

# **Slimbridge Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan**

## **WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK**

**Notice of Regulation 14 Pre-submission consultation  
and publicity on the Draft Slimbridge NDP**

**The consultation starts on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
January and ends on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Information and documents can be found at:**

**[NDP Regulation 14 consultation – Slimbridge Parish Council  
\(slimbridge-pc.gov.uk\)](https://slimbridge-pc.gov.uk)**

**Hard copies of the draft NDP are located at St Johns Church, The  
Village Hall, Post Office, Legion Social Club, WWT, Tudor Arms,  
Black Shed, George Inn and Slimbridge Primary School**

### **Responding:**

**We now need your feedback on the full draft Plan.**

**You can submit your comments on the NDP via our  
online questionnaire, which can be found at :**

**<https://forms.gle/5ej6DXECBaybAnoS8>**

**or;**

**Hard copies of the questionnaire will be available from the  
Parish Council and other locations as indicated above.**

**Completed hard copy questionnaires can be returned to  
the Parish Council or placed in the box provided in the  
Post Office.**

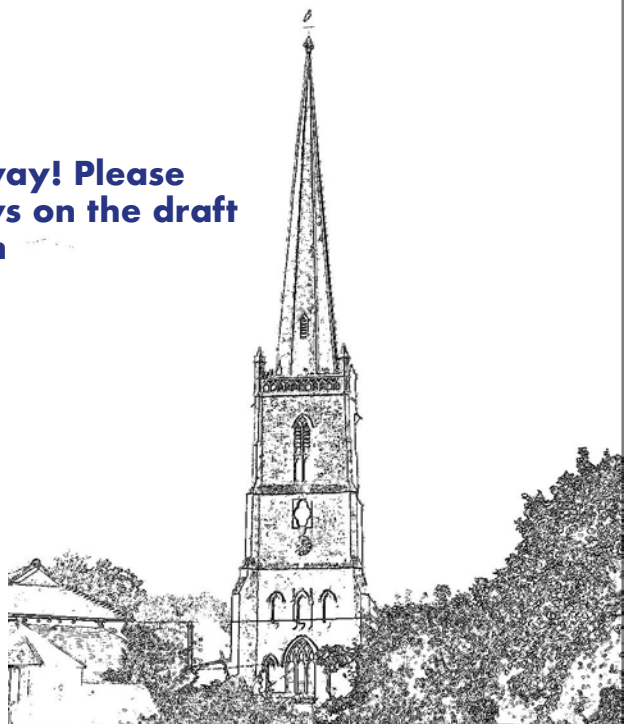


# **SLIMBRIDGE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2040**

## **REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION DRAFT**

### **MINI GUIDE**

**A key stage is underway! Please  
let us know your views on the draft  
Slimbridge Parish Plan**



## What is the Neighbourhood Development Plan?

The NDP Steering Group has been working on the plan for the last two years. We are now at the stage where we have a draft document and now it is over to you. We've covered all the areas we think appropriate and that can be covered by a Development Plan. The full document is available on the Slimbridge Parish website and in hard copy. This mini guide gives an overview of its contents.

The Slimbridge Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will cover the Parish of Slimbridge, comprising the villages of Slimbridge and Cambridge, the hamlets and rural areas.

Once formally in place, the NDP will provide the foundations for the Parish to develop sustainably for the benefit of those that live and work here. It will be used when planning decisions are made by Stroud District Council on proposed new developments.

The draft NDP addresses a range of issues, including the climate emergency, locally responsive development and design, living and working and landscape and heritage. It includes a priority statement which covers potential strategic developments such as Wisloe (PS37). Practical projects which are outside the scope of planning are included because they are seen as important by the community.

The NDP will work alongside existing legislation and policy by providing developers and assessors with criteria that must be met, and detail on what the local community wants and expects from development in their area.

These locally developed policies will guide and inform future change in the Parish.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Stroud Draft Local Development Plan Plan (up to 2040)

**Slimbridge Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan**

This Mini Guide gives an overview of the Slimbridge Parish NDP. The 17 planning policies are presented with a priority statement and practical projects.

The full plan can be found at: <https://slimbridge-pc.gov.uk/ndp-draft-policies/>

## We need your comments!

For 6 weeks between 23rd January and 5th March, you can comment on the draft NDP – and it really is just that – draft!

On behalf of the Parish Council, the NDP Steering Group, made up of local residents and Councillors, has worked to produce a foundation of evidence and a set of draft planning policies, priority statement, and projects. These have been drafted in consultation with the community.

We now need your feedback on the full draft Plan. You can submit your comments on the NDP via our online questionnaire, which can be found at <https://forms.gle/5ej6DXECBavbAnoS8> or scan the QR code below

Hard copies of the NDP will be available for viewing at a number of locations (see back cover). Hard copies of the questionnaire will be available from the Parish Council and other locations (see back cover).

