



The Neighbourhood Plan

Community Aspirations

*Supporting Document
Findon Neighbourhood Development Plan
December 2016 (Amended March 2020)*



6.0 Community Aspirations

A number of policies agreed by the Parish Council were removed from the 2016 Findon Neighbourhood Plan on the recommendation of the Examiner who considered that they were not land use policies.

These have been moved to this supporting document which sets out the community's aspirations. These will be prioritised by the Parish Council and an action plan for their delivery produced.

They are not Neighbourhood Plan policies.

6.1 A24 Improvements (GA4)

Proposals which seek to reduce the speed of traffic, improve visibility and reduce surface noise on the A24 will be sought and supported. Pressure will be maintained on the appropriate authorities to:

- review the speed limits on the A24
- to maintain the A24 margins and central reservation to provide the best possible sight lines
- to monitor road surface noise and deploy an appropriately maintained surface offering the lowest surface noise

6.2 Traffic Management (GA5)

Proposals for development which would enable or assist with traffic calming and reduction in traffic congestion and parking in the village centre will be supported.

The Parish Council proposes that the Local Highway Authority designates Nepcote Lane, Nepcote, Cross Lane, Steep Lane and Stable Lane as Quiet Lanes under The Quiet Lanes and Home Zones (England) Regulations 2006.

Working with the WSCC and SDNP, station and school travel plans will be reviewed/ developed and promoted. Safer routes to the schools will be identified as part of these plans and the necessary improvements or additions will be provided.

Working in partnership with WSCC and SDNPA use "Traffic in Villages: a toolkit for communities" and "Roads in the South Downs" to promote better traffic management through a range of strategies including: gateway entry points to the village to clarify the transition from higher speed roads; emphasising the importance of the village centre through a range of measures to promote better driver behaviour; identifying and enhancing key heritage locations throughout the village to improve driver respect and behaviour. In this connection, Findon Parish Council has already initiated a feasibility study to look at the core village and its Conservation Area with the aim of public realm enhancement and/or shared space for incorporation into a CAAMP (Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan).

6.0 Neighbourhood Plan Policies: continued

Working in partnership with WSCC and SDNPA use “The CPRE’s Guide to Quiet Lanes” and the 1839 map of Findon (see map in Evidence Base) to designate qualifying lanes within the Parish as historic rural roads to conserve and to enhance their tranquility and beauty, improve user safety, widen transport choice and contribute to a growing QL Network.

Seek to protect the hedges, trees and walls which line such lanes and which are a significant feature of their character and that of the Parish.

Justification: SDLP policy SD21 paragraphs 6.28 to 6.32

6.3 Gap between Settlements (ES1)

New development within the Local Gap.

A Local Gap is considered vital to protect the separate identity of the Parish and in particular the south east and southwest parts of Findon village. Policy SD5 of the emerging SDNP Local Plan seeks to retain such gaps to avoid coalescence of settlements.

The Parish Council will work with SDNPA to seek to maintain a Gap between the Findon village settlement and the suburban development at Findon Valley, an entirely separate settlement.

Justification: SDLP policy SD21 paragraphs 6.28 to 6.32

6.4 Spatial plan of the Parish (HD1)

Development proposals of around 28 new dwellings, to meet the capacity based housing provision for Findon in the 2019 South Downs Local Plan will be supported where development proposals will not result in harm to local landscape and local heritage. Policy SD25 of the 2019 SDNP Local Plan states that development will only exceptionally be permitted outside of settlement boundaries.

Justification: SDLP policies SD4, SD5, SD6, SD7, SD8 and SD25

6.4 Edge of Boundary Houses and Paddocks (HD6)

Where a new or existing individual house or small cluster of houses on the inside edge of the built up area boundary is next to, or close to an existing paddock or group of paddocks, this inter relationship shall be encouraged where the paddocks and any stabling are on the outside edge of the built up area boundary.

The main landscape character of the Findon rural fringe immediately outside the built up area boundary is an informal collection of lightly fenced paddocks for the grazing and keeping of horses. These paddocks often form a boundary with rear gardens of houses close to the built up area boundary. It is considered important to retain and enhance this inter-relationship which is such feature of the Parish fringe.

It is important that these paddocks do not form part of the residential curtilage of the dwellings on the Parish fringe and therefore do not extend the settlement boundary.

Justification: SDLP policy SD24