

# Sustainable Development & Climate Change

Sustainable development is defined as balancing the fulfillment of human needs with the protection of the natural environment so that these needs can be met not only in the present, but in the indefinite future.

Land use planning can support the objectives of sustainable development in a number of ways:

- Efficiency in the use of energy, transport and natural resources may be encouraged through the careful location of residential, commercial, and industrial development, and controls on the shape, structure and size of settlements;
- The promotion of the most effective use of already developed areas;
- The protection and enhancement of the natural environment, including unique or outstanding features, landscapes and natural habitats can be secured;
- Ensuring that new development is accommodated in an environmentally sustainable manner;
- Promotion of renewable energy throughout the county;
- Promotion of energy efficient designs.



## What do you think?

- How can we promote sustainable development?
- How can economic growth and environmental protection coexist?
- How does sustainability relate to social issues?