

West Alvington NPL-Summary of Current Status and Aspirations
Report from Cllr Walster
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1. The Natural Environment)

a)Current Status of Submissions

- 1) Settlement Boundary—details agreed and submitted
- 2) Local Green Spaces and Local Important Views—details submitted and are currently being modified to align with the presentations from the other two areas.

b) Aspirations

The main aspirations are:-

- 1) Maintain the idyllic nature of the village and the surrounding countryside.
- 2) “ To ensure that the policies in this plan prioritise infilling and the protection of the surrounding countryside in accordance with the wishes of community,the Settlement Boundary for West Alvington shall remain as shown so as to prevent coalescence with Kingsbridge as well as further sprawl into the open AONB countryside”.
This is particularly relevant to the East side of the settlement boundary and to the SW of Tackett Wood as shown in the Important views nos V3,V6, V1 and V7 andV8
- 3) Protection of the Green Spaces and protection and extension of the green corridors for the benefit of the residents and wildlife.
- 4) Support of the NPL general approach to flooding (mainly adjacent to the estuary) ,light pollution, AONB, carbon reduction and recycling.

2. Houses and Homes (Affordable Housing)

According to the recent housing survey there is only a very small requirement for additional housing. This requirement could be satisfied by using local small building contractors in collaboration with community led initiative. This requirement could include affordable housing and possible bungalows for those older residents who wished to downsize. It would be desirable to site these houses within the current Settlement Boundary.

3. Business and the Economy

- a) The WA Parish is predominately rural and agriculture is the main economy with a number of the farmers supplementing their income by supporting the local market in Kingsbridge and also developing their existing properties into residential units for holiday and long term letting.
- b) We support any development of existing properties which enhances the property and brings in additional local employment provided that the development is carried out in line with AONB policies and Devons aspirations for climate change reductions.
- c) We support Kingsbridge in its desire to regenerate / redevelop the town to meet the challenges of the 22nd century and to maintain it as one of the main shopping and supply centres for the Saltstone villages.

4 Built Environment

a) Current Status

1. A listing of Heritage Assets has been submitted and this is being reviewed to ensure that it does not duplicate the existing lists which will form part of the NPL document.

b) Aspirations

- Only develop within the Settlement Boundary unless there are specific justifications which are able to satisfy all regulations.
- Retain and protect all Heritage Assets
- Mertyl Court (the old netball court)--this court is in the centre of the village and has not been used for many years. It is now an eye sore and requires urgent attention to avoid further deterioration.
- The current proposal is to turn it into a carpark for the village
- church. If this fails to proceed then parishioners would be
- asked for suggestions which could include some forms of
- leisure activities.

5 Transport

a) Current Status

2. Speeding through the Village

Over a long period of time Residents have carried out a survey of traffic flow through the village. This has proved that there is a significant number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit of 30mph through the village with the real possibility of casing a serious accident in the future. The police

have carried out an official survey which confirmed that although there was a level of speeding the percentage did not justify for direct action to be taken.

b) Aspirations

1. Support of any actions to reduce the speeding and create a safe environment for all residents particularly children which could include—more speed signs, reactive speed signs, calming zones and changing the status of the main route to remove it from recommended Sat Nav routes.
2. Increase accessible carpark space to reduce parking on the street.
3. Support any approach to promote the increase use of non-fossil fuel vehicles

Health, Wellbeing and Leisure

a) Current Status

The current village hall is the invaluable centre of village of activities—see list of users, societies and clubs. The current village hall was erected 60 years ago and was 2nd hand at the time. A detailed survey has been carried out which showed that it required major repair and restoration. As the final extent of the amount of work required is always unknown until work commences it has been decided to look at a new build on the same foot print designed to meet changing requirements of users partly funded by the S106 funds generated by the development at Homefield.

b) Aspirations

- Support the provision of a new village hall.
- Improve the facilities at the cricket ground which is operated by Kingsbridge but also serves WA, Churchstow and other local villages. This improvement is already on the wish list of KTC.
- Maintain and improve the existing 17 public footpaths in the parish which includes the main footpath between WA and Kingsbridge.
- Support the local initiatives to provide new public paths and cycleways between WA and Malborough, Churchstow and Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge and Salcombe and Kingsbridge and South Brent.
- Support Kingsbridge's search for a new community centre