Policies included in the Rolvenden Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025 to 2043

We encourage you to read the Plan to appreciate the full context of the policies. Summaries are shown here:

Policy number	Summary
RNP1: Promoting sustainable development in Rolvenden Parish	The policy sets out broad principles that all development should adhere to including restricting coalescence between the two villages and minimising impacts on the national landscape and heritage.
RNP2: Site Allocations	The policy retains the existing (made) neighbourhood plan allocations for those sites as yet undelivered, but which are considered to remain available, suitable and achievable in the RNP period
RNP3: Meeting local housing needs	The policy seeks to ensure that housing proposals meet the specific housing needs of the parish in terms of size, tenure, affordability, future needs and the needs of people at different stages of their lives.
RNP4: Reflecting the character of Rolvenden Parish through high quality design	This policy seeks to encourage development proposals within Rolvenden parish to comply with the highest design standards and the locally specific Rolvenden Design Guidelines prepared for the parish.
RNP5: Meeting the highest environmental standards	The policy seeks to ensure that development meets the highest environmental standards in terms of its construction, materials and energy use.
RNP6: Renewable and community energy	The policy sets out the types of renewable energy projects that would fit well with the character of the area and would therefore be supported. It also sets out the criteria to be considered as part of any renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area.
RNP7: Conserving heritage assets	The policy recognises the important contribution that heritage assets make to the local character and distinctiveness of Rolvenden parish and its settlements, both individually and collectively.
RNP8: Dark skies	Situated in a rural part of Kent, large parts of Rolvenden parish provide ideal locations from which to enjoy dark skies and stargazing. These dark skies also support both nocturnal and diurnal wildlife. The policy seeks to ensure that development does not encroach on this valued aspect of parish.
RNP9: Supporting the natural environment and biodiversity	The policy seeks to ensure that the multiple benefits of Rolvenden's green and blue spaces – including their importance in combating pressure on wildlife, habitats, biodiversity and geodiversity

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	and in off-setting the effects of air pollution – are recognised and enhanced.
RNP10: Local Green Space	The policy designates 19 sites as Local Green Space to acknowledge their value to the community and to protect them from inappropriate development.
RNP11: Important public views	The policy seeks to safeguard important views in and across the parish from inappropriate development.
RNP12: Village shops and public houses	The policy seeks to ensure the ongoing vitality of the two villages and the local shops and public houses.
RNP13: Protection of existing commercial premises and land	The policy seeks to safeguard against the loss of existing commercial premises and land.
RNP14: Conversion of rural buildings to business use, visitor accommodation or visitor facilities	The policy supports the provision of additional sustainable tourism facilities.
RNP15: Supporting flexible workspaces and working from home	The policy recognises the growing contribution of home-based and smaller businesses to the parish and seeks to encourage opportunities for them.
RNP16: Important community facilities	The policy identifies important local facilities and seeks to protect them from loss.
RNP17: Sustainable travel	The policy seeks to encourage more sustainable modes of transport by supporting proposals that enable and promote active travel. It also identifies where enhancements to the rights of way network might be made, which could be funded through developer contributions or other project funding.
LNP18: Car parking provision	The policy seeks to ensure that existing public car parking is safeguarded. It also supports additional space to serve the village centre, including provision of bicycle and EV charging.
LNP19: Flood risk and sustainable drainage	The policy seeks to ensure that development proposals carefully consider flood risk and take opportunities to incorporate multifunctional drainage solutions.