

Item 9 Neighbourhood Plan Report

Design Guide

This part of the plan is intended to provide guidance for planners as to what kind of buildings are appropriate to particular areas, the materials used, the character, height, proportions etc. It refines the issues of overdevelopment, infilling and the relationship with existing buildings in the different areas of the town. It has been produced by AECOM - a government agency - from information provided by the members of the team.

Council Briefing

Before the Public Consultation the Council will wish to see a preview of the issues at a meeting to be held on September 20th. There will be a presentation to the council of the many issues in the town.

Housing : new housing provision; the mix of housing; principle residence dwellings; infill development; affordable housing ; design; extensions, annexes and amenity space;

Employment: employment sites; redevelopment opportunities; retail and the town centre

Infrastructure: new developments to meet growth (medical, health, education, leisure, transport) existing provision (library, post office, school, health centre; community hospital; new provision (village hall, sports facilities ; transport and access; parking

Environment and Tourism: Heritage protection – listed buildings; the conservation area; other heritage assets; local green spaces; nature conservation; important views; landscape and dark skies; access to the countryside; tourism; town gateways; street furniture

Sustainability and Climate change: flood risk; sea level rise; pollution

Public Consultation

Because of Covid the Working Party has not been able to consult people in the town directly. We have not been able until very recently to hold public meetings or to present the many issues for discussion. The nearest we came was the Placecheck consultation when people were able to express their opinions online.

This will be the first occasion when everyone in town can see what is being discussed, ask questions and express their views will be the consultation which will take place on

October 1st and 2nd at the Congregational Hall from 5 til 8 and then from 10 til 3

Their views will be recorded and form the basis of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan which will then be presented for formal examination by the District Council. After that the Plan will be revised so as to be in conformity with legal requirements before being presented to the people of the town in a referendum.