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Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan Review Consultation – Organisation Responses

Ian Woodford – Royal British Legion

Hi Oli.

We read your neighbourhood plan with interest and agree with what was said. We have one comment of our own, regarding the war memorial. We pass it on a regular basis and have noticed that the garden areas appear not to be maintained. As it appears to fall into the area designated the heart of the village, it would seem important to give it some regular attention, especially when one considers the number of people who pass through the village on a daily basis.

We hope this is helpful.

Regards

Ian and Jane.

Phill Harrison – St John the Baptist and St Helen's Parish Church

Response from St John the Baptist and St Helen's Parish Church to Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan review

Revd Phill Harrison. June 2019.

This response relates specifically to item 7 (Provision of land for, and laying out of a municipal burial ground) in Appendix A of the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2019, Three Year Review – April 2019.

Burial ground size

The existing churchyard covers an area of around 5 acres, having been extended a number of times over the years. There is no more scope for further extension because the owner of adjacent land is unwilling to sell. The neighbourhood plan seeks the provision of a minimum of 1 acre of land for a new public burial ground. Given that the current churchyard has had to be extended multiple times, and further growth is now prevented due to lack of land ownership, the minimum size for the new burial ground should be increased if possible (un-used/un-landscaped areas could always be kept as pasture or allotments in the interim).

Space remaining in the churchyard – full burials

The neighbourhood plan states that the burial ground at the Parish Church will be at capacity within 3 to 5 years. As at June 2019 there are approximately 20 unused burial plots in the churchyard. At the current rate of use (around 7-8 new plots per year) there is space remaining for a maximum of 3 years.

Note: There are many plots where graves have been dug deep enough to accommodate two (sometimes three) burials, but where only one is currently interred. This is to allow family members to be buried together (for e.g. where someone has died and their spouse wishes to be buried with them at a later date). We anticipate that second burials in existing graves will continue for many years.



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Space remaining in the churchyard – ashes burials

Ashes can be buried either in existing family graves in the churchyard or in our Garden of Remembrance. The Garden of Remembrance has capacity for 50+ years.

Other burial grounds nearby

The neighbourhood plan states that there are no other burial grounds within easy reach of Wroughton. There is facility for ashes burials at the new North Wiltshire Crematorium, approximately 3.5 miles away (although there is ongoing space for ashes burials in the churchyard). The nearest public cemetery with space for full burials is Kingsdown Cemetery (7.5 miles away). There is no further space available at either the Whitworth Road or Radnor Street Cemeteries. Our understanding is that space at Kingsdown Cemetery is limited (Swindon Borough Council to confirm).

Nick Gosling – Berkeley Farm Dairy (via telephone)

Development should not go further than the existing approved build out on the east of the village.

Any further development on the east of the village needs to take account of the loss of greenery and re-instate a boundary between the countryside and village. A buffer zone would help reduce light and noise pollution. This zone should include hedgerows, trees and even the possibility of a community amenity such as a cycle path.

Anne Henshaw (Chair) – Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Dear Clerk,

Thank you for your email of 20 May asking whether we would like to make a comment on the review of your Neighbourhood Plan.

I have now had an opportunity to remind myself of the policies in your plan by reading through the document.

CPRE comments, below, are based on the changing planning and development landscape and reflect our experiences at application, appeal and inquiry level.

Chapter 3. The right housing in the right place

3.2 Suggest that the wording here is strengthened as far as is possible. Recent figures show that the real NEED is for entry-level starter homes whose size and where they are sited act equally well for downsizing elderly people. This means indicating that the middle range, 4 bed, commuter homes are down the requirement list.

3.3 You need to carefully read NPPF 2 (Feb 2019) para 71 in conjunction with Appendix 2 as stated and understand the implications.

Policy

RH2 This needs to be strengthened and suggest you try to make a request that the Council have assessment criteria similar to those who apply for social housing in a specific area. This should be triggered at pre-application discussion level when financial contributions and the like are being discussed.

