

**FAIRFORD
NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN**

**DETAILED
OBJECTIVES**

1. NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- a) Ensure that any further housing development respects the character of the town and its rural setting
- b) Provide local guidance on application of Cotswold Design Code
- c) Bring local infrastructure up to an appropriate level to meet the needs of the expanded town
- d) Support improved public/sustainable transport facilities (including pedestrian and cycle routes) linking town centre with outlying areas
- e) Seek to minimise HGV traffic through the town centre
- f) Improve management of parking in the town centre
- g) Define growth profile to enable Thames Water to plan for upgrade of water and sewage systems
- h) Ensure development and drainage designs protect environmental sites and groundwater sources (in accordance with Local Plan policies), including that they do not add to the amount of foul material entering the River Coln under 'storm' conditions
- i) Ensure new development helps to maintain/enhance amenity and access

(Note that (e) and (f) may be outside the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan.)

2. CLIMATE CHANGE, SPATIAL STRATEGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- a) Support work to clarify causes of existing problems and help identify solutions
 - b) Avoid locating new housing in areas prone to flooding (all types*) or where it may increase risk of flooding to others
 - c) Ensure that drainage designs for new housing developments are based on sound data (including wet season GW levels)
 - d) Define growth profile to enable Thames Water to plan for upgrade of water and sewage systems
 - e) Support improved public/sustainable transport facilities linking outlying areas with town centre
 - f) Ensure that any further new housing developments are located to avoid poor linkage or make contributions to improvements (e.g. cycles lanes, crossings)
 - g) Ensure that local facilities are sufficient to meet day-to-day needs where possible
 - h) Seek to ensure that public transport links are sufficient to enable people (including critical groups) to access facilities elsewhere for less frequent needs
- (* flooding can arise from several sources, namely fluvial (river), groundwater, surface water (highways) and from foul sewers)

3. HOUSING PROVISION AND MIX

- a) Ensure that developments provide the right housing mix for the existing and projected future demographic profile in Fairford
- b) Ensure that a hiatus in development does not frustrate the meeting of genuine local housing need.
- c) Provide local guidance on application of Cotswold Design Code

4. COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE

- a) Bring local infrastructure up to an appropriate level to meet the needs of the expanded town
- b) Ensure that sewage, water, highways and broadband services are provided in time to meet the occupation of any new developments
- c) Support improved public/sustainable transport facilities linking outlying housing areas with facilities
- d) Protect/support updating of existing facilities and development of appropriate new ones to cater locally for sporting/recreational and social needs (possibly in conjunction with ECT educational development)
- e) Find & procure additional site(s) for allotments
- f) Find & procure site for new burial ground
- g) Address local health facilities access issues (including parking)
- h) Consider options for Primary school site(s) strategy in conjunction with GCC, taking account of potential housing growth
- i) Address access/space issues (including parking)
- j) Identify current deficits in mobile phone and high speed broadband provision and define growth profile to enable providers to plan for upgrade of systems
- k) Identify suitable locations for a larger 'venue' (or conversion) and provide for this in planning policies

5. LOCAL ECONOMY AND TOWN CENTRE

- a) Develop local economic/employment strategy
- b) Address imbalance between housing and local employment
- c) Facilitate good quality employment developments
- d) Restrict further conversions to residential in the Town Centre
- e) Promote appropriate mix of retail, service, community and tourism facilities to encourage business and increase footfall
- f) Identify suitable locations for such facilities (or conversions) and provide for this in planning policies
- g) Support improved public/sustainable transport facilities linking outlying areas with town centre
- h) Make Fairford Town Centre an attractive and convenient place to visit and shop
- i) Exploit local archaeology and biodiversity better as attractions for visitors
- j) Identify suitable locations for new visitor accommodation (or conversions) and provide for this in planning policies
- k) Identify and safeguard suitable caravan/camping facilities