

# Wheathampstead's Neighbourhood Plan

## Potential Structure

Basic Approach to the ~~SLP~~ NP  
(using the SLP format plus [Winchcombe](#))

- Context
  - Introduction, Sources of Evidence, Sustainable Development, Neighbourhood Planning
  - Local context – sub-region, population, employment, challenges
- Vision Statement
- Strategic Objectives (1 to 8)
- Policies to Meet Objectives (1 to X)
  - [Reasons for the Policy](#)

## Basic Approach to the NP (using the Haddenham Model)

- Introduction, National and Local Planning, The Neighbourhood Area, Community Engagement,
- Vision Statement and Objectives
- Policies Based on Topics
  - Housing and Development
  - Transport and Getting Around
  - Children, Young People, Education and Schools
  - Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
  - Sports, Recreation and Leisure
  - Retail, Business and Jobs
- Projects

## Challenges for Wheathampstead

- Loss of business premises
- Erosion of Green Belt and potential coalescence
- Poor public transportation
- Excessive through traffic
- Lack of secondary school
- Exponential population growth and potential loss of identity
- Affordable housing
- Housing for down-sizing elderly

## Draft Strategic Objectives

- **SO1:** To maintain Wheathampstead village as a close community where residents have a sense of belonging and participation. The village should not be perceived as a town and residents in settlements remote from the village should also share that sense of belonging.
- **SO2:** While welcoming incomers, to have sufficient accommodation of the right kind and affordable so that second generation residents can settle in the community and first generation residents can downsize when appropriate.
- **SO3:** To preserve Wheathampstead's historic buildings for future generations and to help draw visitors into the area.
- **SO4:** To maintain a thriving, vibrant and prosperous High Street acting as the commercial hub for the benefit of residents. To help with this we will encourage visitors into the village and surrounding countryside.

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- **SO5:** To provide facilities for businesses to thrive and grow; providing employment opportunities, support for the High Street and contributions to village activities.
- **SO6:** To minimise our carbon footprint and improve personal health through the provision of local services, improved public transport and cycleways to adjacent settlements both within and outside the parish. To reduce the use of vehicles across the parish and through the village.
- **SO7:** To provide a wide range of educational, leisure and support services for young and old alike with the Memorial Hall acting as the services hub.
- **SO8:** To maintain the rural landscape in the parish in particular along the Lea valley and discouraging development that scars the scenery or causes coalescence with adjacent urban areas

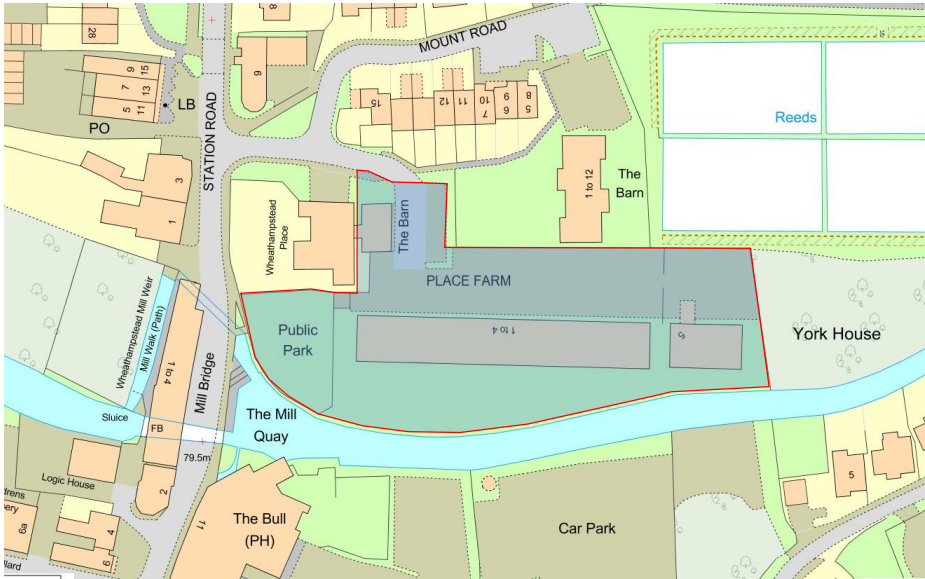
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- **SO8:** To maintain the rural landscape in the parish in particular along the Lea valley and discouraging development that scars the scenery or causes coalescence with adjacent urban areas
- Possible Policies:
  - New buildings should be limited to two storeys.
  - Development along the Lea valley should not be visible from areas where members of the public can walk or gather. The use of trees and shrubs for screening is encouraged.

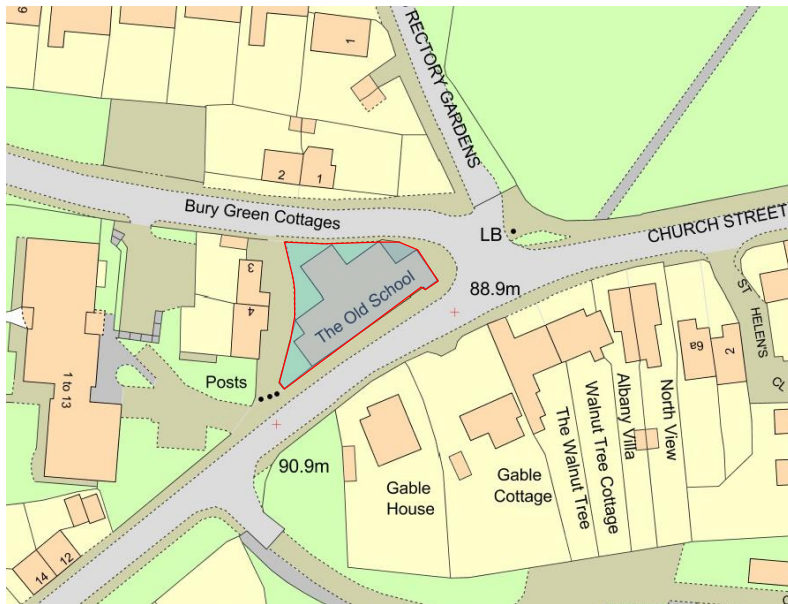
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- **SO4:** To maintain a thriving, vibrant and prosperous High Street acting as the commercial hub for the benefit of residents. To help with this we will encourage visitors into the village and surrounding countryside.
- Possible Policies
  - Existing employment sites including offices, shops, public houses and restaurants will be retained in employment use. Include map
  - Planning applications involving loss of retail units will not be permitted.
  - Applications to change the use of public houses will not be permitted.
  - The parish council will support and encourage the redevelopment of existing employment-generating sites for employment purposes, including for more intensive employment uses and in support of small businesses.

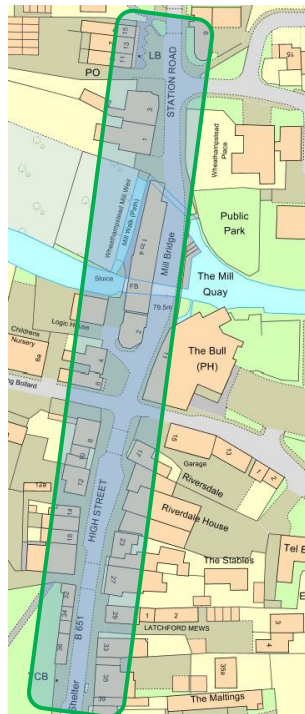
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