

# ASTON ROWANT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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1. To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.
2. To protect the surrounding countryside, landscape, designated open spaces, farming and ecosystems.
3. To reduce road traffic congestion and improve road safety.
4. To promote new development for housing, leisure, community facilities and employment opportunities in accordance with locally defined needs.
5. To maintain the character and vitality of the parish's villages and hamlets and to enhance access to the countryside.
6. To promote high quality in the design of new buildings conducive with the need to reduce pollution and decrease energy-consumption.

### **Objectives**

1. **To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home by:-**
  - a) providing a limited number (no more than 25?) of new dwellings to meet local needs within settlement boundaries defined in the ARNP or to infilling within established frontages in Kingston Stert;
  - b) allowing for the provision of a mix of new housing types and sizes commensurate with recognised local trends and requirements;
  - c) meeting identified local need for affordable housing for families/individuals with local connections and/or employment;
  - d) limiting new development to schemes of no more than five new dwellings, excluding changes of use or redevelopment;

- 2. To protect the area's local character, the surrounding countryside, landscape, designated open spaces, farming and ecosystems by:-**
  - a) defining open spaces on which new development will be precluded;
  - b) protecting, enhancing and conserving the AONB, the agricultural /woodland character of the area and significant views into and across the parish;
  - c) protecting the area's heritage assets, notably the conservation areas, listed buildings, historic settlement pattern, byways and distinctive local buildings;
  - d) promoting exclusive agricultural and woodland use of all land outside of defined settlements.
  
- 3. To reduce traffic congestion and improve road safety by:-**
  - a) promoting new development only within walking distance of local facilities and amenities;
  - b) securing, through development and alternative funding, traffic-calming measures on the B4009 through the plan area;
  - c) improving the standard and maintenance levels of footpaths and byways in the plan area, including pedestrian and cycling links to the Oxford Tube bus stops;
  - d) promoting home-working and local employment opportunities.
  
- 4. To promote new development for housing, leisure, community facilities and employment in accordance with locally-defined needs by:-**
  - a) promoting new dwellings through the re-use of existing buildings, the sub-division of larger properties and the redevelopment of large dwellings/sites;
  - b) creating the opportunity for the retention and provision of community assets and local facilities.
  - c) maintaining the open nature of identified recreational and leisure spaces;
  - d) securing homes for local agricultural workers.

**5. To maintain the character and vitality of the parish's villages and hamlets and to enhance access to the countryside by:-**

- a) protecting identified and unidentified heritage assets;
- b) maintaining appropriate conservation area boundaries in Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount;
- c) taking opportunities for the planting of new trees in association with new development, along established byways and through the replacement of trees lost through commercial woodland management;
- d) improving maintenance of established footpaths byways and bridleways.

**6. To promote high quality in the design of new buildings, conducive with the need to reduce pollution and decrease energy-consumption by:-**

- a) integrating new housing into the villages so as to maintain their essentially rural and informal character;
- b) seeking the use of materials in character with the area and reflecting its proximity to the Chilterns;
- c) insisting upon compliance with the most appropriate standards aimed at the creation of zero-carbon housing;
- d) conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

PRESENTED TO AND AGREED BY ASTON ROWANT PARISH  
COUNCIL ON 14 DECEMBER 2016