

**Slimbridge NDP Key Revisions post Reg 14 – Policy Revisions  
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Regulation 14	Comments from Regulation 14 where relevant	Proposed Revision
<p><b>Draft Policy SCE1 – Natural Flood Management in Slimbridge Parish</b></p> <p>Particularly within all areas at risk from surface water flooding (as shown on Figure 3) and within the River Cam catchment area, natural flood management works to conserve and enhance the ecological flood storage value of the water environment, including watercourse corridors and catchments, are supported.</p> <p>Where development proposals are in areas with known surface water flooding issues, including those shown on Figure 3, they should include appropriate mitigation and construction methods.</p> <p>Any major development should include the provision of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems where appropriate, as part of the Natural Flood Management approach and the wider Green and Blue Infrastructure network of Slimbridge Parish.</p> <p>Development in the neighbourhood area should also demonstrate adherence to the National Design Guide (2019), which includes guidance on integrated water management that enhances the character of a place and makes it more resilient to impacts of climate change.</p>	<p>Stroud DC suggested that the policy text can be simplified, removing repetition from local plan policy, and instead stating support for development that addresses specific local flooding issues.</p> <p>Add to supporting text:</p> <p>land owners should also be aware of and to maintain any features that are part of the drainage system. The proactive management of ditches is a important part of addressing flood risk.</p>	<p><b>Policy SCE1 – Natural Flood Management in Slimbridge Parish</b></p> <p><del>Particularly</del> Within all areas at risk from surface water flooding (as shown on Figure 3a and 3b) and within the River Cam and Lighenbrook catchment area, natural flood management works (including Suds) shall be used to conserve and enhance the ecological flood storage value of the water environment, <del>including watercourse corridors and catchments, are supported.</del></p> <p>Watercourse corridors (rivers, ditches, culverts etc.) are an important part of flood management. These must be managed by responsible parties and kept in good condition able to fulfil their function.</p> <p>Where development proposals are in areas with known surface water flooding issues, including those shown on Figure 3, they <del>should</del> must include appropriate mitigation and construction methods.</p> <p>Developments which might affect the capacity of the sewerage systems shall be assessed by Severn Trent. If Severn Trent cannot confirm the development can be managed without exacerbating flooding problems then the development will not be supported.</p>

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		<p><del>Any major development should include the provision of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems where appropriate, as part of the Natural Flood Management approach and the wider Green and Blue Infrastructure network of Slimbridge Parish.</del></p> <p><del>Development in the neighbourhood area should also demonstrate adherence to the National Design Guide (2019), which includes guidance on integrated water management that enhances the character of a place and makes it more resilient to impacts of climate change.</del></p> <p>Development that addresses specific local flooding issues will be supported.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SCE2: Retrofitting of Existing Buildings to Improve Energy Efficiency</b></p> <p>The sensitive retrofitting of energy efficiency measures and the appropriate use of small scale domestic-renewables in existing buildings will be supported. This includes the retrofitting of historic and listed buildings and buildings of solid wall or traditional construction, whilst safeguarding the special characteristics of the individual heritage assets and the wider area for the future.</p> <p>The retrofitting of existing buildings should seek to incorporate methods and reach targets as set out in the LETI Climate Emergency Retrofit Guide, where</p>	<p>Stroud DC noted that development affecting Heritage and Landscape is covered later in the NDP so, for clarity, the second paragraph of this policy could be replaced with “where they are in conformity with Landscape and Heritage policies within this plan”. It is generally a given that development proposals need to be in conformity with other policies, however this helps give the emphasis to the potential impact of retrofitting to existing buildings.</p>	<p><b>Policy SCE2: Retrofitting of Existing Buildings to Improve Energy Efficiency</b></p> <p>The sensitive retrofitting of energy efficiency measures and the appropriate use of small scale domestic-renewables in existing buildings will be supported. This includes the retrofitting of historic and listed buildings and buildings of solid wall or traditional construction, whilst safeguarding the special characteristics of the individual heritage assets and the wider area for the future <b>where they are in conformity with Landscape and Heritage policies within this plan.</b></p> <p>The retrofitting of existing buildings should seek to incorporate methods and reach targets as set out in the</p>

