

Bridestowe and Sourton Neighbourhood Development Plan

Chapter 4: Our Vision and Objectives.

Our Vision

To maintain and enhance the special qualities of the landscape and the environment, and the vitality of our community, for the current and future populations who live in, work in, or visit the parishes of Bridestowe and Sourton.

A number of key principles arose from the consultations and in particular from the responses to the detailed questionnaire completed by approximately 40% of local residents in April-May 2015 and the subsequent extensive discussion that has taken place at meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Group and at village activities such as the Ram Roasts in Bridestowe in August 2014, 2015 and 2016.

These are summarised below under the headings of the eight key objectives that we have identified for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Objectives.

Objective 1. Conserving and Enhancing To conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity, natural habitats and cultural heritage of the Parishes through:

- careful design in new developments and
- identification of key landscapes, views and heritage assets to be protected.

Objective 2. Good Design. To ensure that any new developments in the Parishes, including new housing, conversion of existing buildings or other built developments are appropriately designed to preserve the intrinsic character of the area in which they are located. An important aspect of this will be to ensure developments are designed and implemented in such a way as to mitigate wherever possible and practicable the likely effects of climate change.

Objective 3. Local Housing Needs To support and facilitate provision of suitable housing to meet the current and future housing needs of residents of the Parishes, and to support and protect community facilities.

Objective 4. Promotion of Small Businesses. To promote the local economy through support for traditional types of rural employment (such as farming, forestry, and related practical skills) and other forms of small-scale independent businesses (including hospitality and sustainable tourism) appropriate to the location. The provision of small-scale infrastructure necessary for such developments will also be supported.

Objective 5. Support Sustainable Tourism. To support and encourage small scale sustainable tourism (e.g. cycling, hiking, horse riding) and small scale serviced accommodation whilst seeking to ensure it does not detract from the special qualities of the Parishes.

Objective 6. Renewable Energy. To encourage small-scale renewable energy production in new developments on or within the home and in the existing built environment where location and design are sensitive both to the local environment and to residential amenity.

Objective 7. Wellbeing. To conserve and enhance educational, social, cultural and recreational facilities in the Parishes, including communal open spaces, footpaths and cycle paths.

Objective 8. Safe environment. To develop a safer and more secure environment for all parishioners with regard to highway safety. All development should preferably improve, but must not make worse the present traffic flow and must provide a safe environment for pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motor vehicle road users (e.g. traffic calming measures).
