

Assessment of the contribution of the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan to the achievement of sustainable development.

Introduction:

Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development is a basic condition draft neighbourhood plans must meet if they are to proceed to a referendum.

In order to demonstrate that a draft neighbourhood plan contributes to sustainable development, sufficient and proportionate evidence should be presented on how the draft neighbourhood plan guides development to sustainable solutions.

There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal.

However, an assessment of the draft neighbourhood plan's contribution towards achieving the sustainability objectives set out by the Sustainability Appraisal of the emerging Stroud District Local Plan may be a useful approach to demonstrate how the neighbourhood plan will contribute to achieving sustainable development.

Assessment:

Topic	Objectives	NDP Response
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that air quality continues to improve. 	
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, protect, enhance, restore and connect habitats, species and/or sites of biodiversity or geological interest. 	
Climate change mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement energy efficiency through building design to maximise the re-use of land and buildings, recycle building materials and use renewable sources of energy. • Implement strategies that help mitigate global warming and adapt to unavoidable climate change within the District. 	
Community & Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the challenge of a growing and ageing population. • Encourage social inclusion, equity, the promotion of equality and a respect for diversity. • Maintain and improve the community's health with accessible 	

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	<p>healthcare for residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase levels of physical activity, especially among the young. • Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. • Provide access to the countryside and appropriate land for leisure and recreation use. 	
Economy & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth. • Develop the local economy within its environmental limits. • Maintain and enhance employment opportunities within the District to meet both current and future needs. 	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide affordable and decent housing to meet local needs. 	
Landscape & Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce local distinctiveness, local environmental quality and amenity through the conservation and enhancement of the built and cultural heritage. • Conserve and enhance landscapes and townscapes. 	
Soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and enhance soil quality. 	
Transport & Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote traffic reduction and encourage more sustainable alternative forms of transport. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore, manage and promote the canal towpaths as part of the transport infrastructure. 	
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise the amount of waste produced, maximise the amount that is reused or recycled, and seek to recover energy from the largest proportion of the residual material. 	
Water (inc. flood risk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and enhance the quality and quantity of ground and surface waters. • Manage and reduce the risk of flooding in new and existing development. 	