Commented [OA1]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 3) – Right housing in the right place

3.2 Throughout the consultation the community has indicated that starter homes, affordable homes and 'later life' (retirement) properties are needed. Later life homes are those specifically designed to meet the needs of older people and should have easy access to village facilities and be designed to be fully accessible, sustainable and adaptable to meet the occupiers changing needs. They may include some element of care.

Commented [OA2]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 3) – Right housing in the right place

3.3 Whilst the need for some additional housing was recognised, there was strong opposition to development on greenfield sites.

Commented [OA3]: NPPF (February 2019) Paragraph 71

71. Local planning authorities should support the development of entry-level exception sites, suitable for first time buyers (or those looking to rent their first home), unless the need for such homes is already being met within the authority's area. These sites should be on land which is not already allocated for housing and should:
a) comprise of entry-level homes that offer one or more types of affordable housing as defined in Annex 2 of this Framework; and
b) be adjacent to existing settlements, proportionate in size to them³³, not compromise the protection given to areas or assets of particular importance in this Framework³⁴, and comply with any local design policies and standards.

³³ Entry-level exception sites should not be larger than one hectare in size or exceed 5% of the size of the existing settlement.

Commented [OA4]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 22) – Right housing in the right place

RH2: Developers shall endeavor to put in place a scheme to ensure that people with village connections, either by family, residence or employment have priority in the allocation of affordable and social rented housing provided to comply with RH1.



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RH4 Suggest you had a reference to the importance of travel by other means than the car due to the need to reduce pollution and in recognition of Climate Change. Could cross reference with **AS4**.

RH5 The type of housing required should vary depending on the location but should largely speaking include a high proportion of suitably constructed homes for the elderly and well designed entry level homes for younger people.

4 Access to Services

There should be a reference to public transport which links new estates or blocks of development to all facilities, Wroughton and beyond. Also the requirement to construct safe cycling and walking from these new estates to local facilities in order to promote alternative travel modes.

HV5. Don't know if has got anywhere but if not needs supporting by adding words along the lines of "further pedestrianisation and improvements to this area will be actively sought"

LE6. How does this sit with the Q clause for barn conversions to homes when the argument is viability but it brings housing?

You have a good Plan but perhaps it needs to be a little more robust (if allowed by SBC) given the present government attitude to development at any cost. Hope these comments are of some use.

Kind regards

Anne Henshaw
Chair
Swindon and Wiltshire CPRE

Commented [OA5]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 22) – Right housing in the right place

RH4: Development of 'windfall' brownfield sites within the village settlement boundary (as defined by the Swindon Local Plan 2026) will be supported, providing that they are in compliance with all of the policies within the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan 2014 - 2026. 'Windfall' sites are defined in the NPPF as: 'Sites which have not been specifically identified as available in the Local Plan process. They normally comprise of previously developed sites that have unexpectedly become available.'

Commented [OA6]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 23) – Access to services

AS4: Designate the Weir Field, North Wroughton Playing Fields and the land occupied by the Bowling Green as areas to be used for sports and leisure.

Commented [OA7]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 22)

RH5: All new development shall meet the following sustainable construction standards until superseded by national prescribed standards:

- New residential development on previously developed land will be required to meet the energy and Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and water components of the Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4 and the energy and CO₂ and water components of Code Level 5 from 1 April 2016.
- All new residential development on greenfield sites will meet the full requirements of Code Level 5, because of the lower cost of developing such sites. This policy will be reviewed every 3 years as part of the process set out in Para. 2.5 to ensure that future

Commented [OA8]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 23) – Making the 'Heart of the Village' the centre of the community

HV5: Any redevelopment of the Ellendune Community Centre or Wroughton Library will only be permitted within the 'heart of the village'.

Commented [OA9]: Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan (Page 24) – A thriving economy supporting our village

LE6: Expansion of museum related activities at the Science Museum Group site and enabling development will be supported, provided the benefits are delivered sustainably and do not conflict with other policies within this Plan.