

Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan — Revision to 2035

Draft: Vision, Mission Statement and Objectives - for Consultation

Vision

Chidham, Hambrook and Nutbourne East will remain a beautiful harbour-side Parish with the environment and a close, supportive community at its heart.

We aim to create a sustainable place to live with housing suited to local needs, whilst preserving the ecology and character of the coastal area, our local economy, our rural and agricultural surroundings while maintaining views of the harbour and South Downs.

Mission Statement

To deliver a sustainable living environment through the development and effective use of land, to meet the Parish's future housing, transport, community, education, health, recreational, retail and employment needs.

This will be achieved through a strategic approach and proactive investment and improvement in local infrastructure. Local housing need will be met through eco-friendly design, appropriate density, siting and affordability criteria, in line with the parish vision.

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Draft Objectives

Land Use

1 To focus development around the defined settlement areas whilst respecting the separate identities and character of the communities of Chidham, Hambrook and Nutbourne East.

Environment

1 To protect the rural nature of the Parish, its landscapes, and long distant panoramic views from the A259 northwards to the South Downs and southwards to Chichester Harbour.

2 To protect agricultural land, biodiversity and access to green spaces for the benefit of residents' wellbeing.

3 To protect and respect the open countryside for its intrinsic value and as a resource for a range of uses including wildlife, agriculture, tourism and recreation.

4 To minimise the impact of new housing on the quality of our air, water and surface water flooding.

5 To protect the connectivity of habitats, the trees, hedgerows and wildlife migration routes between the SDNP and the Chichester Harbour AONB, identified as wildlife corridors to the west and east of Nutbourne.

6 To protect the Chichester Harbour AONB and its dark skies, as a valuable resource both for residents, visitors and generations to come.

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Community Development

- 1 To refurbish and improve parish infrastructure and amenities for the benefit of the community, residents, farming, tourism and leisure in order to accommodate the expected housing growth.
- 2 To have a well located, sustainable, convenience store, and a small business centre with associated facilities that would support home working, close to the new housing.

Housing

- 1 To provide a mix of market and 40% affordable and affordable rented housing, appropriate in terms of size and type, to enable people to live and work locally or stay in communities where they have a clear local connection.
- 2 To provide a variety of house types, bungalows, houses and flats, green spaces and a variety of garden sizes within developments to cater for differing needs and to offer real choice.
- 3 To ensure that the scale of development is appropriate to the setting, and housing density does not exceed 30 homes per hectare overall to be consistent with the rural nature of the parish.

Climate Change

- 1 Developments will be expected to deliver future proof, resilient, low carbon houses designed to withstand the effects of climate change taking into account energy efficiency, the effects of extreme temperatures and sea level rise.
- 2 There must be sufficient green spaces and planting both between houses and across developments to encourage biodiversity, provide shading and minimise air pollution.

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Design

- 1 A design code will set the required standard for varied high quality, low energy housing design to improve and contribute to sustainable development that integrates successfully with the existing built environment.

Transport and Access

- 1 To support the provision of sustainable public transport to enable residents to access regular, affordable buses and trains in order to provide an alternative to the use of cars.
- 2 To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion at difficult junctions and congestion black spots on the A259, Broad Road and Chidham Lane in order to reduce journey stress, increase safety and reduce air pollution.
- 3 To provide accessible, segregated cycle and pedestrian ways/paths providing safe alternative routes within the parish for all residents .
- 4 To improve safety on the A259 and Broad Road by reducing the risk from fast vehicles, ensuring appropriate speed limits, and introducing traffic calming measures on local roads where necessary.
- 5 To ensure there are ‘Safer Routes to Schools’ to promote cycling and walking.

Recreation

- 1 To have a sports facility and changing rooms within the Parish for residents of all ages.
- 2 To ensure footpaths and cycleways are connected to open spaces for residents’ walking and recreational use.

Assets

- 1 To protect and enhance the Parish’s heritage, history and buildings of importance for the future benefit of tourists, visitors, existing and new residents.