

Sustainability Objectives

To help to provide a good mix of housing types to meet the identified needs of Watlington residents and to provide the opportunity for people to live in a decent home which is affordable within their means.

To help to create a safe environment through well designed development in which people can live and work and which is attractive and welcoming to visitors

To enable everyone to contribute to decisions affecting the community and to support community initiatives which benefit local residents

To promote people's health and wellbeing by making sure that everyone has good access to local green spaces, to the countryside and to surrounding villages via attractive pedestrian and cycle routes

To improve accessibility for people of all abilities to local services and facilities and to promote improved opportunities for public transport

To reduce the negative impact of traffic on the environment caused by noise, vibration, and congestion by promoting effective traffic management strategies

To support action to improve air quality

To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity, maximising opportunities for biodiversity within all new development, and paying particular attention to habitat linkage and wildlife corridors

To protect and enhance the town's landscape setting and the countryside around it with special regard to the Chilterns AONB

To protect the rural character of the Parish by minimising light encroachment in order to preserve dark skies

To protect and enhance the town's historic environment, Conservation Area and heritage features