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<p>viable.</p>		<p>LETI Climate Emergency Retrofit Guide, where viable.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SCE3: Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services</b></p> <p>The integrity, multi-functionality, quality and connectivity of the natural environment will be protected, managed and enhanced.</p> <p>Development proposals should include an assessment of existing natural capital (as shown on Figure 4 and detailed in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Natural Environment Report</b>), proportional to the size and nature of the proposal. Proposals should also include an assessment of the scope to provide a net gain in natural capital, using the Gloucestershire Natural Capital Mapping Project opportunity maps (Figure 5), and detail included in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Natural Environment Report</b> to inform the proposal.</p> <p>Where appropriate to the site concerned, the ecosystem services provided by the development should enhance those that the site already contains. Planning proposals should explain the extent of each benefit, and should contribute to the protection, management, enhancement and connectivity of the wider Green and Blue Infrastructure network.</p>	<p>Stroud DC suggested reviewing the wording of the policy. The evidence base is strong and the policy could be made more locally relevant.</p>	<p><b>Policy SCE3: Natural <del>Capital</del> Environment and Ecosystem Services</b></p> <p>The integrity, multi-functionality, quality and connectivity of the natural environment will be protected, managed and enhanced. <i>For the purpose of promoting nature recovery, mitigating climate change and ensuring that natural resources are protected, development proposals will be expected to have an overall positive impact on the natural environment and ecosystem services. In Slimbridge this includes delivering opportunities to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>Protect and provide more, better and joined up habitats as shown on the Gloucestershire Natural Capital Mapping Project opportunity maps (Figure 5);</i></li> <li>b) <i>Protect and enhance the significant ‘blue infrastructure’ of the flood plain and network of ditches and rhynes which provide flood defence and carbon sequestration;</i></li> <li>c) <i>Connect into and where possible extend the wider network of the Green (eg Rosie’s wood / recreation ground / hedges / verges) infrastructures;</i></li> <li>d) <i>Protect existing woodland and trees, and plant more in appropriate locations (right tree in the right place);</i></li> <li>e) <i>Incorporate habitat features of value to wildlife within the development and building design,</i></li> </ul>

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		<p>including those which meet the needs of local species (such as native trees or shrubs for hedging) provision of hedgehog fences, and native pollinator-friendly planting in landscaping proposals);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>f) Protect and where possible extend the local network of traditional orchards;</li><li>g) Provide allotments where appropriate;</li><li>h) Provide opportunities for access to the natural resources which contribute to the special qualities of the area and people’s health and wellbeing.</li></ul> <p>Proportional to the size and nature of the proposal, development proposals must be supported by a statement that sets out how the development proposal impacts, both positively and negatively, on the natural environment and local ecosystem services. Special attention must be given to farmland which supports over wintering birds, including protected species such as curlews, for resting and feeding (functionally linked land) to the special protections in the estuary environment.</p> <p>The extent of any net gain in biodiversity for any development should be in accordance with national policy, taking into consideration guidance in BDBC Achieving Biodiversity Net Gain (or successor document).</p> <p><del>Development proposals should include an assessment of existing natural capital (as shown on Figure 4 and</del></p>
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<p><b>Draft Policy SCE4: Local Food Production</b></p> <p>Development proposals that involve the loss, in whole or in part, of areas used for local food production (including those identified on Figure 6), must demonstrate that a robust assessment of allotment and orchard provision, using the quantity and access standards for open space set out in the Stroud Local Plan<sup>1</sup>, has identified a surplus in the catchment area to meet both current and future needs, and full consideration has been given to all functions that the allotment or orchard performs, having regard to existing deficiencies within</p>	<p>Stroud DC suggest that this policy could be covered through policies on local heritage and community facilities.</p>	<p><b>REMOVE POLICY and integrate key points into other policy areas – notably Policy SCE3 and SLW1</b></p> <p><b>Keep supporting text of the policy with minor adaptations and link to policy SCE3</b></p> <p><b>Action – renumber all other policies if SG agree to proposal</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> See policy DHC7, [https://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/Pre\\_sub.pdf](https://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/Pre_sub.pdf)

