

Kilmington Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Draft Objectives

Objective	Direction / aim of objective
<p>To resist housing growth of an overall scale which compromises the village’s role, function and capability to accommodate demand for facilities and that placed on its infrastructure.</p>	<p>The village should not be allowed to grow too large through over development. The present village facilities (school, village hall, sports leisure facilities, allotments, etc.) support the existing population size. Any significant increase which cannot be accommodated through mitigation by provision of additional services, infrastructure or capacity could significantly overstretch these.</p> <hr/> <p>Keep housing development to small scale to preserve the rural character of the parish.</p> <hr/> <p>Small groups in cul-de-sac developments are preferred to meet the existing village layout.</p> <hr/> <p>Support small scale selected development outside but adjacent to the BUAB. Limit new development within the BUAB to densities consistent with the built form and character of the area of the village within which the proposal sits. The area within the BUAB is predominately single-track road which already creates parking, traffic and pedestrian movement issues.</p>
<p>To support housing development which meets the identified needs of the local community across types and tenures while meeting changing demographic and social requirements.</p>	<p>To maintain the social character of the village, development should be incremental with no rapid increase in housing.</p> <hr/> <p>The provision of affordable family housing, part buy/rent rather than social housing remains a priority, together with council houses for rent by local East Devon residents. Also small, high quality retirement homes would encourage the retention of existing villagers who wish to downsize.</p>

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<p>To keep all development to a scale, mass and character which respects and responds to principles of high-quality design, reflecting and enhancing local built and landscape character and distinctiveness of the Parish.</p>	<p>Planning policies will apply to the whole Parish (unless otherwise stated). We will seek to influence the design of development, including modifications and/or extensions of existing buildings of a more minor nature where they require planning permission.</p>
	<p>Any new building should be sympathetic to its neighbours and to the surrounding landscape; designed to a high quality, reflecting the local character and distinctiveness of the area of the Parish while, at the same time, employing modern technologies and materials to embrace best environmental practice.</p>
	<p>The historic elements of the village, comprising both the older village properties and the historic village road network and roadside verges, are of critical importance to character of present day Kilmington and should be protected.</p>
	<p>Where development is allowed, any new development should be positioned to minimise the impact to other villagers and where possible to the landscape environment. i.e. in dips not on hilltops, avoiding viewpoints!</p>
	<p>Maintain good quality sustainable buildings that are designed to meet demand for the foreseeable future and are sited within walking distance of the central population core of the village. The present village facilities (school, village hall, sports leisure facilities, allotments, etc.) support the existing population size. Any significant increase in village population, through substantial housing development, would require new, bigger community and school facilities.</p>
	<p>New build developments, extensions to existing properties and the complete or partial rebuilding of an existing property should not overcrowd their plots and should provide space for adequate off-road parking proportionate to property and anticipated household size, for garaging, for gardens, and screening.</p>
	<p>Buildings should be no higher than a pitched roof over two storeys.</p>
	<p>Buildings should not have flat roofs.</p>
	<p>The colour of roofing, renders and other external wall finishes should be neutral or pastel shades (not vivid colours) and should blend with the neighbouring properties.</p>
	<p>Chimneys should be encouraged and external flues should be appropriate to the design of the property.</p>
	<p>The following household adjuncts should, where possible, be concealed from view: fuel storage tanks and refuse storage bins; television and dish aerials; and solar panels.</p>
	<p>Small wind turbines may be appropriate on more remote sites where they are not prominent but should not be permitted in the village because of possible noise pollution and negative visual impact.</p>
	<p>All development should, wherever possible, provide for running electrical, telephone and broadband connections underground.</p>
<p>Traffic routing and parking for new business development and farms diversifying into alternative businesses should not be allowed to impact adversely on the central population core of the village. Additional traffic through The Street, George Lane, The Hill and Silver Street should be avoided. No more traffic through centre of village.</p>	

