

## Assessment of the contribution of the Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan to the achievement of sustainable development

### Introduction

Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development is a basic condition Neighbourhood Development 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 Development Plan guides development to sustainable solutions.

There is no legal requirement for a Neighbourhood Development Plan to have a sustainability appraisal.

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

Topic	Objectives	NDP Response	Effects Likely
Air	Ensure that air quality continues to improve.	Policy T1 A promotes pedestrian connectivity enhancing pedestrian links to encourage more walking and less reliance on the car.	Positive
		Policy T2 A Promotes cycle parking to encourage more use of cycling and less reliance on the car.	Positive
		Policy T2 B Cycle path provision to encourage cycle paths to be implemented to encourage more journeys by cycle and cut down the reliance on the car.	Positive
		Policy T5 promotes the use of Travel Plans these will be required at any key trip generator sites. Travel Plans will also be required at smaller sites where travel patterns are deemed to be an issues for Kingswood Parish .For Kingswood Parish this will be any development over 5 units and all employment sites.	Positive
		Policy E5 public Rights of Way Footpaths and Cycle paths seeks to conserve public rights of way, footpaths and cycle paths to help cut down on the reliance of the car for all journeys	Positive
Biodiversity	Create, protect, enhance, restore and	Policy E1 Conservation of Natural Habitats seeks	Positive

	connect habitats, species and/or sites of biodiversity or geological interest.	<p>to ensure that development does not have a negative impact</p> <p>Policy E2 looks to minimise the effects of development by maintaining key features such as hedgerows , mature trees and ponds</p> <p>Policy E3 Green Infrastructure and Development seeks to improve the connectivity between key wild life areas and to enhance the green infrastructure of the parish.</p> <p>Policy E4 Protection and Maintenance of Local Green Spaces seeks to conserve Local Green spaces that have been identified as important to the community.</p> <p>Policy LA1 seeks to protect the Landscape Character and locally important view</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p>
<b>Climate change mitigation</b>	<p>Implement energy efficiency through building design to maximise the re-use of land and buildings, recycle building materials and use renewable sources of energy.</p> <p>Implement strategies that help mitigate global warming and adapt to unavoidable climate change within the District.</p>	<p>No policies</p> <p>Policy T1A promotes pedestrian connectivity enhancing pedestrian links to encourage more walking and less reliance on the car.</p> <p>Policy T2A Promotes cycle parking to encourage more use of cycling and less reliance on the car.</p> <p>Policy T2B Cycle path provision to encourage cycle paths to be implemented to encourage more journeys by cycle and cut down the reliance on the car.</p> <p>Policy T5 promotes the use of Travel Plans at key trip generator sites and smaller sites development over 5 units and employment sites, where transport and movement patterns are deemed to be key.</p>	<p>Neutral</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p>
<b>Community &amp; Wellbeing</b>	<p>Meet the challenge of a growing and ageing population.</p> <p>Encourage social inclusion, equity, the</p>	<p>Policy GSC1 provision of community facilities and recreation space seeks to ensure the improvement and provision of facilities</p> <p>Policy GSC2 Supports the nomination and identification of land and facilities that have been</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p>

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	<p>promotion of equality and a respect for diversity.</p> <p>Maintain and improve the community's health with accessible healthcare for residents.</p> <p>Increase levels of physical activity, especially among the young.</p> <p>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Provide access to the countryside and appropriate land for leisure and recreation use.</p>	<p>recognised Assets of Community Value</p> <p>Policy T2B Cycle path provision to encourage cycle paths to be implemented to encourage more journeys by cycle</p> <p>Policy GSC1 provision of Community Facilities and Recreation space seeks to enhance and improve on existing facilities.</p> <p>Policy GSC1 provision of Community Facilities and Recreation space seeks to enhance and improve on existing facilities.</p> <p>Policy E 3 Green Infrastructure and Development seeks to improve the connectivity between key wild life areas and to enhance the green infrastructure of the parish.</p> <p>Policy E4 Protection and Maintenance of Local Green Spaces seeks to conserve Local Green spaces that have been identified as important to the community.</p> <p>Policy E5 Public Rights of Way Footpaths and Cycle paths seeks to conserve public rights of way, footpaths and cycle paths for community use</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Negligible</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p>
<b>Economy &amp; Employment</b>	<p>Support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth.</p> <p>Develop the local economy within its environmental limits.</p> <p>Maintain and enhance employment opportunities within the District to meet both current and future needs.</p>	<p>Policy BE1 Protection of Existing Commercial premises or Land seeks to ensure that business and employment opportunities are maintained within the parish.</p>	<p>Positive</p>
<b>Housing</b>	<p>Provide affordable and</p>	<p>Policy SL3 seeks to provide affordable housing for</p>	<p>Positive</p>

	decent housing to meet local needs.	the community through a Rural Exception Site	
<b>Landscape &amp; Heritage</b>	<p>Reinforce local distinctiveness, local environmental quality and amenity through the conservation and enhancement of the built and cultural heritage.</p> <p>Conserve and enhance landscapes and townscapes.</p>	<p>Policy CA1 Kingswood Conservation Area seeks to preserve and enhance the character and heritage assets of the area.</p> <p>Policy CA2 Listed Building seeks to protect the effects of development on Listed Buildings and non-designated assets</p> <p>Policy CA3 Archaeology seeks to ensure that all proposals have regard to the potential of unidentified archaeology.</p> <p>Policy LA1 Protection of Landscape Character and Locally Important Views seeks to protect and enhance Local distinctive landscape feature and landscape types.</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p>
<b>Soil</b>	Protect and enhance soil quality.	The KNDP is not allocating land for development and as such there will be no change in soil quality.	Neutral
<b>Transport &amp; Accessibility</b>	<p>Promote traffic reduction and encourage more sustainable alternative forms of transport.</p> <p>Restore, manage and promote the canal towpaths as part of the transport infrastructure.</p>	<p>Policy T1A Promotes pedestrian connectivity enhancing pedestrian links to encourage more walking</p> <p>Policy T2A Promotes cycle parking to encourage cycling</p> <p>Policy T2B Cycle path provision to encourage cycle paths to be implemented to encourage more journeys by cycle</p> <p>Policy T5 promotes the use of Travel Plans at key trip generator sites and smaller sites where transport and movement patterns are deemed to be key.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Positive</p> <p>Neutral</p>
<b>Waste</b>	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.	<b>No policies</b>	Neutral

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<b>Water (inc. flood risk)</b>	Maintain and enhance the quality and quantity of ground and surface waters.	Policy FR1 Minimising the impact of Flooding From development looks to minimise the effects from development on flooding.	Positive
	Manage and reduce the risk of flooding in new and existing development.	Provides for the appropriate surface water drainage including the use of ponds, swales and bio swales or other forms of sustainable Drainage System	Positive