



## **BISHOP'S STORTFORD TOWN COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT AND GUIDANCE**

As a Council, we are committed to a low environmental impact for the future of our town and residents. This can take many different forms as sustainability covers a wide range of impacts and activities to the environment, primarily but not limited to energy, waste, water run off (localised flooding and potable water used in developments).

Any applicants for capital grants must demonstrate, before the application is considered, that any asset being delivered through our grant process conforms to the following:

### **Energy - Be Energy Positive.**

As a target we would expect your building to provide 130% of the energy required to operate your buildings regulated energy, as well as to cover energy demand from non-regulated sources. For example:

Using a fabric first approach your facility being funded would reduce the energy demand through better insulation and the specification of low energy fixtures and fittings.

In addition, it is expected that the use of renewables would contribute to provide more energy than the building requires to enable the feed in of energy to the grid or other end user.

### **Transport**

Using the transport hierarchy, the club must encourage users to a modal shift in the way they travel to and from your facility, walking and cycling being primary modes followed by public transport and finally car.

This can be done through the provision of cyclist facilities (covered secure cycle spaces), negotiation of good public transport links with transport providers and finally the provision of adequate car charging points with parking facilities)

### **Water/ Flooding**

Localised flooding is becoming a major issue locally as well as nationally, therefore it will be a requirement of any facility funded by our grants, that rainwater runoff from the site is not increased and applicants will be expected to demonstrate this.

Water facilities in the facility are as efficient as possible and should look to significantly improve on the benchmark water usage set by regulation at the point of application.