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<p>To manage and address traffic, parking and pedestrian movement issues.</p>	<p>Limit new development within the BUAB to densities consistent with the built form and character of the area of the village within which the proposal sits. The area within the BUAB is predominately single-track road without pavements which already creates parking, traffic and pedestrian movement issues.</p> <p>Support small scale selected development outside but adjacent to the BUAB, preferably where single carriageway roads allow two-way traffic.</p> <p>Additional traffic flow on the narrow through roads of The Street, George Lane, Silver Street and The Hill which serve a significant proportion of the village housing should be discouraged. An increase in the volume of though traffic will severely disrupt the existing slowed nature of these roads which at present provides social interaction between drivers and pedestrians and engenders community cohesion.</p> <p>Limit through traffic to maintain the existing relatively safe main pedestrian and cycle routes to the school, the playing field, the village hall, shops and churches. More through traffic will increase the danger to road users particularly children and the elderly resulting in reduced mobility options for non-drivers and increased social segregation.</p> <p>Respect the character of the parish’s historic network of roads and lanes which are of critical importance to the character of present day Kilmington and should be protected, acknowledging many are single track lanes, there are few pavements and no street lighting (which villagers do not want).</p> <p>New build developments, extensions to existing properties and the complete or partial rebuilding of an existing property should provide sufficient off road parking proportionate to property size, as roadside parking on narrow village roads can create a hazard and physical obstruction to emergency vehicles and today’s larger farm equipment.</p> <p>Protect the hedgerows, grass verges, banks and rubble-stone walls that line the roads and lanes of the parish and are an essential part of the landscape setting.</p>
<p>To protect and enhance the AONB designated landscape, rural identity, biodiversity, geodiversity, and wildlife habitats and corridors (including streams).</p>	<p>Where development is allowed, any new development should be positioned to minimise the impact to other villages and to the landscape environment. In dips not hilltops, avoiding viewpoints!</p> <p>Maintain the rural characteristics of the village which encourages tourism across East Devon, providing employment, the generation of local income and the usage and sale of local products.</p> <p>Protect the stream that runs through the village from Springhead via Silver Street, The Street and The Green and the drains that carry storm water to this stream and into the River Axe.</p> <p>Roadside, lane and path boundaries should be rural in character using traditional stone walls, banks and indigenous hedging, blended with trees as appropriate to connect the roadsides to the landscape.</p>

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<p>To protect and enhance green spaces which are of recreational value to the community and create a healthy living environment by providing recreational opportunities and sports facilities that encourage community engagement and make physical activity easy to do in order to promote the health and wellbeing of the community.</p>	<p>Protect and preserve all the existing green spaces which contribute to the quality and distinctiveness of the local environment and create opportunities for walking, physical activity and community-wellbeing, generally adding to village quality of life: 1. The Playing Fields; 2. The Green; 3. Jubilee Green; 4. The Allotments; 5. The Common; 6. The Wooded Plot (known as The Plantation) bounded by the A35, the lower end of Shute Road and the northern end of The Hill.</p>
	<p>Respect and protect the network of by-ways, bridleways and footpaths that are an important village amenity and allow movement through the area.</p>
	<p>Provide facilities that will allow villagers access to education, the arts, allotments and sporting venues to instruct, teach, train and enlighten people of all ages and abilities helping them achieve their full potential and live healthy fulfilling lives.</p>
<p>To encourage and support opportunities for sustainable and local food production.</p>	<p>Encourage farming and agricultural smallholdings as these are essential to the local character and distinctiveness of the Parish and of this area. Whilst there are fewer active farms – five today compared to about 20 in 1950 – the average farm is far larger and a significant part of the parish land is still given over to farming and associated rural trades (forestry).</p>
	<p>Encourage schemes to maintain and increase the management of land in environmentally friendly ways.</p>
	<p>Maintain existing village allotments and when required identify future sites in order to promote self-sufficiency, health and wellbeing.</p>

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<p>To support the local economy through existing businesses and enhance employment opportunities by supporting new enterprises and premises of an appropriate type and scale.</p>	<p>Encourage schemes to maintain and increase the farming and associated rural trades (forestry) which are essential in providing local employment.</p>
	<p>Support and encourage local tourism to provide employment, the generation of local income and the usage and sale of local products.</p>
	<p>Support diversification of farm buildings where necessary for survival of existing farm business.</p>
	<p>Resist conversion of commercial sites and premises to residential use unless it brings substantial community benefits.</p>
	<p>Improve and maintain the local communication network, including broadband and mobile connectivity, to highest standard possible to support working from home and other local businesses.</p>
	<p>Traffic routing and parking for new business development and farms diversifying into alternative businesses should not be allowed to impact adversely on the central population core of the village.</p>
<p>Promote and support lifelong learning in the Parish to instruct, teach, train and enlighten people of all ages and abilities to help them achieve their full potential.</p>	<p>Provide facilities that will allow villagers access to education, the arts, allotments and sporting venues to instruct, teach, train and enlighten people of all ages and abilities helping them achieve their full potential and live healthy fulfilling lives.</p>
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	<p>Promote and support lifelong learning which contributes to the social cohesion and health and wellbeing of our community.</p>
	<p>Kilmington Primary School is a flourishing community school with an increasing number of pupils and is regarded as an important asset to the village which reinforces our sense of community.</p>
	<p>Manage the parking problems on the very busy Whitford Road, particularly as this is the main HGV route to serve the quarry. By arrangement with the Village Hall and St Giles Church, parents dropping children off at school are encouraged to use the Village Hall car park walking through the churchyard to reach the school.</p>

