Evidence Gathering

SADC Policy Groups (November 1994 Local Plan)

In total SADC had 237 policies broken down into the following groups. Our vision statement will require additional policies in some of the key areas. We will have to decide whether we need to reinforce or enhance some of SADC's when we write our own. We will also have to check whether or not the new SLP uses the same grouping for consistency.

Key Structuring Policies

Green Belt, Settlement Strategy, landscape
Sources:
- Wheathampstead Landscape Conservation, SADC, extract from South Herts Landscape Character Assessment pp 143-146
- St Albans District Green Infrastructure Plan

Housing

Locations for development
Housing needs assessment (Population figures)
Types of development (Headship Rates)
Street scenes – example documents
Energy efficiency
SLP
Conservation area development
Signage
Social housing – existing and new

Sources:
- SLP
- Housing needs assessment and population studies, SADC
- Character Statement for Wheathampstead, 2001 SADC, CACS Map

Employment

Survey: Numbers and types of businesses, location, employment numbers.
Protected area designation

Sources:
- WEB, business survey
- SLP

Transportation

Cycleway connectivity and existing footpaths
Traffic restrictions imposed on planning applications
Traffic volumes on Lower Luton Road and through village

Sources:
- SLP
- SUSTRANS
- Herts County Highways
- St Albans District Green Infrastructure Plan

Shopping

Survey: Numbers and types of shops, employment numbers.
Protected area designation

Sources:
- WEB, business survey
- SLP

Social and Community Services

Fire service – history, structure. Future developments for the service

Library Service – Planned development of the service, usage, reviewed in 2015

Police Office – how it operates now and in the future. Challenges for the force

Medical support – doctors and dentists. Current capacity. Ability to deal with planned growth.

Memorial Hall facilities – planned enhancements, rebuild or expand? Capacity

Broadband – remote communities connectivity. Dates?

Designated businesses/buildings as being of

Schools Policies (Not in SADC SLP)

Needs assessment – primary and secondary
Schools development and places assessment

Youth and the Elderly (Not in SADC SLP)

Play areas
Facilities for the elderly
Facilities for youth
Support organisations including medical

Design and Environment

Buildings design and street scene
Amenity space
Environmental design – fuel efficiency
Street scene and signage

Sources:
- WDPS
- CPRE
- SLP

Conservation and Historic Buildings

Sources:
- Historic England
- CPRE

Leisure

Current and planned locations
Current and planned activities

Sources:
- Village Plan 2009
- Previous consultations

Tourism

Current accommodation location
Evidence of need

Countryside

Open spaces management
Land use
Blackbridge Tip

Sources:
- Open spaces management plans
- WPC Business Plan

Archaeology

Sources:
- Historic England

Individual Settlements (St Albans City, Harpenden Town, Fleetville, London Colney, Upper Colne Valley)

Wheathampstead Village

Gustard Wood

Folly Fields

Lea Valley Estate

Long Buftlers

Implementation and Monitoring

Projects

We also need to keep in mind any large projects we plan for the coming 15 years. These might include:

- Rebuild of the Memorial Hall
- Gym
- Butterfield Sports Pavilion
- Heritage Centre
- Crinkle-Crankle Garden
- ELCP Extension 2

1994 SLP available here: http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/planning/Local%20Plans/StAlbans/index.html