

Wheathampstead Neighbourhood Plan – Existing Evidence Base Starter

Evidence Needed	Purpose	Existing Analysis /Reports
<b>Landscape, Visual &amp; Environmental Sensitivity Study</b>	To draw together information and identify existing evidence of the landscape character, value, flora, fauna, areas of ssi, acid heathlands, & common land <b>and identify information gaps (research) and develop plans (policies).</b>	SADC Conservation Area Statements HCC Landscape Character Assessment (Areas 32, & 33 – see print out) Natural England Land Management: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/land-management">https://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/land-management</a> SADC Green Belt Study –areas of search
<b>Planning and Housing Policies</b>	To identify the existing national and local strategic policy context particularly in relation to housing development.	National Planning Policy SADC Existing and Draft Planning Policies SADC Housing Need Assessment <b>Differentiating the need for community (village) housing v outside demand.</b>
<b>Commons, Footpaths and Green Spaces Assessment</b>	To draw together existing information, reports, etc <b>and identify information gaps (research) and develop plans (policies).</b>	Existing Management Plans for individual commons. Herts & Essex Wildlife Trust reports on Nomansland and Gustard Wood commons (and other independent studies) HCC Rights of Way map
<b>Contaminated Land Study (Blackbridge Tip)</b>	To draw together information about areas of contaminated land and their current status.	HCC Waste Strategy Other guidance on restoration of contaminated land sites Options for community ownership/restoration grants.

<p><b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b></p>	<p>To draw together existing information about Conservation <b>and identify information gaps (research) and develop plans (policies).</b></p>	<p>Details of locally listed buildings Existing Conservation Area Statements Existing Signage Policy (WDPS) Existing District Council Policies Details of historically important sites</p>
<p><b>Retail Space and Usage</b></p>	<p>Identify number, type and tenure of retail space in the village. Identify number and type of home based businesses. Access to broadband. Access to postage facilities.</p>	<p>SADC Draft Local Plan and previous local plan policies</p>
<p><b>Sport, Leisure and Community Facilities</b></p>	<p>To draw together a picture of about the range and quality of services and facilities <b>and identify gaps (research) and develop plans (policies) to address.</b></p>	<p>Number of allotments Number of footpaths/cycle paths Amount and type of child lay facilities Amount and type of leisure facilities Amount and type of community facilities Number of community/sport groups based in village Facilities that have already been identified as having 'community value'</p>
<p><b>Transport and access</b></p>	<p>To identify the existing services and pressures on the transport infrastructure. Identify problems and develop policies to address.</p>	<p>Availability and quality of bus transport Availability and quality of school bus transport Availability and quality of disabled/community transport Volumes of traffic on local roads Number of minor accidents on local roads Number of serious/fatal accidents on local roads</p>