

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Land and Building Purchase Policy

The Council will consider purchasing land* or building** after careful consideration of the following;

Where the use to which the land would be put would be primarily for the good of the parishioners. The judgment of what constitutes 'good' will be with the then Council but it is expected that the benefit to the parishioners would be recreational use, wildlife conservation or for environmental reasons either now or in the future.

Constitute good value for money in the context of the benefits (current or future), tangible and intangible that would accrue, in the first instance, to our parishioners. The Council would be required to obtain a land valuation, prior to purchase, and be able to justify any purchase and future maintenance costs including site security. Any decision on the purchase of land will take place at an open meeting after careful deliberation. The Council will endeavour to identify, in advance, a wish list for areas where Council held land would benefit local communities and the reasons why it is considered of benefit.

*Local Government Act 1972, ss 124,126,127 (Power to acquirement by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of...) Local Government Act 1972, ss139 (Power to accept gifts of land).

** Local Government Act 1972, s133, s144. Local Government (Misc Prov) Act 1976, s19