

KEY THEMES AND OBJECTIVES FOR WELLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

October 2019

ENV 1 - Conserving and enhancing biodiversity, the rural character and natural landscape of the Parish

- a) To ensure that all development must result in a biodiversity net gain for the Parish
- b) To support appropriate planting which must be sympathetic to the rural character
- c) To conserve the rural character of the Parish and, in particular, that surrounding the margins of the designated settlement areas
- d) 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
- e) 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
- f) Reducing the risk of flooding in the parish by improving water conservation to meet future needs
- g) maximising the use of energy from renewable sources
- h) encouraging sustainable/good design practice by conserving energy and resources
- i) minimising the effects of pollution and waste generation of all kinds and encouraging re-use of materials where possible

SOC 2 - 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

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

ALL 3 - Enabling appropriate development in sustainable locations, such that these do not detract from the character, landscape and setting of the Parish

- a) To review the settlement boundary in line with future local plan revisions
- b) To accommodate further housing through a few smaller developments rather than one or more large developments
- c) 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
- d) 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
- e) To encourage economic activity such as working from home and appropriate farm diversification
- f) Support appropriate built development in areas not vulnerable to flooding

SOC 4 - Having a balance of house types and sizes reflecting the local need

- a) 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

ENV 5 - Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment

- a) Improving the environment by minimising the impact through the use of appropriate sustainable building techniques and renewable energy
- b) 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
- c) Help to create positive, accessible and safe places for people to live, work and enjoy
- d) Protect and enhance the historic character of the Neighbourhood Plan area
- e) 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

- f) Reduce harm to the environment by promoting the effective reuse of previously developed land
- g) To review potential infill/ redevelopment sites and assess the capacity of such sites

ALL 6 - Promoting road safety, mitigating future impacts, and improving interconnectivity within the Parish by making existing pedestrian, equestrian and cycle routes safer and developing new routes

- a) To extend the network of public rights of way network, particularly between the designated Settlement Areas,
- b) To minimise traffic generation and encourage sustainable transport modes
- c) 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.
- d) To allow better and safer pedestrian, cycle and equestrian access, particularly between the designated Settlement Areas.
- e) 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
- f) 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
- g) 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

Comparison of how the NP Objectives Accord with Sustainability Themes, Objectives, Plans and Policies

Sustainability Theme	General Sustainability Appraisal Objective	Parish Specific Objective	Decision Aiding Questions Will the policy / alternative....	NPPF Para Ref	TVBCRLP Policy	NFNPLP Policy
1. Biodiversity	Protect and enhance all biodiversity and geological features and avoid irreversible losses.	ENV 1 – Conserving and enhancing biodiversity, the rural character and natural landscape of the Parish Enhance conservation and biodiversity a. To ensure that all development results in a biodiversity net gain for the Parish b. To support appropriate Planting which must be sympathetic to the rural character	1. Protect and enhance priority habitats and species? 2. Protect and enhance international, national and locally designated biodiversity sites? 3. Avoid habitat fragmentation? 4. Ensure all new developments protect and enhance local biodiversity? 5. Contribute to the achievement of objectives and targets within local BAPs? 6. Maintain the existing extent of ancient woodland sites?	8.c 149 150 170 174 - 177	E5/ 6	SP5/ 6
2. Water resources	Use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner.	ENV 5 – Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment	1. Take into account predicted future impacts of climate change, including water scarcity issues? 2. Encourage sustainable and efficient management of water resources?	20 34 43 118 148 – 149	E7	DP12

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and flood risk		Minimising flood risk a. Reducing the risk of flooding in the parish by improving water conservation to meet future needs	3. Ensure that essential water infrastructure is co-ordinated with all new development? 5. Seek the installation of water saving measures such as rainwater harvesting and water metering? 6. Consider the need for adequate provision of surface water and foul drainage? 7. Promote provision of pollution prevention measures? 8. Protect, and where possible, improve surface, ground and drinking water quality?	155 - 165		
	Protect people and property from the risk of flooding.	Minimising flood risk b. Support appropriate built development in areas not vulnerable to flooding	1. Minimise the risk of flooding to people and property (new and existing development)? 2. Take into account the predicted future impacts of climate change in the location and design of development, ensuring that development can adapt to any future flood risk scenarios? 3. Protect and enhance the natural function of floodplains? 4. Ensure the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) in appropriate circumstances?	20 34 43 118 148 – 149 155 - 165	E7	DP12
3. Climatic	Minimise our impacts on climate change and reduce our vulnerability to	ENV5 – Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment	1. Minimise emissions of greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances?	8.c 20.d 102 – 106 108	E8	SP12

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factors	future climate change effects.	a. Improving the environment by minimising the impact through the use of appropriate sustainable building techniques and renewable energy. b. maximising the use of energy from renewable sources; c. encouraging sustainable/good design practice by conserving energy and resources d. minimising the effects of pollution and waste generation of all kinds and encouraging re-use of materials where possible e. promoting sustainable modes of transport	2. Minimise the likely impacts of future development on climate change through appropriate adaptation? 3. Promote energy efficiency in buildings and new development? 4. Minimise contributions to climate change through sustainable building practices? 5. Contribute to reducing emissions associated with the transport sector?	122 148 – 154		

