Local councillor template email or letter

Use the template email below to send to your local councillor, calling for hedgehog-friendly measures across the county. If you'd like more tips on how to find and contact local decision-makers, please visit our campaigning page.

Please remember to copy **campaigning@suffolkwildlifetrust.org** into any emails you send.

Subject: Support a Hedgehog-Friendly Suffolk

Dear Councillor [Name],

I am a resident of [area] within your constituency and am writing to ask for your support in helping make Suffolk a more hedgehog-friendly county.

Hedgehogs are in decline across the UK, and one of the biggest challenges they face is the loss of connected habitat and natural food sources. Small, practical changes in our local area can make a significant difference to hedgehog populations.

I would be grateful if you could support measures that:

- Improve connectivity for hedgehogs by encouraging **hedgehog highways** and other **permeable boundary features** in new developments and on council-owned land.
- Increase natural food sources by promoting **native planting**, **wildlife-friendly green spaces**, **and reducing the use of pesticides** and other chemicals on council-managed land.
- Encourage **developers**, **businesses**, **schools** and **community organisations** to adopt hedgehog-friendly practices.
- Raise awareness of simple steps residents can take to support hedgehogs and other wildlife by showing public support for Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Hedgehog-Friendly County campaign.
- [Include any specific asks you have for your local area, if you have any. Maybe there is a particular development or community space that would benefit from hedgehog-friendly measures?].

[Include a short personal element if possible. For example: "I regularly see hedgehogs in my garden and would love future generations to enjoy them too." Or: "I rarely see hedgehogs in my area now and am concerned about their decline."]

By helping create connected, wildlife-friendly spaces across our communities, the council can play an important role in securing a future for hedgehogs in Suffolk. Anyone, including Councillors and other decision-makers, can become a **Hedgehog Hero** at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/hedgehogs.

If you would like to speak to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust team about how Councillors can do more for hedgehogs and other local wildlife, please contact campaigning@suffolkwildlifetrust.org.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing your response.

Kind regards,

[Name]

[Postcode]

[Full address]