

## **Policy debate - notes from NP group meeting 08.04.15**

### **Key Actions**

- Would be useful to use the policy proforma.
- Discipline – policies and justifications should fit on one page. Bump to go into scoping report.
- Word – house style –
- VF to create a House Style and circulate.
- Policies need a go through to knock out conflicting styles.
- Need to scope out transport related Projects – transport-related
- Action – to string all of the policies together
- Contextual preface – don't lose it as needed for the plan elsewhere

### **Biodiversity**

- Stylistic – might need to chop down?
- Discussion point - would be good to try and stop landowners neglecting duties, e.g land adjacent to A339. Difficult to do via policies, but can try to ensure any land managed for people or nature conservation is managed in the long term or transferred to Parish council.
- Native plants – can add in list of things that do well.
- David – replacement of similar MUST be provided?

### **Green spaces, amenity**

- Green spaces should be separate policy to biodiversity etc
- Already have a policy on it – VF & NP to look at and add to it if needed

### **Landscape**

- Consider policy on local landscape character - AONB views etc;
- Need to check whether it adds value to existing legislation and B&D policies.
- Also MH policies contained a lot on local character. Need to check and amend/amalgamate
- Green spaces - need to amalgamate with Nickys
- Allotments – needs to be part of an amenity policy

### **Sustainable development?**

- Does it need to go above the current building regs?
- Planning and design section – good design - adopt principles of sustainable urban drainage already in
- Action VF - to look at the good quality design that Mark has already done.

### **Infill sites, mix of housing types**

- generally happy

### **Support for local shops, pubs and businesses?**

- Do we need two separate policies – 1. Change of use 2. Promote tourism
- Needs some thought - Is there enough existing support nationally and in the local plan to support change of use?
- Lots of small businesses in Kingsclere – over 140 - tourism; broadband. Why not talk about watership down? Shops and pubs 40 beds in & around Kingsclere, need supporting.

### **Affordable Housing**

- Mark to check the wording policy of CN1 - to check it adds additionality.
- Tenure blind? Mixing in amongst them and integration with the existing homes.

### **Good quality design**

- *Action – Vicky to* check cross reference to local character policies, landscape and sustainability

#### **Parking**

- *Action – Mark to* add in something about blocks of garages

#### **Housing for older people**

*Action –* wording needs to change to 10 units or more; do we need to think about what the need is a bit more.

#### **Heritage assets, external lighting, pedestrian walkways**

Happy.

#### **Reinforcing Local Character**

VF/NP/MH to look at in relation to other policies

#### **Housing densities**

- Change to half a hectare
- Missing policies include 'recreational assets', community assets and buildings, buildings,