



Neighbourhood Plan

Your neighbourhood; your future

3. VISION AND OBJECTIVES

The Wootton Neighbourhood Plan is our community's plan which is a great opportunity for villagers to influence the place in which we all love to live and how it will change over time. Our local knowledge and our sense of what needs to be protected or changed can make a real difference.

Following feedback, the following draft Vision emerged:

"To protect and strengthen Wootton's strong local identity and integrity as a historic rural village, working together to improve quality of life for those living, studying and working in Wootton"

There was a very good level of support for the vision statement during the previous consultation but any further views you have would be welcomed.

The consultation events held during the neighbourhood planning process have posed a number of questions with the intention of setting objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan and the following key objectives have emerged:

1) To provide housing which meets the needs of the diverse and growing community and to influence the location, scale, design and type of new housing to ensure that it fits with the distinctive character of Wootton's built heritages and meets identified local housing needs.

2) To protect the place defining characteristics of Wootton's special local environment and enriched countryside, including the existing local green spaces, and to ensure that new development creates new space and contributes to the open space needs of the local community, including the preservation of the natural features in the distinctive landscape.

3) To maintain and improve local facilities, amenities and services which provide a community focus and help sustain the vitality, health and quality of life of all residents.

4) To protect and strengthen the economic benefits of Wootton as a key service area and to encourage and support local business and local measures to improve employment prospects in the village.

5) To promote infrastructure and access improvements (such as improve traffic management, car parking, pedestrian and cycle routes) needed to support new development and to encourage safe and accessible movement for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and public transport.

6. To protect and enhance the place defining characteristics of Wootton's historic environment and heritage assets.