

POLICY INTENTIONS

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY



LHNP ENV10 - BIODIVERSITY AND HABITATS

All proposals should seek to deliver a net biodiversity gain, in addition to protecting the existing habitats and species and enhancing the landscape and visual characteristics of the Parish. Traditional, native trees hedges and verges shall be retained where possible.



LHNP ENV11 - GREEN AND BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE

Development proposals should seek to protect, enhance and increase provision of green (trees, hedges verges etc.) and blue (rivers, streams, ponds etc.) infrastructure within the Parish. Promoting the local ecosystems to protect wildlife, trees and hedgerows. To protect the ecology and water quality of the River Stort and its tributaries, development proposals must provide an impact statement where appropriate.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES



LHNP COM12 - VILLAGE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Development plans which result in the improvement, enhancement or provision of new community facilities will be supported where possible. Proposals that would result in the loss of services and facilities (or premises last used for such purposes) and which support the local community will only be permitted in certain circumstances.



LHNP COM13 - LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The National Policy Planning Framework enables the designation and protection of land of particular importance to local communities as Local Green Spaces. We propose identifying the Local Green Spaces which qualify and protecting these.

CONNECTIVITY



LHNP CON14 - PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The Public Rights of Way network in the Parish is a valued facility and will be protected and enhanced where possible. Native hedges and ditches alongside PROW's should be preserved. Any new development on or adjacent to an existing Public Right of Way or which is clearly visible from a Public Right of Way must consider the appearance of the proposal from the Right of Way and incorporate green landscaping to reduce any visual impacts.

EMPLOYMENT



LHNP EMP15 - BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

Applications for appropriate new businesses, leading to employment will be encourage and supported. Existing business premises will be protected to retain and encourage employment.



LHNP EMP16 - RURAL DIVERSIFICATION

Proposals for new business development in redundant farm buildings will be supported where the proposal would not have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity, heritage assets and highways network.