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4. Landscape/ townscape	Conserve and enhance the character and quality of Wellow NP's rural and urban landscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	ENV1 - Conserving and enhancing the rural character and countryside of the Parish c. To conserve the rural character of the Parish and, in particular, that surrounding the margins of the designated settlement areas d. 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 e. 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	1. Protect and enhance the landscape character and scenic quality of the countryside within and adjoining the Plan Area? 2. Conserve and enhance areas with landscape designations and take account of their management objectives? 3. Maintain and enhance the character and distinctiveness of settlements? 4. Deliver good quality design that reflects local character? 5. Protect and enhance natural landscapes within the villages, including recreational open space and strategic green corridors? 6. Protect rights of way, open space and common land? 7. Avoid loss of tranquillity? 8. Avoid development which results in additional noise and light pollution? 9. Improve the quality and quantity of access to the wider countryside for recreation?		E2, E3, LHW1	SP7, SP9, DP10, SP15

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		ALL 3 – Enabling appropriate development in sustainable locations, such that these do not detract from or adversely affect the character, landscape and setting of the Parish a. To review the settlement boundary in line with future local plan revisions b. To accommodate further housing through a few smaller developments rather than one or more large developments c. To enable appropriate development of a minor scale in keeping with the historic growth of the	1. Protect and enhance the landscape character and scenic quality of the countryside within and adjoining the Plan Area? 2. Conserve and enhance areas with landscape designations and take account of their management objectives? 3. Maintain and enhance the character and distinctiveness of settlements? 4. Deliver good quality design that reflects local character? 5. Protect and enhance natural landscapes within the villages, including recreational open space and strategic green corridors? 6. Protect rights of way, open space and common land? 7. Avoid loss of tranquillity? 8. Avoid development which results in additional noise and light pollution?	67 -70 72 157	SD1, COM1, COM2	SP1, SP4, SP19

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		parish - with actual permitted numbers being dependent on the context and identified need • <i>Also see economy below</i>	9. Improve the quality and quantity of access to the wider countryside for recreation?			
		ENV5 – Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment b. 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			E1, E4	DP2, DP18, SP17, DP34
5.	Provide a safe and healthy environment in which to live.	ENV5 – Improving the built environment and minimising	1. Provide for high quality, accessible healthcare facilities?		E1, E4, LHW1, LHW4, CS1	DP2, DP18, SP17, DP34

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Healthy communities		the impact on the natural environment c. Help to create positive, accessible and safe places for people to live, work and enjoy	2. Promote design of buildings and spaces to reduce obesity? 3. Encourage healthy lifestyles and reduce health inequalities? 4. Promote regular participation in sports /exercise/leisure opportunities? 5. Protect local rural communities and rural ways of life? 6. Mitigate the effects of an ageing population on community and health resources?			
6. Education and skills	Raise educational attainment and provide opportunities for people to improve their workplace skills	<i>Support a skilled workforce by providing opportunities and resources to enable the raising of education and achievement levels</i>	1. Support high quality educational facilities, including their expansion? 2. Improve the skills and qualifications of those residing within the Plan Area? 3. Support community enterprises and the voluntary sector? 4. Support the creation of flexible jobs to meet the changing needs of the population? 5. Ensure that the demand on local resources from those not economically active is addressed? 6. Assist in tackling the increasing number of NEETs?		ST1	
7. Economy and enterprise	Encourage a vibrant and diversified local economy and provide for long-term sustainable economic growth.	ALL 3 – Enabling appropriate development in sustainable locations, such that these do not detract from or adversely affect the character, landscape and setting of the Parish	1. Support the rural economy and farm diversification? 2. Recognise the importance of the social and natural environment to the local economy?		LE10, LE16, LE17, LE18	SP42, SP43, SP46, SP48, DP41,

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		d. To sustain and support a range of thriving business activities and services appropriate to the rural setting	3. Promote sustainable tourism and cultural opportunities? 4. Support diversification of businesses throughout the Plan Area? 5. Encourage the use of home-working where appropriate?			
	Ensure adequate provision of employment land and diverse employment opportunities to meet the needs of local businesses and a changing workforce.	ALL 3 – Enabling appropriate development in sustainable locations, such that these do not detract from or adversely affect the character, landscape and setting of the Parish e. to encourage economic activity such as working from home and appropriate farm diversification	1. Provide good quality employment opportunities in the Plan Area? 2. Assist businesses in finding appropriate land and premises to locate / expand? 3. Protect and enhance the vitality and viability of existing employment areas? 4. Provide a variety of employment land to meet all needs? 5. Provide employment land in areas that are easily accessible by sustainable transport? 6. Recognise the importance of energy efficient employment and mixed-use proposals?		LE16, LE17, LE18	SP42, SP43, SP46, DP44, DP45, DP47, DP48, DP50
8. Land and soil resources	Ensure efficient and effective use of land and the use of suitably located previously developed land and buildings.	ENV5 – Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment f. Reduce harm to the environment by promoting the effective	1. Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land? 3. Protect and enhance soil quality? 4. Maximise reuse of Previously Developed Land where possible/appropriate? 5. Encourage remediation of contaminated land?	63 117 - 123	SD1	SP1

