

SMNP Objectives

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Stoke Mandeville Neighbourhood Plan – Structure

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Section 1 – The Vision

Based clearly on the community consultation – including the PC’s vision for the Parish.

What ideas or desires came out of the community consultation?

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10 Issues of local concern

There have been several consultations with residents as part of the process of development of the plan. Analysis of responses to those consultations and results from a survey delivered to every household in the Parish, illustrate those concerns important to residents. The issues emerging as of most concern to residents are:

Housing

- There is general concern over future housing development and the pressure it will cause on both the physical infrastructure and the rural aspects of the parish.
- A significant proportion of residents who believe that there should be affordable housing in the parish think that this should be for local people or those with a connection to Stoke Mandeville
- New dwellings in the parish should have both off street parking and gardens.
- New housing fits in visually [*with what, and how many people raised this – do the consultation results have any detail on this?*]

Environment

The general feeling is that there is a need for the protection of green spaces and landscape features throughout Stoke Mandeville. Areas of the parish which should specifically be protected include:

- The Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field
- The green in front of the school
- The burial ground in Swallow Lane
- The green at the entrance to the allotments
- The green at the centre of Carter’s Ride

Views to protect from any form of development include views from across Stoke Mandeville of the Chilterns and Coombe Hill

Specific environmental concerns include the amount of litter and fly tipping within the parish. People would also like more creation of wildlife meadows and corridors and landscaping of public areas.

Transport/Traffic

Major traffic concerns include the volume and speed of traffic and the number and size of commercial vehicles passing through the parish, with many people thinking weight restrictions on traffic would be a good idea.

Station Road emerged as the area generating most concerns.

Local Services

There is a general feeling that it is important that there should always be adequate provision of school places within Stoke Mandeville to accommodate children living in the Parish since the adequate provision of school places for local Stoke Mandeville children fosters a 'Sense of Community.'

People find that although it is quite easy to book an appointment with a doctor, the difficulties are with long waiting times for appointments with already overstretched/overburdened surgeries.

Information Technology – Broadband

Despite there being adequate access to broadband providers many indicated problems with the speed of their broadband connection. These included slow web page loading times and inconsistent internet performance dependent on the time of the day.

Business Development

In terms of new business development in Stoke Mandeville, people think that pubs, cafes and restaurants should be encouraged as well as retail (shops), agriculture/food production and service trades e.g. plumbers and electricians.

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Based on all the consultations, the NPSG Vision was summarised as follows:

Stoke Mandeville Garden Parish will be a healthy, sociable community set in a beautiful green natural environment in which people are proud to say they live, work and play.

Section 2 – The Objectives

These fall out of the Vision.

The original NP Objectives are here: [SMNP Objectives.docx](#) There are too many of them and some are not deliverable or relevant – can we please go through them and see what to keep?

Alternative suggestions below – can be adapted to retain some of original Objectives, but actually I think are broadly in keeping with the originals but more succinct.

Housing Objective:

Suggested: Recognising the requirements for green infrastructure, housing design, housing allocations and affordable housing already laid out in the NPPF, the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, the AGT1 SPD and the Aylesbury Garden Town Masterplan, this Neighbourhood Plan aims to:

- 1) Add weight to those strategic policies by outlining a policy for Stoke Mandeville Parish which prioritises green spaces within and around new developments in order to mitigate the impact on local people of losing rural vistas to housing developments and transport infrastructure.
- 2) Prevent any further loss to development of rural and other green spaces other than those already allocated in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan 2013-2033 which was adopted in 2021 or which fall within the Settlement Boundary and are not protected by other legislation or planning policies.

Environment Objective:

Suggested: This Plan will meet the needs of its residents for green spaces and maintain as far as possible the semi-rural tradition of Stoke Mandeville Parish by:

- 1) Protecting publicly accessible green spaces currently existing in the Parish.
- 2) Specifying that the inclusion and/or preservation of green infrastructure and green spaces to the upper limit required by national and local planning guidance, or beyond, should be a material consideration in planning and design for housing, transport and local services.
- 3) Preventing any further loss of rural and other green spaces outside the Settlement Boundary but within the Parish.

Traffic & Transport

Suggested: Recognising the requirements for mitigation of traffic impacts such as air quality, pedestrian and cyclist safety and residents' ease of travel, and the facilitation of active travel (walking, cycling and scootering) and public transport options laid out in the NPPF, the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, the AGT1 SPD and the Aylesbury Garden Town Masterplan, this Neighbourhood Plan aims to add weight to those strategic policies by supporting and specifying a requirement for development plans that mitigate increased traffic impacts and facilitate residents to travel by public transport or active travel means.