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<p>Slimbridge Parish.</p> <p>Development proposals for the provision of additional allotment and community orchard sites will be supported in principle and should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there are no adverse impacts on traffic movements, parking, or the amenity of neighbouring land uses or nearby residents; and</li> </ul> <p>That the site is genuinely accessible by a choice of modes or sustainable and active travel modes and to disabled, elderly and vulnerable people.</p>		
<p><b>Draft Policy SCE5: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows</b></p> <p><b>Ancient and Veteran Trees</b></p> <p>Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate no loss or deterioration of Ancient or Veteran Trees (as shown on Figure 7). Development proposals directly or indirectly affecting ancient trees or veteran trees identified in the Neighbourhood Plan Area will be resisted.</p> <p>Any ancient or veteran trees must be retained within a development site, including a root protection area and appropriate buffer zone, which should be whichever is greater of, either an area which is a radius of 15 times the diameter of the tree with no cap or (b) 5 metres beyond the crown.</p> <p><b>Other Existing Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland</b></p>	<p>Stroud DC suggested that this policy should be made more locally specific.</p> <p>Residents in the parish expressed concern about tree planting in the wrong place which could have a negative impact on the prevailing landscape character as well as established and threatened biodiversity and habitats.</p>	<p><b>Policy SCE5: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows</b></p> <p><b>Ancient and Veteran Trees</b></p> <p>Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate no loss or deterioration of Ancient or Veteran Trees (as shown on Figure 7) <b>in the Parish</b>. Development proposals directly or indirectly affecting ancient trees or veteran trees identified in the Neighbourhood Plan Area will be resisted.</p> <p>Any ancient or veteran trees must be retained within a development site, including a root protection area and appropriate buffer zone, which should be whichever is greater of, either an area which is a radius of 15 times the diameter of the tree with no cap or (b) 5 metres beyond the crown.</p> <p><b>Other Existing Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland</b></p>

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<p>Existing trees and hedgerows on development sites should be considered throughout the design process to be retained and incorporated as placemaking features in new development. Development proposals affecting other existing trees or hedgerows should ensure that there is no damage, or loss of value, to those which demonstrate good arboricultural, biodiversity value nor to the trees, orchards and woodland identified on Figures 6 and 7. Protection before and after development should be in accordance with British Standard BS5837. Where there is an unavoidable loss of trees on site, the number and type of replacement trees should be informed by the quality and size of the lost trees.</p> <p><b>New Trees</b></p> <p>New tree planting, in development proposals and throughout the built and natural environments of the Plan area, to maintain and increase the overall tree canopy cover of the Neighbourhood Area, will be supported in principle. This should be informed by relevant ecology and arboricultural assessment.</p>		<p><del>Existing trees and hedgerows on development sites should be considered throughout the design process to be retained and incorporated as placemaking features in new development. Development proposals affecting other existing trees or hedgerows should ensure that there is no damage, or loss of value, to those which demonstrate good arboricultural, biodiversity value nor to the</del> Locally valued trees, orchards and woodland identified on Figures 6 and 7 and where relevant, these should be considered throughout the design process to be retained and incorporated as placemaking features and as part of the local Green Infrastructure Network in new development. Protection before and after development should be in accordance with British Standard BS5837. Where there is an unavoidable loss of trees on site, the number and type of replacement trees should be informed by the quality and size of the lost trees.</p> <p><b>New Trees</b></p> <p>New tree planting, in development proposals and throughout the built and natural environments of the Plan area, to maintain and increase the overall tree canopy cover of the Neighbourhood Area, will be supported in principle. This should be informed by relevant ecology and arboricultural assessment, and done sensitively in response to the existing landscape, habitats and species requirements in the plan area.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SCE6: Renewable or Low Carbon Energy Generation in Slimbridge Parish</b></p>	<p>Stroud DC suggested that the first 2 bullet points of this policy could be</p>	<p><b>Policy SCE6: Renewable or Low Carbon Energy Generation in Slimbridge Parish</b></p>

