

SOUTHWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

COMMENTS FORM

Southwick Parish Council is working with the community to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Once in force, the Plan will be used in the determination of planning applications.

Before submitting a draft Plan to Wiltshire Council for examination, we are required to conduct a period of formal consultation where your views are sought.

This form has been produced to collect feedback.

If you are completing a comment by hand, and need more space please use the same format as the table so we can identify what your comment relates to.

Please return this form by *no later than midnight on Monday, 5th October 2020.*

By e-mail to: <mailto:southwickclerk@gmail.com>

Or alternatively post to:

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Each new comment should be in a new row. If completing this form digitally, the columns will expand to fit your text. Please save your file using the original file name <NDP R14 Comment_initials_MMDD.docx> but replacing “initials” and “MMDD” with your initials and the month and day respectively

Name (+ any person or organisation you represent), Email address, and Postal address including postcode#.

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#For purposes of clarification and feedback only *Sufficient to identify the commented point precisely

Plan page and paragraph	Comment
General – Biodiversity	<p>The Lambrok Stream and Somerset Frome run through and adjacent neighbourhood plan area respectively. These watercourses are classified within the Severn River Basin Management Plan as having moderate status. The reasons these failing to achieve good ecological status are pollution from agriculture and rural land management for both and pollution from water industry waste water for the Frome. Any development within or adjacent to this watercourse should not cause further deterioration and should seek to improve the water quality based on the recommendations of the Severn River Basin Management Plan. Further information on the current status of this watercourse can be found on Catchment Data Explorer.</p> <p>Drawing up a neighbourhood plan is an opportunity to think about improving a local environment. General opportunities for neighbourhood planning include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New green spaces or improvements to public space through new development. This could include linking open spaces to make green corridors for people and wildlife, planting trees, or making improvements water quality and to local waterways. • Recognising the value of certain environmental features within a plan to help bring forward environmental projects without development to help secure wider funding. • Helping a community to manage the risk of flooding by providing landscaping to manage and store water, and by promoting the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).

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	<p>We encourage you to seek ways in which your neighbourhood plan can improve the local environment. For your information, together with Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint guidance on neighbourhood planning, which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. This is available at: https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/consider-environment-neighbourhood-plans/</p>
<p>A: Drainage and Habitats (Page 40)</p>	<p>We are pleased to see the presence of water voles is noted. Water voles and their habitat is protected under UK law.</p> <p>In addition it should be noted that the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit or exemption to be obtained for any activities, including maintenance, which will take place on or within 8 metres of a main river or in a floodplain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if it's a tidal main river) and you don't already have planning permission.</p>
<p>Policy 1: Landscape Setting Gap (page 19)</p>	<p>We are pleased to see '<i>Any development must result in a measurable net gain for biodiversity</i>' has been included. However this should be extended to include all development in line with the government's 25 Year Environment Plan, as the current policy suggests this is just for areas inside the landscape setting gap.</p>
<p>Policies 5a/5b</p>	<p>We are pleased to see the areas allocated are at low risk of fluvial flooding and that several important design considerations have been included, such as foul sewage capacity and the inclusion for SuDs.</p> <p>As the plan promotes growth we recommend you contact your Wiltshire Lead Local Flood Authority who will be able to advise if there are areas at risk from surface water flood risk (including groundwater and sewerage flood risk) in your neighbourhood plan area. The Surface Water Management Plan will contain recommendations and actions about how areas at risk of surface water flooding can be managed. This may be useful when developing policies or guidance for particular sites.</p> <p>As your plan proposes development site allocations we recommend early consultation with Wessex Water to determine whether there is (or will be prior to occupation) sufficient infrastructure capacity existing for the connection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of quantity and quality of water associated with any proposed development within environmental limits of the receiving watercourse. This may impact on the housing figures and the phasing of development. Please note that if there is not sufficient capacity in the infrastructure then we must be consulted again with alternative methods of disposal.</p>

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