

Review of the Huntley Neighbourhood Development Plan Objectives and Community Actions (1 October – 31 December 2023)

As part of the monitoring of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), the Parish Council will formally review the effectiveness of the Plan twelve months after it has been ‘made’. A monitoring report will be presented to the residents at the next available Parish Council meeting.

The Steering Group, on behalf of the Parish Council, will conduct the review and assess the extent to which the Neighbourhood plan objectives have been implemented in practice and the contribution of the policies and local community actions towards meeting those objectives.

Prior to the formal twelve month review, the Parish Council will receive quarterly reports on the effectiveness of the Plan. This will enable the Parish Council to take any actions, if required, prior to the annual review.

Progress against the objectives

The NDP objectives are listed below, together with any information on the effectiveness of the objective.

Aim	Objectives	Latest Information
Housing Mix and Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide the amount of housing required by the Forest of Dean Local Plan. • To provide the type and size of housing required to meet local needs and are suitable for people of differing incomes at various stages of their lives. 	
Built Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that each new development is of a size, scale, density and design which will protect and enhance the rural setting of Huntley. • To ensure that any new housing development is located at sites that will result in minimum intrusion into the countryside. • To ensure that new housing developments incorporate appropriate areas of green open space to complement the rural setting of the village. 	<p>Three planning applications have been received by the Parish Council for comment since 1 October 2023. The Parish Council has provided a response for all 3 applications. Two applications were objected to by the Parish Council, and these were both subsequently refused permission by FoDDC</p>
Community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To utilise funds secured through new development to make appropriate improvements to 	

	<p>community and recreational amenities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support initiatives to provide new community and recreational amenities and services where a clear community need has been expressed. • To ensure facilities required by a thriving local economy are provided without damaging the village feel. • To ensure change of use of the local community and recreational facilities to non-community use is only permitted when it can be demonstrated that the existing use is no longer economically viable. 	
<p>Natural Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To retain and enhance publicly accessible open spaces around the village. • To ensure that the settlement of Huntley does not merge with neighbouring villages. • To preserve and enhance areas of wildlife interest and natural habitats. • To ensure that new development does not have an adverse environmental impact. • To conserve the historic character of Huntley. • To ensure that new development is designed to adapt to climate change. 	<p>Due to the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Emergency declared by the Forest of Dean District Council, the Parish Council have looked at measures that could be implemented. Projects that are currently planned are the planting of bulbs (Spring 24) and installing bird and bat boxes (Winter 2023).</p> <p>A budget of £500 has been allocated.</p>
<p>Transport and Infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure new development provide footpaths and cycle tracks for residents to travel between their homes and local transport, schools, businesses and community facilities. • Maintain the existing system of footpaths and cycle ways and seek to extend and improve these green links for the current and future population. 	<p>Following comment by the Parish Council, the proposed footpath within the new development by The Poplars has recently been amended to provide a more suitable footpath.</p> <p>There are plans to restart the community Speed Watch and implement Speed Cameras.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support improvements to public transport so that residents have less need to use private motor vehicles. • To address traffic issues including the speed of vehicles through the parish, the effect of noise on amenity and the need for a safer environment for all residents. • To ensure new development has adequately planned for extensions to the local sewage system. 	
Economy Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support appropriate small-scale employment development which provides local jobs. • To safeguard existing employment sites by refusing change of use unless it has been proven that it is uneconomically viable, or better provision is made in an equally or more accessible location. • To facilitate access to both high-speed broadband and reliable mobile phone coverage 	Fastershire has recently provided high speed broadband to parts of the Parish.
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support appropriate high-quality tourism businesses to increase local economy. • To support proposals for the change of use or redevelopment of agricultural buildings to tourism facilities. 	

Community Actions

The table below lists the community actions that are contained within the Plan.

Reference	Topic Area	Community Action	Update
CA1	Highways – road safety for all users	Huntley Parish Council will continue to work with Gloucestershire County Council, National Highways, Gloucestershire Police and other partners to identify and implement measures to	The Parish Council has accepted an offer from Gloucestershire Constabulary of a surveillance type camera for gathering of speed data

		address the issues raised, to include speed indicator devices, footway improvements, the enforcement and lowering of speed limits and the introduction of parking restrictions.	with a follow up warning letter.
CA2	Highways – road safety priority locations	Huntley Parish Council will continue to work with Gloucestershire County Council and National Highways to seek road safety improvements near Huntley Primary School and bus stops along the A4136.	
CA3	Highways – road maintenance	Huntley Parish Council will continue to work with Gloucestershire County Council and other partners to address issues of highway maintenance including drainage (road run off, ditches and gullies), poor road surfaces and potholes as they arise	
CA4	Highways – traffic reduction	Huntley Parish Council will continue to seek opportunities to reduce the volume of traffic passing through the parish on the A40 and A4136. A new development may present an opportunity to divert traffic away from the parish.	
CA4	Walking and Cycling - PROW	Huntley Parish Council will continue to work with landowners to promote the maintenance of public rights	

		<p>of way throughout the parish.</p> <p>Huntley Parish Council will appoint a Councillor with the responsibility for PROWs</p>	
CA5	Communications and broadband	Huntley Parish Council will ensure improvements to the communications infrastructure by working in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council and network operators	Fastershire have recently installed more high speed fibre
CA6	Transport – Community facilities	Huntley Parish Council will work with community transport and local transport businesses with the intention to provide transport from the parish to local supermarkets, health/medical centres, hospitals and some leisure facilities.	Initial communications to residents via the Huntley Newsletter resulted in very little interest in this. This is possibly because those most in need do not receive the newsletter as it has to be collected from locations around the parish.
CA7	Well Being - Community Facilities	Huntley Parish Council working with the Village Hall Committee to ensure that there are social groups and classes to cater equally for both male and female residents, and of varying age groups.	
CA8	Community Facilities – Health Clinic	Huntley Parish Council working with the National Health Service will investigate the possibility of a mobile health clinic or satellite GP clinic.	

CA9	Tree Protection	If a planning application is received which affects the avenue of trees from Newent Lane to Keepers Cottage or the trees in the old Golf Course that align the rear of Lambourne Avenue, Huntley Parish Council will ensure the protection of these trees.	
CA10	Upkeep of the parish - weeds	The Parish Council will undertake a regular walk of every road within the Parish and note issues. Property owners will be contacted to address the overgrowth and where Parish Council managed, the Parish Council take the necessary action.	There has not been a walk around the parish during this quarter.