

Chapter 4: Vision and Objectives

4.1. Our Vision for Bridestowe and Sourton.

To secure a strong future for both parishes by supporting sustainable development that meets the needs of current and future residents without detriment to the unique and highly prized landscape and environment.

4.2 Objectives

1. Housing development. To support and facilitate provision of suitable housing to meet the current and future housing needs of residents of the Parishes
2. Good Design. To ensure that any new developments are designed to integrate with adjacent buildings; this is achieved by appropriate design, materials and layout.(JLP Policy DEV10)
3. Conserving and Enhancing. To conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity, natural habitats and cultural heritage of the Parishes through:
 - sensitive design which protects and enriches the landscape and built setting in new developments and
 - identification of key landscapes, views and heritage assets to be protected.
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.
5. 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.
6. Wellbeing. To conserve and enhance educational, social, cultural and recreational facilities in the Parishes, including communal open spaces, footpaths and cycle paths.

We will do this by:

- Delivery of a housing growth strategy tailored to the needs and context of Bridestowe and Sourton
- Supporting measured, proportionate, timely and sustainable development to meet local requirement
- Sensitive development which protects and enriches the prized landscape and built setting
- Promoting a distinctive and flourishing local economy that exhibits vitality and dynamism

- Endorsing policies that have a positive effect on the environment, including those that remove or minimise flood risk, mitigate climate change and reduce our carbon footprint
- Maintaining the high quality natural environment with its protected wildlife interests
- Sustaining and improving local facilities for existing and new residents
- Seek on-going improvements to transport, to utility infrastructure and to digital connectivity
- Protect greenspace, the landscape and support nature conservation
- Involve local people in an ongoing basis in the process of plan-making, monitoring and delivery of development.