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Comments received during this consultation inform the next draft of the NDP, which will be submitted to Stroud District Council later in 2023. The draft NDP will then be tested through further formal consultation, examination and referendum.

## Draft Policies and Statement

### **Policy Section 1: Addressing the Climate Emergency in Slimbridge Parish**

Draft Policy SCE1:	Natural Flood Management
Draft Policy SCE2:	Retrofitting Existing Buildings
Draft Policy SCE3:	Natural Capital, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
Draft Policy SCE4:	Local Food Production
Draft Policy SCE5:	Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows
Draft Policy SCE6:	Community Led Renewable Energy

The first six policies of the Neighbourhood Plan sets the context for developments that are forward looking and proactively address the challenges of climate change - a key challenge for us locally is an increased risk of flooding throughout the Parish.

### **Draft Priority Statement: Strategic Development in Slimbridge Parish**

If large scale strategic development is brought forward through the new Stroud District Local Plan, or in the future, our made Neighbourhood Plan will provide a strong set of adopted locally distinctive planning policies which must be given full weight by planning officers when determining any planning applications in the Parish. This includes those related to allocated strategic development. This will help maximise the delivery of the community's priorities and aspirations within strategic developments, including potentially Wisloe (PS37) new settlement. Expectations for how this should be achieved are set out in the Priority Statement.

## **Policy Section 2: Locally Responsive Development and Design**

Draft Policy SD1:	Locally Distinctive, High Quality Design
Draft Policy SD2:	Pre-Application Engagement Protocol
Draft Policy SD3:	Sustainable Development to Meet Local Housing Needs

The policies in this section are vital tools to ensure that new developments meet local housing needs, and new developments will be of high quality design, built with appropriate materials, which complement and enhance the distinctive character of each village and hamlet. Because it is recognised that change will happen in the Parish, Slimbridge Parish Council has adopted the Slimbridge Parish Pre-Application Engagement Protocol, intended to enable effective, positive and early engagement of the community in development.

## **Policy Section 3: Living and Working**

Draft Policy SLW1:	Community Facilities
Draft Policy SLW2:	Local Green Spaces
Draft Policy SLW3:	Getting Around
Draft Policy SLW4:	Local Economy
Draft Policy SLW5:	Managing Tourism and Rural Diversification in Slimbridge Parish

The Parish enjoys a number of community facilities and green spaces which are seen as important and should be preserved and improved. Car travel will continue to be important but the Plan will encourage more sustainable means of travel. There is a thriving local economy and the NDP will encourage local employment opportunities and apprenticeships. Tourism is important and the NDP seeks to influence tourism development within the Parish, to encourage sustainable development that minimises its impact on the environment, local communities and the highway network.

## **Policy Section 4: Landscape and Heritage**

Draft Policy SLH1: Locally Valued Key Views

Draft Policy SLH2: Heritage Assets and Archaeology

Draft Policy SLH3: Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets

The beautiful views from the Parish are seen as very important and the Plan seeks to preserve these views. The plan will also help preserve the heritage of the Parish and ensure that its archaeology is investigated and preserved.

### **Practical Projects**

This section includes information on Practical Projects that are related to the key themes and policies of the NDP, but relate to issues that cannot be directly influenced by land-use planning policies. The practical projects cover ideas, topics and actions that are important to the community and in some cases are already underway.

## **We need your comments!**

### **Regulation 14 Consultation open 23rd January 2023 – 5 March 2023**

You can submit your comments on the NDP via our online questionnaire, which can be found at: <https://forms.gle/jR2HAVqSQNM9UuUN7>



## Additional information

The draft Slimbridge Parish NDP has been prepared by the NDP Steering Group who can be contacted at: [slimbridgendp@gmail.com](mailto:slimbridgendp@gmail.com)

Further information on the NDP, evidence base and how to comment on the draft NDP can be found at: <https://slimbridge-pc.gov.uk/ndp-draft-policies/>

Further information can be obtained from the Slimbridge Parish Clerk:

PO Box 122, Dursley, GL11 9BZ Tel: 07943 894637

E-mail: [clerk@slimbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@slimbridge-pc.gov.uk)

Website: [www.slimbridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.slimbridge-pc.gov.uk)

Hard copies of the NDP can be viewed at the following locations:

- Slimbridge Village Hall
- The Tudor Arms
- Slimbridge Post Office
- Slimbridge Church
- The George
- Slimbridge School
- The Black Shed
- Slimbridge Social Club
- The WWT

Hard copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from the above locations and also from the Parish Clerk.

The Steering Group has received technical support during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan from Place Studio, ([www.placestudio.com](http://www.placestudio.com)), a Bristol based planning and design consultancy that specialises in engagement and community led planning.

