> <li>▪ Remove invasive and non-invasive species that are detrimental to</li> </ul>		

	<p>native flora or fauna as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider reducing the number of grass cuts.</li> <li>▪ Hedge cutting outside of the bird nesting season.</li> <li>▪ Consider installing bird and bat boxes in Council owned/managed trees and buildings.</li> <li>▪ Plant native trees and shrubs</li> <li>▪ Ensure all compost used is peat free.</li> <li>▪ Create habitat rich, biodiverse areas where appropriate with planting schemes and expert support where necessary.</li> <li>▪ Ensure that the use of artificial light minimises the effect on nature.</li> </ul>		
<b>Promote &amp; Encourage Biodiversity Within The Community</b>	<p>The Council will educate, advise, raise awareness, and support the community to understand biodiversity and why it's important to conserve and enhance it.</p> <p>The Council will: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include the public &amp; community partners in projects to improve biodiversity.</li> <li>▪ Encourage residents to remove litter &amp; pick up after their dogs.</li> <li>▪ Feature biodiversity in public communications.</li> <li>▪ Put information boards in green spaces.</li> <li>▪ Raise public awareness of how their gardens can support biodiversity.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	