

THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Council wants to improve the quality of life for everybody who lives or works in the borough, both now and in the future. It will promote the environmental, economic and social well-being of residents and businesses in Hammersmith and Fulham and will encourage and assist others in the community to follow the Council's example.

The Council is responsible for delivering many services which are directly concerned with protecting and enhancing our environment, for example planning, environmental health and waste collection and disposal. It also affects the environment as a landowner and as an employer.

OBJECTIVES

The Council will therefore aim in all its activities to reduce its impact on the environment and will endeavour to:

quantify and monitor the environmental impacts of the Council's services and its working practices;

integrate and promote environmental considerations and objectives in relevant Council policies, programmes and services;

ensure that all employees address the environmental objectives within their job responsibilities;

influence suppliers of services and goods to reduce their environmental impact and to provide goods that have been produced and traded fairly and safely;

achieve continuing improvements in environmental performance, over and above regulatory and legislative requirements;

promote the conservation and sustainable use of energy, water and other natural resources;

prioritise minimisation of waste, followed by re-use, then recycling and composting, then energy recovery, and then sustainable disposal;

reduce pollution and seek improvements in air quality;

value and protect diversity in nature and natural systems;

increase awareness of environmental issues within the local community.

ACTION

In order to achieve this commitment the Council will:

prepare and implement an Environmental Action Plan which will co-ordinate work affecting the environment throughout all Council Departments

publish objectives, indicators and targets each year and report on past performance

adopt working practices that minimise the effects the Council has on the environment

enforce regulations and give advice to local business and industry, residents, schools and community organisations

train and educate all its staff in respect of its environmental policies and objectives