



Wellow Neighbourhood Plan
provisional
Vision, themes and objectives
at November 2019

What is in this document

1. A vision statement for the Parish of Wellow covering the next 12 years, to be incorporated in the Neighbourhood Plan
2. The themes which are to be addressed by the Plan
3. The objectives for each theme from which policies will be developed to ensure that each of the objectives is met

All the above are provisional and subject to change as the Plan progresses



Vision statement

In 2031 Wellow Parish will be a thriving, safe, sustainable, and friendly community retaining a village feel. The close relationship with the New Forest National Park will be respected and cherished.

It will have maintained and enhanced its rural character whilst absorbing some further housing development. These small sustainable developments will have been designed to be sympathetic to the surrounding countryside and provide for a balance of dwelling types specifically designed to meet local needs. Green spaces will have been preserved between developments.

The local economy will be supported through the facilitation of modest business growth where appropriate to the rural setting. Community facilities will have expanded and become more varied to meet changing local needs.

The sense of community will be strengthened through improved interconnectivity between its main areas of settlement. This will have been achieved primarily through the development of a network of safe pedestrian, cycle and equestrian routes.

Key themes for the Neighbourhood Plan



Conserving and enhancing biodiversity, the rural character and natural landscape of the Parish



Meeting the housing needs whilst endeavouring to maintain a sustainable level of amenities and facilities for all residents of the Parish from younger families and the next generation through to the increasing number of older residents



Enabling appropriate development in sustainable locations, such that these do not detract from the character, landscape and setting of the Parish



Having a balance of house types and sizes reflecting the local need

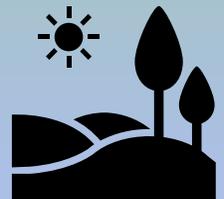


Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment



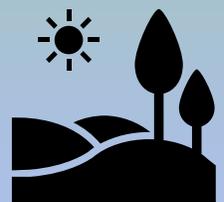
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- ✓ To conserve the rural character of the Parish and, in particular, that surrounding the margins of the designated settlement areas
- ✓ To minimise the impact of development on the rural character of the Parish such that any development will be sympathetic to the landscape setting and not intrude on familiar and valued views both within and outside of the New Forest National Park
- ✓ To identify, maintain and continue to augment valued and important local green spaces and seek their protection, particularly where this supports the improvement of biodiversity



Conserving and enhancing biodiversity, the rural character and natural landscape of the Parish

- ✓ To ensure that all development must result in a biodiversity net gain for the Parish
- ✓ To support appropriate planting which must be sympathetic to the rural character
- ✓ Reducing the risk of flooding in the parish by improving water conservation to meet future needs
- ✓ Maximising the use of energy from renewable sources
- ✓ Encouraging sustainable/good design practice by conserving energy and resources
- ✓ Minimising the effects of pollution and waste generation of all kinds and encouraging re-use of materials where possible



Conserving and enhancing biodiversity, the rural character and natural landscape of the Parish

- ✓ To accommodate new development which satisfies local housing needs and enables amenities required locally to be delivered.
- ✓ To make provision for additional community amenities, where these are sustainable, as the population size increases and the age profile of the Parish evolves



Meeting the housing needs whilst endeavouring to maintain a sustainable level of amenities and facilities for all residents of the Parish from younger families and the next generation through to the increasing number of older residents

- ✓ To review the settlement boundary in line with future local plan revisions
- ✓ To accommodate further housing through a few smaller developments rather than one or more large developments
- ✓ To enable appropriate development of a minor scale in keeping with the historic growth of the parish - with actual permitted numbers being dependent on the context and identified need
- ✓ To sustain and support a range of thriving business activities and services appropriate to the rural setting and to encourage economic activity such as working from home and appropriate farm diversification
- ✓ Support appropriate built development in areas not vulnerable to flooding



Enabling appropriate development in sustainable locations, such that these do not detract from or adversely affect the character, landscape and setting of the Parish

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- ✓ To provide the type and size of development required to meet local housing needs including accommodation suitable for young families and smaller more manageable dwellings for people wishing to downsize



Having a balance of house types and sizes reflecting the local need

- ✓ Improving the environment by minimising the impact through the use of appropriate sustainable building techniques and renewable energy
- ✓ Promote high quality development which will be distinctive by using building design, techniques and materials in keeping with the Village Design Statement/ Wellow Character Appraisal and New Forest National Park Design Guide
- ✓ Help to create positive, accessible and safe places for people to live, work and enjoy
- ✓ Protect and enhance the historic character of the Neighbourhood Plan area



Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment

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- ✓ To better reveal the significance of designated heritage assets and buildings and features of local importance and their setting, through identification, recording and appropriate protection and enhancement of those settings
 - ✓ Reduce harm to the environment by promoting the effective reuse of previously developed land
 - ✓ To review potential infill/ redevelopment sites and assess the capacity of such sites



Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment

- ✓ To extend the network of public rights of way to allow better and safer pedestrian, cycle and equestrian access, particularly between the designated Settlement Areas
- ✓ To minimise traffic generation and encourage sustainable transport modes
- ✓ To ensure that within new developments existing pedestrian and cycle connectivity is not impaired and access to planned or proposed routes is not blocked or inhibited.



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- ✓ To promote road safety on existing local roads by reducing traffic volumes through encouraging the use of public transport and making available access to footpaths and cycle routes
- ✓ To ensure any proposal for new development includes an analysis of its impact on road safety and provides acceptable and appropriate mitigation to any issues identified
- ✓ To support proposals which (subject to compliance with other NP policies), improve public car parking in the vicinity of Wellow School, the local shops and other community facilities



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