

Hallow Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Grimley Parish Council voted on 13/07/2020 to give unanimous support the Hallow Neighbourhood Plan and would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Hallow Parish Council, Hallow NDP Steering Group, volunteers and the wider community for all the hard work. As a category one settlement, it is acknowledged that the community is vulnerable to unbounded development and in the light of this, this suite of documents will greatly assist in shaping how the parish develops. **Grimley Parish Councillors give total support to the Hallow Parish Council position in respect of the request for only 50 further houses** on the basis of insufficient infrastructure, the lack of public transport options that support commuting into Worcester and the ensuing climate change/fossil fuel consumption impacts that arise.

In relation to this, Grimley Parish Councillors invites Hallow Parish Council and the Steering Group to reconsider the Neighbourhood Plan in the light of the ongoing climate emergency. Use this plan as an opportunity to declare a Climate Emergency. Give Malvern Hills District Council and Worcestershire County Council a mandate to act bravely and urgently in addressing barriers to swift change.

Of all of the suggestions we make, please know that we are fully prepared to get involved and put in the time and effort to help.

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Page Number	30
Policy Number	Vision Statement

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Grimley Parish Councillors wish to make the following observations and suggestions about the Vision Statement and the subsequent Objectives (pages 30 – 31):

- Neighbourhood plans can play a very important role in promoting policies that address climate change mitigation and adaption - the most important of these being the Climate Change Act 2008 [as amended] and the Paris Agreement 2018 which requires a 50% reduction in fossil fuel consumption by 2030 and net zero¹ by 20 50.
- Whilst there is no explicit requirement for Neighbourhood Plans to address climate change mitigation and adaptation (ref the Acts and Agreements mentioned above), nonetheless this is a crucial opportunity to express the grave concerns that we all have about how the planning system is not sufficiently addressing climate change in our local area.²
- Creation of a Neighbourhood Development plan provides a rare occasion to get a community talking about and (crucially) accepting the likely impacts of climate change. It is also a key opportunity to gather written consent for meaningful solutions to tackle global warming.
- It will be hard to justify to our future generations why we allowed the adoption of a 20-year neighbourhood plan which does not take into account an existential threat that needs to be solved in the next ten. We are facing an extinction event. We must act now. This is not hyperbole. This is fact.

Important further reading:

<https://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/reports-and-publications/policy/planning/renewables/neighbourhood-planning-in-a-climate-emergency-feb-2020.pdf>

<https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency>

Crucial amendments please:

The Vision Statement must mention and incorporate climate change and lead on to issues and Objectives that are discussed in the context of and with reference to climate change, the Climate Change Act 2008 [as amended] and the Paris Agreement 2018.

Nb. Grimley Parish Council can assist with this and would gratefully be involved. We are prepared to provide the time and resources required.

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¹ Net zero refers to achieving a balance between the amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere. There are two different routes to achieving net zero, which work in tandem: reducing existing emissions and actively removing greenhouse gases. A *gross-zero* target would mean reducing all emissions to zero. This is not realistic, so instead the *net-zero* target recognises that there will be some emissions but that these need to be fully offset, predominantly through natural carbon sinks such as oceans and forests

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Policy Number	HAL3 Housing design

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Grimley Parish Councillors wish to make the following observations and suggestions about policy HAL3 Housing design:

- Nowhere is the lack of ambition and lack of sense of urgency concerning climate change (and meeting the targets within the Climate Change Act 2008 [as amended] and the Paris Agreement 2018) more apparent than in the section covering housing design. There is no mention of 'low carbon homes', energy efficiency or climate resilient developments. Instead, there is simply an allusion to the meaningless requirement to promote "sustainable development" with no cross reference to the most serious threat to it.

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Crucial amendments please:

Include the following design requirements:

- Cite the Climate Change Act 2008 [as amended] and the Paris Agreement 2018 which requires a 50% reduction in fossil fuel consumption by 2030 and net zero by 2050.
- New development is to:
 - Be air quality neutral, with encouragement for development which gives rise to zero emissions to air.
 - Incorporate on-site renewable energy.
 - Incorporate sustainable planting including multi-functional roof gardens and the use of photovoltaic roofs and ground source heat pumps.
 - Minimise water consumption through good design and rainwater harvesting systems and greywater recycling. Make installation of a water butt a standard recommended design.
 - Promote the adoption of the following water conservation measures: installation of fittings that will minimise water usage, such as low or dual flush WCs, spray taps and economical shower heads.

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It is noted that Tinkers Farm is a County Council asset. To assist with fulfilling **Objective 4** the farm could be developed as a community educational asset, particularly for children and schools, but also as to the public at large. The facility could demonstrate and teach the benefits of producing fresh local and sustainable food. Children and volunteers could be actively involved in the producing of food at this County Council farm. There are also many educational opportunities to incorporate the wildlife habitats associated with the old woodland at Tinkers Coppice and the reclaimed gravel pits. The facility could also acknowledge and cater for the fact that this general area is fast becoming an important county wildlife reserve, with visitors and bird watchers attending from all over the country. This wonderful county council asset should not be squandered in a housing development.

Whilst the business spec/planning for a facility like the above is obviously outside the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan, it would be useful if the document requested this facility and gave a mandate for exploration of this idea.

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