**SPEN VALLEY CIVIC SOCIETY**

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

A constitutional objective of the Society is: “to promote high standards of planning, architecture and environmental management in or affecting the Spen Valley area”.

In furtherance of this objective the Society will endeavour: “to secure the protection, preservation, development, improvement, maintenance, repair or restoration of public parks and other public amenities, areas of environmental interest and nature conservation, places of religious worship, and buildings or sites of historic or architectural interest. This may include the reclamation, remediation and restoration of land which has a restricted use by reason of a previous and expired use of that land”.

In advocating or implementing any of the steps to further the Society’s objectives, due regard will be taken of the need:

* To assess the environmental impact of any project at the planning stage
* To obtain and comply with all appropriate environmental regulations
* To respect the rights of any affected individuals or groups of people
* To repair and develop traditional property to the vernacular style
* To utilise existing resources wherever practicable
* To minimise the consumption of primary raw materials
* To use recycled or reclaimed materials wherever possible
* To minimise the generation of waste materials
* To avoid the use of herbicides and pesticides if at all possible
* To plant native species of vegetation and to do so from a local provenance