Local Services (eg schools and medical facilities)

Suggested: Where the NPPF, Local Plan and associated Supplementary Planning Documents fall short in requiring the provision of local services such as medical care, schools, sports and leisure and community facilities, this Neighbourhood Plan will require development plans to provide for these needs within the Parish boundaries as the population of the Parish expands beyond the capacity of existing services.

Broadband

Given that this particular consultation dates to 2017, is this still relevant? Should we do a quick survey to see if this is still an issue?

Business Development

Suggested: The Plan will aim to influence the inclusion of cafes and restaurants as well as food and other shops in new developments in Stoke Mandeville Parish, as well as supporting business development through planning decisions as long as these do not conflict with the other Objectives and Policies in the Plan.

Section 3 – Planning Policies

These must relate to the objectives and be designed to achieve those objectives. No other policies are needed.

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-write-planning-policies-for-your-Neighbourhood-Plan-2021.10.08.pdf>

Guidance says:

Planning policies are no different - they exist to:

- *Set out requirements in advance for new development in an area – after all, planning is about the future*
- *Inform and guide decisions on planning applications*
- *Ensure that the multitude of individual decisions add up to something coherent for the area as a whole.*

Without planning policies every planning decision would be made in isolation. This would make it very hard to achieve collective aims – such as open countryside free of buildings or good design for housing and other developments. Planning policies also ensure that individual developments meet a range of minimum requirements.

The golden rule is that your policies should be clear, precise, positive, relevant and capable of being delivered. They also need to be evidence based.

Housing Policy

Environment Policy

Traffic & Transport Policy

Local Services (eg schools and medical facilities) Policy

Business Development Policy

Section 4 – Evidence Papers

These must be a validation for each Policy and include the community consultation results as the most important part of the evidence (see below for what not to include!) The “community” presumably includes Bucks Council, the Parish Council and other stakeholders as well as the general public within the Parish.

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“So, remember that your neighbourhood plan is not a:

• history book • guide to the local area • source of topical facts and information • local map • Inventory of local developments or community assets • place to repeat existing local authority planning policies
While this information can be useful try not to lose sight of what you are trying to achieve. The test of your plan is not whether it covers all the bases but whether it provides clear and deliverable planning policies for the issues that matter to your community. You are unlikely to be short of ideas but you can’t tackle them all.”

Guidance says: “Evidence – you are not writing a PhD thesis. Your plan only needs enough evidence to support the choices made and the approach taken – in the jargon it has to be “proportionate”. The more 9 challenging or unusual, the more evidence you need. For most plans your local authority will already have much of the information you require. This can then be backed up by the results of your public engagement. If your neighbourhood boundary doesn’t match that used by the local authority when collecting data then ask for it to be digitised so you can get the information you need.”