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<p>Proposals for renewable, or low carbon energy schemes in Slimbridge Parish will be supported where they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Do not have adverse landscape or environmental impacts.</li> <li>b. Do not create an unacceptable impact on the amenity and safety of local receptors.</li> </ul> <p>All proposals are expected to demonstrate that any adverse impacts to the local landscape, environment and heritage are avoided and where necessary, mitigated and made acceptable.</p> <p>Particular support will be given to local renewable and low carbon energy developments that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are integrated so that the energy generated can be supplied directly to domestic, business and other buildings in the Parish, demonstrated by direct reduction to buildings’ energy consumption.</li> <li>b. Are fully or partly owned by Slimbridge Parish residents and/or businesses. This can be demonstrated by evidence of the development being fully or partly owned through an appropriately constituted Community Energy Enterprise (CEE), whose members include Slimbridge Parish residents and/or businesses. If the applicant has sought to deliver via this model but this has not been possible, a share offer would be accepted, providing there is evidence CEE</li> </ul>	<p>replaced with “...where they comply with other policies within the NDP”.</p> <p>Based on consultation responses two options are proposed:</p> <p>NB – Supporting text needs to be modified to reference the several comments from consultees who support solar panels on roofs but are not supportive of community energy schemes or wind turbines.</p> <p>Suggest:</p> <p>Community consultation in Slimbridge indicates little support for community energy schemes or wind turbines, but instead support for roof-top solar. It is clear that people wish to see the NDP being supportive of measures to reduce use of energy produced from non-renewable resources to address both climate issues and the escalating cost of energy.</p> <p>New developments will result in energy use during their lifetime which is not covered by Building Regulations and is thus referred to as unregulated energy. To reduce</p>	<p>Proposals for renewable, or low carbon energy schemes in Slimbridge Parish will be supported where they <b>comply with other policies within the NDP.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>a. Do not have adverse landscape or environmental impacts.</del></li> <li><del>b. Do not create an unacceptable impact on the amenity and safety of local receptors.</del></li> </ul> <p>All proposals are expected to demonstrate that any adverse impacts to the local landscape, environment and heritage are avoided and where necessary, mitigated and made acceptable.</p> <p>Particular support will be given to local renewable and low carbon energy developments that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are integrated so that the energy generated can be supplied directly to domestic, business and other buildings in the Parish, demonstrated by direct reduction to buildings’ energy consumption.</li> <li><del>b. Are fully or partly owned by Slimbridge Parish residents and/or businesses. This can be demonstrated by evidence of the development being fully or partly owned through an appropriately constituted Community Energy Enterprise (CEE), whose members include Slimbridge Parish residents and/or businesses. If the applicant has sought to deliver via this model but this has not been possible, a share offer would be accepted, providing there is evidence CEE delivery was not possible; and that</del></li> </ul>
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<p>delivery was not possible; and that Slimbridge Parish residents and/or businesses are given priority. Use ground source heat pumps and/or biomass fuel.</p>	<p>the carbon impact of this unregulated energy consumption, a proportion of it should be offset by renewable energy generated locally. Policy SCE6 therefore has been redrafted following Regulation 14 consultation to calls for at least 10% offsetting of carbon emissions. The method for calculating this unregulated energy could be the Government’s Standard Assessment Protocol (SAP) for Energy Rating of Dwellings (Appendix L: Energy for lighting and electrical appliances) or equivalent.</p>	<p><del>Slimbridge Parish residents and/or businesses are given priority.</del> c. Use discreet technologies such as ground, air or water source heat pumps and/or biomass fuel or roof-top solar</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SD1: Locally Distinctive, High Quality Design</b></p> <p>In order to create high quality buildings and places that are beautiful, inclusive and enduring, development proposals should respond positively and distinctively to the National Model Design Code and the <b>Slimbridge Parish Design Statement</b> as appropriate to their scale, nature and location. In particular, development proposals should be</p>	<p>Final section added to the policy to reflect the importance of water efficiency / resources.</p> <p>Drawing from David’s work, rather than add to the policy suggest adding the following text to the Design Statement:</p> <p>The following guiding principles</p>	<p><b>Policy SD1: Locally Distinctive, High Quality Design</b></p> <p>In order to create high quality buildings and places that are beautiful, inclusive and enduring, development proposals should respond positively and distinctively to the National Model Design Code and the <b>Slimbridge Parish Design Statement</b> as appropriate to their scale, nature and location. In particular, development proposals should be designed in a way which takes account of their built form, height, materials, historic</p>

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<p>designed in a way which takes account of their built form, height, materials, historic character and boundary treatments.</p> <p>Development which features innovative designs will be supported where they respect their surroundings and complement the setting of other buildings in terms of their height, massing and use of materials.</p> <p>Development should be designed to reduce carbon emissions and energy demand in response to the climate emergency. High standards of sustainable design and construction will be supported in principle. Both new build and refurbishment of existing homes should seek to meet energy use targets as set out in the Net Zero Carbon Toolkit (2021) where viable.</p>	<p>should be taken into account so that, where appropriate, new waterside development should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positively address the water.</li> <li>• integrate the towing path and open up access to the water.</li> <li>• link waterside space and the waterspace.</li> <li>• use the waterspace itself.</li> <li>• incorporate access and other improvements.</li> <li>• engage with and tease out the qualities and benefits of being by water.</li> <li>• reflect the scale of the local waterway corridor to the wider neighbourhood.</li> </ul>	<p>character and boundary treatments.</p> <p>Development which features innovative designs will be supported where they respect their surroundings and complement the setting of other buildings in terms of their height, massing and use of materials.</p> <p>Development should be designed to reduce carbon emissions and energy demand in response to the climate emergency. High standards of sustainable design and construction will be supported in principle. Both new build and refurbishment of existing homes should seek to meet energy use targets as set out in the Net Zero Carbon Toolkit (2021) where viable.</p> <p><b>New developments should demonstrate that they are water efficient, incorporating water efficiency and re-use measures and that the estimated consumption of wholesome water per dwelling is calculated in accordance with the methodology in the water efficiency calculator, not exceeding 110 litres/person/day.</b></p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SD2 – Pre-application Community Engagement</b></p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to proactively undertake proportionate and effective pre-engagement with Slimbridge Parish Council and the affected community in accordance with the <b>Slimbridge Parish Pre-Application Engagement Protocol</b> and National Planning Policy.</p>	<p>Update to the supporting needed on the term 'proportionate and effective engagement.</p> <p>Proposed text update (in blue) to final sentence of 5C.15 on page 36:</p> <p>5C.15 The Slimbridge Parish Pre-application Engagement Protocol (see</p>	<p><b>No changes proposed</b></p>