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		reuse of previously developed land g. To review potential infill/ redevelopment sites and assess the capacity of such sites	6. Maximise efficient use of land within the village centres? 7. Avoid the loss of natural floodplain?			
	Promote sustainable waste management solutions that encourage the reduction, re-use and recycling of waste.	<i>Can use an all-encompassing policy on climate change – see ENV2</i>	1. Reduce the amount of waste produced? 2. Ensure the design and layout of new development supports sustainable waste management? 3. Provide a framework in which communities take more responsibility for their own waste?		E8	SP11, SP14
9. Air quality and environmental pollution	Improve air quality and minimise all sources of environmental pollution	<i>Can use an all-encompassing policy on climate change – see ENV2</i>	1. Maintain and improve local air quality? 2. Minimise and, where possible, improve on unacceptable levels of noise, light pollution, odour and vibration? 3. Minimise all forms of contamination to soils? 4. Mitigate the impacts on air quality from new development / road transport? 5. Avoid loss of tranquillity?		E8	SP11, SP14
10. Historic environment	Protect, maintain and enhance the historic environment	ENV5 – Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment	1. Conserve and enhance features and areas of historical and cultural value, including Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas and Scheduled Ancient Monuments?	184 - 202	E2, E9	SP7, SP16, SP17

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		d. Protect and enhance the historic character of the Neighbourhood Plan area e. To better reveal the significance of designated heritage assets and buildings and features of local importance and their settings through identification, recording and appropriate protection and enhancement of those settings	2. Ensure appropriate archaeological assessment is undertaken prior to new development occurring? 3. Promote sensitive re-use of historical buildings and buildings of significant local interest, where appropriate? 4. Improve and broaden access to, and understanding of, local heritage and historic sites? 5. Maintain and enhance the character and distinctiveness of settlements through high quality and appropriate design? 6. Promote heritage based sustainable tourism and regeneration?			
11. Population and housing	Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing, and ensure an appropriate mix of dwelling sizes, types and tenures.	SOC2 - 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 a. To accommodate new development which satisfies local housing needs and enables	1. Provide an adequate supply of affordable housing in the Plan Area? 2. Support the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all residents in the Plan Area? 3. Ensure adequate provision of land to meet housing needs? 4. Provide quality and flexible homes that meet people's needs? 5. Ensure that best use is made of the existing housing stock? 6. Provide housing in sustainable locations that allow easy access to a range of local services and facilities?	59 - 66 77	COM1, COM2, COM7, COM8, COM9, COM10, COM11, COM12, COM13, COM14, COM15	SP19, SP27, SP28, DP31, DP32, SP29, SP30, DP36, DP37, DP35, SP33, SP38, SP39, SP 20, SP21

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		amenities required locally to be delivered. b. To make provision for additional community amenities, where these are sustainable and appropriate to Parish needs as the population size increases and the age profile of the Parish evolves				
		SOC4 - Having a balance of house types and sizes reflecting the local need a. 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				

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12. Inclusive communities	Reduce poverty and deprivation and promote more inclusive and self-contained communities	ENV5 – Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment c. Help to create positive, accessible and safe places for people to live, work and enjoy	1. Maximise opportunities for all members of society? 2. Maintain or enhance the quality of life of existing local residents? 3. Tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation? 4. Minimise fuel poverty?			
	Improve equality of access to, and engagement in local, high-quality community services and facilities.	ENV5 – Improving the built environment and minimising the impact on the natural environment c. Help to create positive, accessible and safe places for people to live, work and enjoy	1. Improve the availability and accessibility of key local facilities? 2. Promote the development / improvement of a community facilities? 3. Encourage active involvement of local people in community activities, including volunteering?			
13. Transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote more sustainable transport choices	ALL6 - Improving interconnectivity within the Parish by making existing pedestrian, equestrian and cycle routes safer and developing new routes a) To extend the network of public rights of way network, particularly	1. Promote mixed-use developments that reduce the need to travel and reliance on the private car? 2. Increase uptake of sustainable travel choices i.e. public transport, walking and cycling? 3. Promote car-share schemes and home or other forms of remote working? 4. Reduce traffic volumes? 5. Avoid placing further pressure on local parking?	108 - 111		

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		between the designated Settlement Areas, b) To minimise traffic generation and encourage sustainable transport modes c) 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.	6. Help improve availability of local public transport choices?			
	Improve road safety, reduce accidents and help reduce traffic speeds	d. To allow better and safer pedestrian, cycle and equestrian access, particularly between the designated Settlement Areas. e. 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	1. Help to keep traffic speeds low? 2. Enhance road safety / reduce accidents?	108 - 111		

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		f. 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 g. 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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