

Priority two

Protecting the environment

Nottinghamshire is a unique county with a heritage and countryside that we all want to protect and promote. We will ensure our environment is well managed and our countryside is protected. We need road and transport systems that are fit for purpose and help companies to invest in Nottinghamshire. We will provide a reliable transport system which supports a growing economy whilst encouraging sustainable and healthy travel. We will ensure we are well prepared during severe weather by gritting major roads and bus routes to help both residents and businesses carry on as normal.

Looking after the environment is the responsibility of us all. We can influence some key aspects of this environmental protection through determining major planning permissions for new developments such as schools, libraries, elderly person's homes and roads. We will also seek to deliver our services in new ways that limit the environmental impact of our properties, vehicles and resources. We will continue to invest in sustainable technology that helps to reduce our carbon footprint. We aim to minimise the impacts of transport on people's lives, maximise opportunities to improve the environment and help tackle carbon emissions.

We want to ensure that the county's heritage is preserved and can be enjoyed by all. Our country parks and open spaces provide an attractive environment that we will promote for both residents and visitors.

However some protection is best provided by working in partnership with other agencies. For example, by ensuring our Emergency Plans are robust and we respond well to help communities recover from the effects of emergencies, such as flooding. Delivering this protection involves ensuring that we provide leadership but act in partnership with other agencies.

We are committed to helping ensure that all residents of Nottinghamshire have the opportunity and means to protect and enjoy the environment. We will work with our partners and residents to reduce the amount of household waste generated and increase the percentage that we recycle. We will encourage people to get involved and help to protect, restore and improve our countryside by volunteering with a local wildlife group or conservation organisation.



What we will deliver

outcome

how we will measure progress

role of the Council

Our countryside is protected and attracts more visitors

Increase satisfaction levels with our Country Parks and most visited sites (Rufford and Sherwood)

Work with partners to act as a champion protecting the environment within Nottinghamshire

People in Nottinghamshire are encouraged to help protect the environment

The amount of household waste that is recycled will increase and the amount sent to landfill will reduce

Work in partnership with district councils and the private sector to provide waste management facilities and encourage changes in behaviour

More people in local communities will work to improve the environment

The environmental impact of providing County Council services is reduced

Reduce our level of carbon dioxide emissions, especially from the use of energy in our buildings and street lighting

Act as a community leader, by using the resources and expertise of the council to reduce our environmental impact

The roads and transport infrastructure in Nottinghamshire is fit for purpose

Maintain the condition of roads and footways

Deliver a road and transport infrastructure that seeks to meet the needs of our residents and businesses

Connectivity across the county and into the region will be improved

Work to improve bus punctuality and ease congestion on key routes within the county

Work in partnership with bus companies and community transport providers to improve usage of public transport

Proportion of people walking or cycling for short journeys