

WPC November WSNP 'Stage gate' Update, May 1 2024

The original Warborough and Shillingford Neighbourhood Plan Vision, Objectives and Policies cascade from a strategic direction (vision), thorough to directions of travel (objectives) and ultimately, planning laws (policies) which form the basis of planning decision in this Parish.

During the review process, two community consultation events (March 2023, October 2023) sought to clarify and add detail to the existing Vision and Objectives, including adding detail for defining Village Character, and an Environmental focus. These were agreed at a 'stage gate' November 2023 Parish Council meeting and have been subsequently discussed and agreed with SODC. This revised Vision and Objectives statement, below, with proposed new text in green, is now presented to the Parish Council and the community, including this updated text on the PC/NP website:

2024 Update: The plan is now being reviewed. Local involvement is being sought through events and consultations via the community email, the notice board and through the parish council meetings and local magazine. There are now proposed minor adjustments to the plan's Vision and Objectives, in line with consultation feedback from the community in 2023. The draft version is available [here](#), and comments are welcome by 15 June 2024, please email wandsplan2023@googlegroups.com

The structure below shows the Vision, underpinned by the Objectives, and then supported with the underlying policies which are still being considered. These policies will be developed in the coming months, with help from our advisors and SODC, with opportunities for further public consultations. Green text indicates changes from the WSNP 2018 Vision, objectives and policies.

Vision

To preserve and enhance the look and feel of our villages, our community spirit, and our countryside whilst supporting our identified housing and community needs **and protecting the environment.**

Objectives

VILLAGE CHARACTER

To enhance our strong sense of place, community and local **rural** identity.

To ensure that new housing development is in character with the villages, protects the greenbelt and offers a high quality of design within the villages whilst minimising impact on views **and important spaces.**

To protect the aesthetic beauty of the villages and the income it generates.

HOUSING

To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home and providing a mix of housing to better meet local needs especially smaller homes and homes for the elderly.

To ensure that new development does not cause new, or exacerbate existing, traffic, parking and road safety issues around the village and seeks to improve it.

To maximise integration of new development with the existing community.

COMMUNITY ASSETS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

To ensure that local services, recreational facilities, **spaces** and infrastructure are **protected**, maintained and improved.

To ensure that heritage assets are protected.

ECONOMY AND TOURISM

To enhance the prospects for local businesses by supporting plans for village amenity premises.

ENVIRONMENT

To seek opportunities for landscape, recreational, biodiversity, and nature net gain whilst minimising the environmental impact of new development and enhancing landscape and nature recovery.

Policies

VC1 – Development principles and the character of the villages

VC2: Green Gaps

VC3: Local Views

VC4: Dark Skies

VC5: Settlement Boundary

H1: Housing Mix

H2: Infill Development

H3: Pedestrian Links

H4: Active Travel

H5: Safeguard Affordable Housing

C1: Community infrastructure

C2: Improvements to Community Assets

C3: Local Green Spaces

EC1 Enhancement of Employment Facilities

ENV1: Protecting nature and biodiversity net gain

ENV2: Biodiversity in new developments

ENV3: Mitigating Flood Risk in a climate emergency

ENV4: Landscape and Nature Recovery

ENV5: Sustainable energy