

Sustainability Objectives

To ensure that new development reflects the distinctiveness of the built form of Watlington by using high quality design and materials

To ensure that the location and design of new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and to mitigate and adapt to climate change by securing sustainable building practices which conserve energy, water resources and materials.

To support energy generation projects from renewable sources.

To protect, enhance and manage the parish's watercourses, springs and ponds. To safeguard their margins and groundwater sources, restoring naturalised sections and creating wetland features where appropriate

To reduce the risk of damaging groundwater or fluvial flooding by taking advantage of natural processes in the way flows are managed

To support the reduction of waste through recycling, composting and energy recovery

To improve efficiency in land use through re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and to protect minerals and other natural resources

To safeguard and enhance opportunities for local food production by protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, small holdings and allotments and facilitating other initiatives such as community orchards and gardens

To promote the development of local businesses which are appropriate in scale to the rural context of Watlington and provide increased employment opportunities

To support provision for home workers together with support networks for small businesses

To support the growth of Watlington as a thriving commercial hub in support of our settlements in the Parish and surrounding communities, and as a local centre for tourism