

Consultation 3

Questionnaire

Watlington
Neighbourhood
Development Plan



The full Neighbourhood Development Plan document and the Environmental Report are available online at www.watlingtonnp.org.uk and as paper copies at Watlington Library and the Parish Office in Old School Place, off Gorwell. The Consultation runs for six weeks from 18th April to 29th May 2017. Responses to the questionnaire can be made online. Paper copies will be collected from your door OR can be delivered to the Parish Office OR placed in the box in the entrance lobby of The Watlington Club.

We hope that everyone will answer Part A as we need to know if there is general support for the Plan or not. Please complete Part B if you have views on the Plan policies and wish to comment on the Environmental Report. The Neighbourhood Plan is important because, when the process is complete, it will be adopted by SODC as part of the Local Development Scheme.

PART A: THE PLAN (as described in the Summary Document)

Please tell us if you support or object to the plan by ticking one of the boxes. Please add comments if you would like to. If you object please let us know what changes you think are needed to overcome your concerns.

Support

Object

Comment

PART B: THE POLICIES

Please add comments if you would like to. If you object please let us know what changes you think are needed to overcome your concerns

POLICY 1. PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OF WATLINGTON

Proposals for development will be permitted where:

- 1a The development is designed to be appropriate to the historic character of Watlington and to the Conservation Area and to other settlements in the parish.
- 1b Development relates well to the built form of the town and contributes positively to views of the town, both in relation to the setting of the Conservation Area, and as seen from the AONB, in particular from Watlington Hill.
- 1c Development is sited in such a way as to enhance the setting of historic and listed buildings and other heritage assets.
- 1d Guidelines in the Watlington Design guide are followed, particularly with regard to appropriate materials.

Support

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POLICY 2. IMPROVE AND MANAGE ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES

- 2a** Proposals for development sites will be required to safeguard a route for a realigned B4009 to the North and West of Watlington to link development sites and minimise through traffic from the centre of town.
- 2b** Development will only be permitted where it does not have a severe adverse impact on existing traffic pressures and air quality.
- 2c** Traffic management strategies will enhance the centre of the town. Contribution to costs will be met through developer contributions via Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and or Section 106 funding.

Support

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POLICY 3 CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND HISTORIC SETTING OF WATLINGTON

Development will be permitted so long as:

- 3a Views of the town from the Chilterns AONB and surrounding countryside are protected, especially from public viewpoints on the escarpment, including Watlington Hill National Trust land and the White Mark.
- 3b Local chalk streams and ponds are protected and enhanced in line with guidance from The Environment Agency
- 3c Flood risk is reduced and the natural management of water flows is improved to benefit areas identified in Flood zones 2 and 3.
- 3d Opportunities are provided to enhance biodiversity by creating wildlife corridors and linked habitats within the identified development sites and linking with surrounding areas
- 3e Existing Green Spaces are designated as Local Green Spaces in order to protect their amenity and biodiversity value
- 3f Opportunities are provided for new Local Green Spaces within developments

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POLICY 4 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

New housing development will be permitted where:

- 4a Development provides a well-balanced mix of housing, including needs identified in the most recent Watlington Housing Survey.**
- 4b Development includes, as appropriate, provision for older households seeking to downsize, growing families, home workers, self-builders, and people with physical and sensory disabilities.**
- 4c Provision is made for 40% affordable homes on sites of 11 or more dwellings, (except in the AONB), compliant with SODC policy and to meet the needs identified in the Housing Survey 2016.**
- 4d Development has high standards of design in accordance with local and national policies and the Watlington Design Guide 2017.**
- 4e There is effective connectivity between new housing, the town centre, schools and local facilities by safe pedestrian paths and cycle ways.**
- 4f A small site or sites are brought forward for park homes or other low cost homes in line with the findings of the Housing Survey 2016.**

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POLICY 5 ENHANCE WATLINGTON AS A SERVICE CENTRE AND EMPLOYMENT FOCUS

In addition to other policies in the WNDP proposals for development will be expected to demonstrate how they contribute to:

- 5a Improvement of the Public Realm in the Town Centre.
- 5b Provision for new small-scale workshops and accommodation for small and medium sized businesses including start-ups, appropriate to the location within the WNDP area.
- 5c Protection of the 'active primary frontages' in A1 and A3 of the Use Classes Order in the central retail area of Watlington - High Street, Shirburn Street and Couching Street - to protect the economic vitality of the town centre.
- 5d Improvement to signage to facilities and amenities appropriate to the scale and character of the town centre and Conservation Area.
- 5e The provision and management of car parking to improve the vitality of the town
- 5f Proposals to promote tourism of a scale appropriate to Watlington

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POLICY 6 PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Development will be expected to demonstrate how it contributes to:

- 6a Improving the quality and provision of local sport and recreation facilities**
- 6b New or improved community buildings and facilities**
- 6c Superfast broadband provision**
- 6d Transport connectivity via support for local initiatives**
- 6e Improved pedestrian and cycle safety**
- 6f New and improved footpaths and cycleways which offer access for all abilities**

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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

This report is available in paper copy at the Parish Office and Library and online
Do you have any comments on this report?

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