Housing

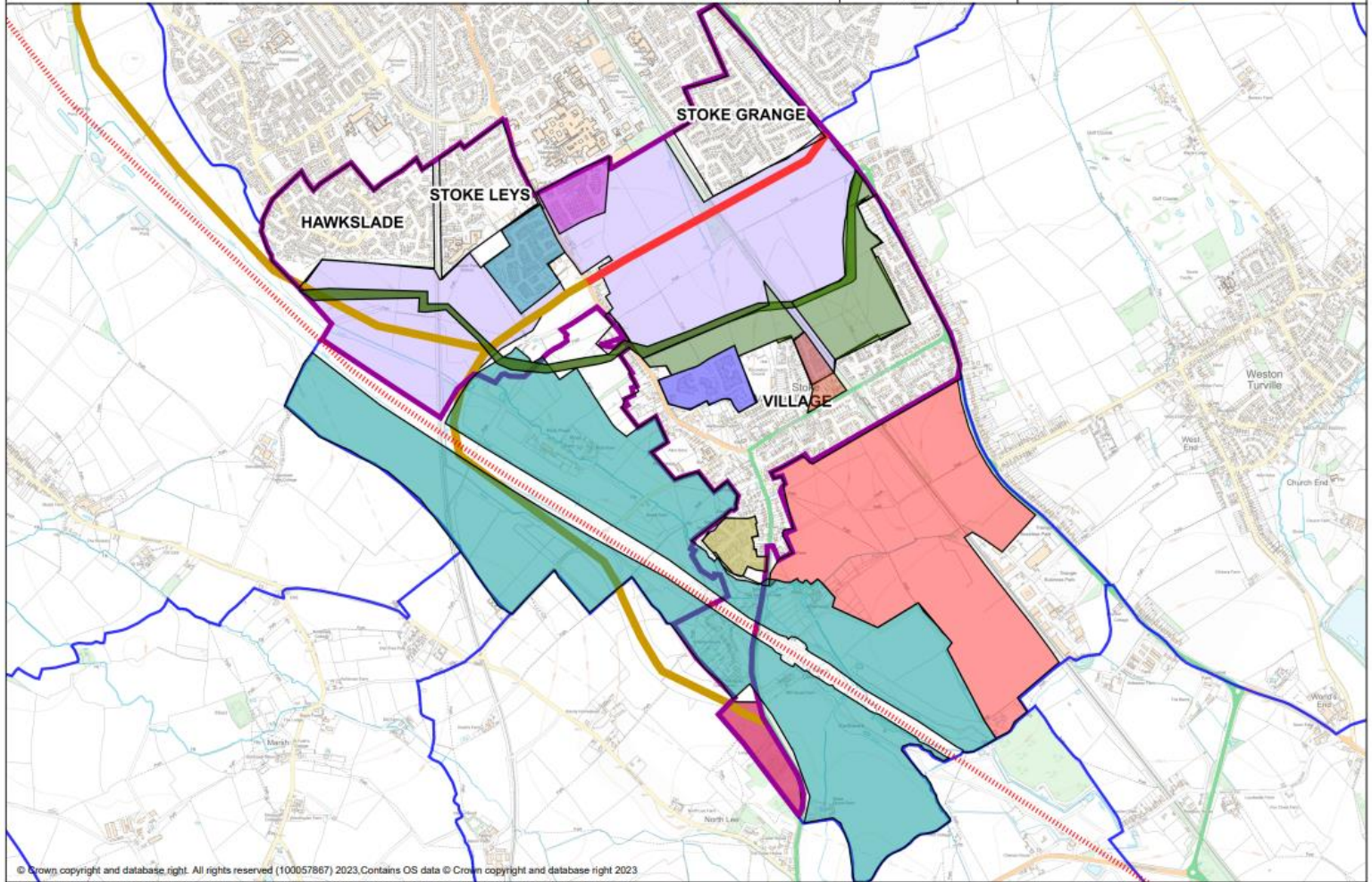
Environment

Traffic & Transport

Local Services (eg schools and medical facilities)

Broadband

Business Development



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Key

- VALP Allocated Land
- Stoke Brook Country Park
- Southern Boundary
- Care & Retirement Community
- Green Buffer
- SEALR Route
- Stoke Mandeville Bypass
- Gardenway Route
- HS2 Route
- Settlement Boundary
- Parish Boundary

Additional Neighbourhoods as at 2023

- Crest Nicholson
- Bloor Homes
- Abbey Homes
- Ridgpoint Homes
- Kier Living

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MAY 2023

		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	TOTAL
Income											
External Grant	Received	2,600.00	7,477.00	2,800.00	7,900.00	0.00	0.00	9,900.00	0.00	0.00	30,677.00
	Repaid	0.00	1,077.00	2,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,777.00
Net Grant	Received	2,600.00	6,400.00	100.00	7,900.00	0.00	0.00	9,900.00	0.00	0.00	26,900.00
Expenditure											
Consultants	Jenny Lampert	2,600.00	6,400.00	298.60							9,298.60
	ONeill Homer				4,275.00	3,350.00					7,625.00
	Bell Cornwell					5,162.10	£ 9,349.83	£ 6,725.00	£ 4,837.50		26,074.43
	Untitled Practice							£ 11,275.00			11,275.00
Consultation	Questionnaires			2,993.00		950.00					3,943.00
	Distribution			300.00	1,144.00		£ 450.00	£ 450.00	£ -		2,344.00
	Printing				1,220.75		£ 324.00	£ 1,097.00	£ -		2,641.75
	Reg. 14							£ 2,740.00	£ -		2,740.00
Administration	Display Boards			574.99							574.99
	Materials			335.57							335.57
	Administrator				4,187.75	7,815.00	£ 8,205.00	£ 7,995.00	£ 8,750.00	£ 1,600.00	38,552.75
	Courses				259.39	230.00	£ 390.00				879.39
	Room Hire				204.00				£ 76.00		280.00
	Land Registry				492.00	243.00	£ 60.00	£ 69.00	£ 99.00	£ -	963.00
	Bucks CC S&S								£ 300.00		300.00
	Email Addresses				0.00	0.00	£ 98.75	£ 169.10	£ 331.00	£ 54.00	652.85
	Other				53.09	210.30	£ 17.98	£ 31.70	£ -		313.07
	Expenditure	2,600.00	6,400.00	4,502.16	11,835.98	17,960.40	18,895.56	30,551.80	14,393.50	1,654.00	108,793.40

Known costs to the 31st March 2023.
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 Administrator

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
 GRANT RECEIVED

NET COST TO PARISH COUNCIL

107,139.40
 26,900.00
80,239.40