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## Environmental Management Policy – September 2020

The Swanage Railway is a heritage railway operating between Swanage and Wareham in the Purbeck district of Dorset. The railway operates within a highly constrained and sensitive environment that includes Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and serves, at Swanage, the UNESCO designated World Heritage Site, 'The Jurassic Coast'. It is aware of and will engage with any proposals to create a National Park.

The railway contains and abounds several areas of environmentally protected sites including statutorily designated Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA), RAMSAR and those protected as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and other non-statutory conservation sites across Purbeck. The Swanage Railway will continuously seek to improve environmental performance, minimising its impact on the natural environment in order to maintain a sustainable environment in keeping with its surroundings.

The Swanage Railway expects everyone who works for the Company, as a paid employee or as a Volunteer, to apply the following key Environmental Principles as approved by the Board of the Swanage Railway Company and the Council of Management of the Swanage Railway Trust.

- *The Swanage Railway will, as a minimum, comply with all relevant environmental legislation, standards and requirements as set by statute and upheld by or alongside our business partners, regulatory bodies and stakeholders.*
- *The Swanage Railway will identify any significant environmental impact and take immediate action to minimise, using ALARP principles, any pollution to air, water and land which may occur as a result of our operations and or business.*
- *The Swanage Railway seeks to procure and to use all natural resources in a responsible and sustainable manner, to become more energy efficient, whilst reducing emissions and any waste wherever possible, in accordance with safe operating practice.*
- *The Swanage Railway seeks to reduce the amount of man-made resources used, in order to minimise waste and, wherever possible, to maximise the recycling of such materials in common with good practice necessary to protect the environment.*
- *The Swanage Railway will seek to manage and maintain all rail related infrastructure including track bed, track, buildings, overbridges and other permanent and temporary fittings. It will endeavour to engage with neighbours, the lineside community and partner organisations both operationally and regulatory in a sustainable, transparent and responsible manner.*
- *The Swanage Railway will provide all employees, paid and volunteer, with the relevant competence, training and guidance to enable our Environmental Policy to be both effective and achievable.*
- *The Swanage Railway is cognisant of and works towards the standards and processes set out within ISO14001 Environmental Management.*



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- *The Swanage Railway Company Board will set objectives and target to monitor environmental performance and encourage the adoption of new or improved best practice toward reduction of all emissions, waste and its influence upon climate change by adopting where appropriate locally sustainable resources ie water, fuels, and on site infrastructure, including recyclable products.*
- *The Swanage Railway Company will encourage the adoption of alternative traction and energy sources to further reduce carbon emissions such as alternative coal substitutes in line with HRA research and to embrace efficient energy storage use eg Battery Electric traction, storage, including alternative heating and insulation of its buildings and infrastructure where appropriate.*
- *The Swanage Railway Company, and its parent organisation the Swanage Railway Trust, will ensure its environmental policy is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any changes in local and national environmental guidance, designations (including the current proposal to create a new National Park ), including any relevant international policies toward mitigating climate change.*

Approved by the Board of the Swanage Railway Company and the Council of Management of the Swanage Railway Trust.

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