

Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Draft Vision

“We are strong, safe and thriving communities. We value and protect our historic, natural and rural environments, with development and amenities reflecting the needs of the communities. We value the distinctive character of our various settlements”

“Our people love living here”

Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Draft Objectives

The following objectives, not in any priority order but are interlinked, have been derived from evidence gathered from:

- Residents' Questionnaire
- Business Questionnaire
- Children's Questionnaire
- Young People's Consultation via the youth club
- Walkabouts
- Public Events

“Enhance the safety and security of residents by reducing the incidents of anti-social behaviour, speeding, inappropriate parking and criminal activity, whilst expanding a network of safe footpaths and cycle routes.”

Measures include:

- speedwatch statistics
- crime statistics
- ASBOs
- % increase in footpaths and cycle routes

Policies will include:

- reducing anti-social behaviour including speeding
- promoting footpaths, bridleways and green lanes
- promoting cycle routes
- any new development to include sufficient off road parking for the property size

“Conserve and protect our environment by; enhancing the space and opportunities for wildlife to thrive in the natural and built environment, reducing all forms of pollution, stopping degradation of our designated and non-designated heritage assets such as ridge and furrow and historic sites.”

Measures will include:

- 5-Yearly parish ecological survey

Policies will include:

- community woodlands/wetlands
- litter, carbon sequestration, noise levels
- ensuring biodiversity net gain

“Achieve sufficient capacity in all utilities (water, drains and sewage, electricity, gas and telecommunications) to meet current and future demand.”

Measures will include:

- Number of incidents of smell pollution, flood events, gas and electricity power cuts, broadband availability and speeds.
- Annual joint multi-agency review of incidents with local lead flood authority and other providers

Policies will include:

- Management of the River Till and floodplain
- Surface water management
- No development until remedial action completed

“Ensure housing provision meets local needs of a changing population in both the market and social sector, so that new development retains, reflects and complements the character of our area with the highest levels of environmental sustainability, and remaining within the 2019 Stow Village footprint.”

Measures will include:

- housing needs survey
- demographics via census data

Policies will include:

- new homes should have renewable energy features, rainwater harvesting built in and be carbon neutral
- provision of smaller homes both as starter homes and for downsizing
- development in Stow to be within the 2019 footprint with conversion of existing buildings, brownfield sites or infill to be utilised before any expansion of the village footprint

“Support the creation, strengthening and development of key services and facilities to meet the everyday needs of our community while enhancing health and wellbeing amongst our residents by; supporting effective use of existing facilities to provide a wider range of services to meet needs , and development of key services including transport and play and recreational facilities.”

Measures will include:

- annual footfall at local facilities
- increase in number and range of local services

Policies will include:

- transport options for improving services to better match needs of residents including public transport, car sharing, car share schemes (community owned vehicle for hire), cycling.
- Play and recreation facilities for children and adults

“Promote development of appropriate local employment opportunities and infrastructure in order to improve skills, knowledge and the local economy of our community”

Measures will include:

- number of businesses

Policies will include:

- Zone area for development of small incubator units and re-purposing of industrial sites
- Support development of telecommunications infrastructure to support business including working from home
- To enhance diversification of the economy, a proportion of new houses built should have job opportunities attached.