

## **Disabled Access Audit Statement**

Hillam Parish Council is committed to promoting equality, inclusion, and accessibility for all members of the community, including those with disabilities. We recognise our duty under the Equality Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled people are not disadvantaged when accessing council services, facilities, or participating in council activities.

## **Audit Summary**

As part of our ongoing commitment to accessibility, the Council has undertaken a basic audit of its facilities and activities. Key findings include:

- **Council Meetings**: Held in venues that are wheelchair accessible, with accessible toilets and step-free entry where possible.
- **Community Assets**: The Council is reviewing access to physical assets (e.g. noticeboards, benches, green spaces) to identify and address barriers.
- Communication: Council documents and notices are available in accessible formats upon request. We aim to use clear language and provide alternative formats where feasible.
- Website Accessibility: The Council is working towards ensuring its website meets basic accessibility standards, as required in WCAG 2.1AA, including compatibility with screen readers.

## **Next Steps**

- Conduct a more detailed accessibility review of all council-owned assets.
- Engage with local residents and disability groups to gather feedback.
- Develop an action plan for reasonable adjustments and improvements.
- Ensure accessibility is considered in all future planning and procurement decisions.

## Contact

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding accessibility, please contact the Parish Clerk by email: clerk@hillamparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone: 07860871523

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