



# EAST DONYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the Village of Rowhedge

## East Donyland Parish Council Climate & Ecology Crisis Policy Statement

### Introduction

East Donyland Parish Council recognises that:

- The impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world;
- Urgent action is required at all levels to reduce carbon emissions;
- All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;
- Strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.

As a result, East Donyland Parish Council has declared a climate and ecology crisis and this policy statement outlines the commitments the council will make in response to this.

### EDPC commits to:

- Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030
- Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale
- Ensure that the council embeds this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the council's activities
- Consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing council policies and strategies
- Take action wherever possible to promote biodiversity and manage open spaces with wildlife in mind
- Proactively engage with young people in planning council activities, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future