

## How the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions

### Appendix C: Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan Contribution to the Achievement of Sustainable Development

National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph	How the Plan contributes towards this
<p><i>There are three dimensions to sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.</i></p> <p><i>an <b>economic role</b> – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure;</i></p> <p><i>a <b>social role</b> – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and</i></p> <p><i>an <b>environmental role</b> – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.</i></p> <p>(paragraph 7)</p>	<p>The Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan has embraced all three dimensions to sustainable development.</p> <p>The following policies of the Neighbourhood Plan address the economic dimension of sustainable development:</p> <p>Policy AF3 Design and quality in the town centre</p> <p>Policy T10 Loss of parking capacity</p> <p>Policy EM1 Safeguarding local employment sites</p> <p>Policy EM2 Resisting loss of employment space...</p> <p>Policy EM3 Supporting small and medium sized businesses</p> <p>Policy EM4 Connectivity and communication infrastructure</p> <p>The following policies the Plan address the social dimension of sustainable development:</p> <p>Policy AF1 Protecting community facilities</p> <p>Policy AF2 Additional community facilities</p> <p>Policy T1 Pedestrian routes</p> <p>Policy T2 New development and pedestrian links</p> <p>Policy T4 Proximity of new development to facilities and services</p> <p>Policy H1 Local needs housing</p> <p>Policy H3 Play areas in residential developments</p> <p>Policy ENV9 Allotments</p> <p>The following policies of the Plan address the environmental dimension of sustainable development:</p> <p>Policy T7 Cycle parking</p> <p>Policy T8 Improving key pedestrian and cycle links</p> <p>Policy T9 Railway station</p> <p>Policy ENV1 Maintaining and protecting the natural environment</p> <p>Policy ENV2 Green infrastructure network</p> <p>Policy ENV3 Local Green Space</p>

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	<p>Policy ENV4 Protecting the local heritage assets</p> <p>Policy ENV6 Protecting views and vistas</p> <p>Policy ENV7 High quality design</p>
<p><i>Pursuing sustainable development involves seeking positive improvements in the quality of the built, natural and historic environment, as well as in people’s quality of life, including (but not limited to):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>making it easier for jobs to be created in cities, towns and villages;</i></li> <li>● <i>moving from a net loss of bio-diversity to achieving net gains for nature;</i></li> <li>● <i>replacing poor design with better design;</i></li> <li>● <i>improving the conditions in which people live, work, travel and take leisure; and</i></li> <li>● <i>widening the choice of high quality homes.</i></li> </ul> <p>(paragraph 9)</p>	<p>The following policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are most relevant to meeting the delivery of sustainable development as outlined in NPPF paragraph 9:</p> <p>Policy EM3 Supporting small and medium sized businesses</p> <p>Policy ENV2 Green infrastructure network</p> <p>Policy ENV7 High quality design</p> <p>Policy H1 Local needs housing</p>
<p><i>Plans and decisions need to take local circumstances into account, so that they respond to the different opportunities for achieving sustainable development in different areas.</i></p> <p>(paragraph 10)</p>	<p>As the Consultation Statement demonstrates we have carried out consultations with the community to ensure that the emerging Neighbourhood Plan reflects their priorities and considered the options to deliver the development we need in a sustainable manner.</p>
<p><i>The application of the presumption (in favour of sustainable development) will have implications for how communities engage in neighbourhood planning. Critically, it will mean that neighbourhoods should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>develop plans that support the strategic development needs set out in Local Plans, including policies for housing and economic development;</i></li> <li>● <i>plan positively to support local development, shaping and directing development in their area that is outside the strategic elements of the Local Plan; and</i></li> <li>● <i>identify opportunities to use Neighbourhood Development Orders to enable developments that are consistent with their neighbourhood plan to proceed.</i></li> </ul> <p>(paragraph 16)</p>	<p>We have developed the Neighbourhood Plan taking into account the strategic policies of the Local Plan to ensure that the Plan conforms to the overall development strategy for the district of Stroud.</p> <p>We have ensured that officers at Stroud District Council have seen key outputs and drafts of the Plan and the process, with general conformity with strategic policies in mind. (A table later in this statement sets out how we feel the policies and Plan are in general conformity with the core policies of the Local Plan.)</p> <p>We have planned positively to support local development, within the context of national and strategic policies which provide the planning policy framework for the Neighbourhood Plan, and which also fits with the aspirations of the community (as understood through the various local consultations that have been carried out).</p> <p>There has been no local desire or need to identify Neighbourhood Development Orders in the neighbourhood area at this stage.</p>

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<p><i>.....plan positively for the location, promotion and expansion of clusters or networks of knowledge driven, creative or high technology industries</i></p> <p>(paragraph 21)</p>	<p>We have included a policy (EM3) that is supportive of incubator and small business clusters which should encourage innovation, creativity and/or high technology businesses to develop.</p>
<p><i>Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable transport modes for the movement of goods or people.</i></p> <p>(paragraph 35)</p>	<p>We have developed several policies that reflect the ambition to reduce the impact of the motor vehicle and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. Our policies reflect a desire to see more and better pedestrian and cycle routes; better facilities for cyclists and public transport users; and recognition in development planning of a ‘user hierarchy’ that gives precedence, sequentially, to pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users, specialist service vehicles (emergency services, waste, etc.) before other motor traffic.</p>
<p><i>Advanced, high quality communications infrastructure is essential for sustainable economic growth.</i></p> <p>(paragraph 42)</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan includes a policy (EM4) that seeks to ensure the area’s businesses and communities will continue to benefit from advances in electronic communication and related technologies.</p>
<p><i>Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people.</i></p> <p>(Paragraph 56)</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan emphasises that we are seeking high quality design and a good standard of amenity in a local context (Policy EM7). To this end, the policy endorses the prevailing local and district design guides and statements.</p>
<p><i>To deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;</i></li> </ul> <p>(paragraph 70)</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan aims to ensure that we maintain a range of local community facilities that are flexible enough to meet a range of community needs and ensure the community remains sustainable. This includes protecting what we have, as long as it is needed, and adding to facilities and services in a flexible and sustainable way.</p> <p>Policy AF1 Protecting community facilities</p> <p>Policy AF2 Additional community facilities</p>
<p><i>Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need.</i></p> <p>(paragraph 183)</p>	<p>The neighbourhood planning process has brought the community closer together and enabled a positive dialogue to take place about what development is required and how it can be best accommodated and facilitated. Part of the process has been to agree what is important to us and how this can be protected and enhanced by development to realise the community’s vision for the future.</p>

Stroud Local Plan Strategic Objective:	How the Plan contributes towards meeting these:
<p><i>Strategic Objective SO1: Accessible communities</i></p> <p><i>Maintaining and improving accessibility to services and amenities for our communities, with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Healthcare for all residents</i></li> <li>• <i>Affordable and decent housing for local needs</i></li> <li>• <i>Active social, leisure and recreation opportunities</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth and adult learning opportunities</i></li> </ul>	<p>Aim 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan is “To meet the recreational aspirations, the health and wellbeing and the practical needs of the community...”</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan includes policies that seek to protect and enhance the community services and amenities we require (Policies AF1 and AF2).</p> <p>Policy T1 and T4 seek to reinforce the transport hierarchy in the interest of ensuring that local services and amenities are conveniently located and accessible.</p> <p>Policy H9 reinforces Local Plan Policy CP9 relating to the need for sufficient affordable housing on larger new developments.</p>
<p><i>Strategic Objective SO2: Local economy and jobs</i></p> <p><i>Providing for a strong, diverse, vibrant local economy that enables balanced economic growth, coupled with enhanced job opportunities across the District</i></p>	<p>Aim 4 of the Neighbourhood Plan is “To support employment opportunities and secure a prosperous economic future for Stonehouse”.</p> <p>The Plan includes policies that aim to safeguard existing employment sites in the interests of a healthy local economy and the continued provision of local employment and services (Policies EM1 and EM2).</p> <p>Policy EM3 aims to facilitate new business start-ups and SMEs in suitable locations.</p> <p>Policy EM4 addresses the need to ensure that the communication infrastructure is not a barrier to economic growth.</p>
<p><i>Strategic Objective SO3: Town centres and rural hinterlands</i></p> <p><i>Improving the safety, vitality and viability of our town centres, which link to and support the needs of their rural hinterlands</i></p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan includes an Objective (1.1) to “Continue to grow as a thriving and diverse town centre with independent traders and businesses.”</p> <p>Policy AF3 is supportive of development that will ensure that Stonehouse town centre continues to serve the needs and demands of the local population and its rural hinterland.</p>
<p><i>Strategic Objective SO4: Transport and travel</i></p> <p><i>Promoting healthier alternatives to the use of the private car and seeking to reduce CO2 emissions by using new technologies, active travel and/or smarter choices, working towards a more integrated transport system to improve access to local goods and services</i></p>	<p>Travel and transport is a major theme of the Neighbourhood Plan. Aim 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan is “to ensure Stonehouse is accessible and people can get around easily and conveniently by foot, mobility scooter, bicycle, public transport and private motorised transport, encouraging more sustainable travel and a consequent reduction in traffic congestion.”</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan includes policies that: support the increase and improvement of pedestrian and cycling routes (T1, T3); ensure new development is linked to existing facilities (T2, T4, T8); encourage facilities for</p>

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	cycling (T5, T6, T7); and support the public transport infrastructure (T9).
<p><i>Strategic Objective SO5: Climate Change and environmental limits</i></p> <p><i>Promoting a development strategy that mitigates global warming, adapts to climate change and respects our environmental limits by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Securing energy efficiency through building design</i></li> <li>• <i>Maximising the re-use of buildings and recycling of building materials</i></li> <li>• <i>Minimising the amount of waste produced and seeking to recover energy</i></li> <li>• <i>Promoting the use of appropriately located brownfield land</i></li> <li>• <i>Supporting a pattern of development that facilitates the use of sustainable modes of transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Minimising and mitigating against future flood risks, recycling water resources and protecting and enhancing the quality of our District’s surface and groundwater resources</i></li> </ul>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan has several policies that seek to address local environmental issues.</p> <p>Policy ENV7 emphasise the importance of good quality design and sustainable building practices.</p> <p>Transport policies (T1, T2, T4, T5, T6, T7) all aim to promote more sustainable transport modes being a feature of new development.</p> <p>Polices AF2, ENV2 and ENV7 all address flood risk and the need for avoidance or mitigation.</p>
<p><i>Strategic Objective SO6: Our District’s distinctive qualities</i></p> <p><i>Conserving and enhancing Stroud District’s distinctive qualities, based on landscape, townscape and biodiversity</i></p>	<p>Aim 5 of the Neighbourhood Plan is “To protect and enhance access to green spaces both within the town and the surrounding countryside”.</p> <p>Policy ENV1 ENV3 and ENV4 seek to protect the important environmental sites in the area.</p> <p>Policies ENV2 and ENV5 focus on the enhancement of the natural environment in the interests of increasing local biodiversity.</p>