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<p>Pre-application community engagement is also encouraged for Outline, Reserved Matters as well as Full applications.</p>	<p>Appendix 2) sets out a process to facilitate a structured approach to enable effective, positive and early involvement of the local community in outline and full planning applications addressing all aspects of a proposal. It also defines why the protocol is proportionate and effective.</p>	
<p><b>Draft Policy SD3 – Sustainable Development to Meet Local Housing Needs</b></p> <p>Proposals for housing developments to meet evidenced local housing need, as set out in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Local Housing Needs Report (2022)</b>, or any subsequent equivalent study, will be supported in principle provided that development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is located inside the defined Settlement Development Limit (in accordance with emerging Local Plan policy DHC1), or</li> <li>• Is located adjacent to the defined Settlement Development Limit or would fill an otherwise built up frontage close to the Settlement Development Limit, and meets all criteria set out in emerging Local Plan policy DHC2.</li> </ul> <p>Any proposals for development to meet evidenced local housing need must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the criteria set out in emerging Local</li> </ul>	<p>Policy updated in response to comment from Stroud DC to simplify the policy by replacing the bullet points after the word “development” with “.. complies with other policies within the NDP”.</p> <p>There was also concern from local residents about how updates to the Local Plan could mean that a number of small areas will become subject to the criteria set out in this policy if amendments to the settlement boundary area approved. The Neighbourhood Plan cannot block those changes. A comment was also made about how housing should be made available to those who demonstrate a local connection. This is a difficult aspect to control within the NDP if there is no local authority context to hook into.</p> <p>Update to supporting text proposed in</p>	<p><b>Draft Policy SD3 – Sustainable Development to Meet Local Housing Needs</b></p> <p>Proposals for housing developments to meet evidenced local housing need, as set out in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Local Housing Needs Report (2022)</b>, or any subsequent equivalent study, will be supported in principle <b>provided that development complies with other policies within the Development Plan (both this NDP and the adopted Stroud Local Plan).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Is located inside the defined Settlement Development Limit (in accordance with emerging Local Plan policy DHC1), or</del></li> <li>• <del>Is located adjacent to the defined Settlement Development Limit or would fill an otherwise built up frontage close to the Settlement Development Limit, and meets all criteria set out in emerging Local Plan policy DHC2.</del></li> </ul> <p><b>Any proposals for development to meet evidenced local housing need must:</b></p>

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<p>Plan policy HC2, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have regard to the character of Slimbridge Parish and its distinctive villages and hamlets, as set out in the Slimbridge Parish Design Statement, and</li> <li>• Conserve or enhance the landscape setting of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and</li> <li>• Conserve or enhance any affected designated and/or non-designated heritage assets, and</li> <li>• Not adversely affect the rural nature of the villages within which they are located, and</li> </ul> <p>Deliver an improvement in biodiversity within and, where appropriate, beyond the site, with particular reference to the requirements of SCE3 in this Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>response to comment from resident. Add in a new paragraph to page 38:</p> <p>5C.22 It should be noted that a revised settlement boundary is due to be published by Stroud District Council in due course to include recent development currently outside the boundary - Dursley Road for instance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Meet the criteria set out in emerging Local Plan policy HC2, and</del></li> <li>• <del>Have regard to the character of Slimbridge Parish and its distinctive villages and hamlets, as set out in the Slimbridge Parish Design Statement, and</del></li> <li>• <del>Conserve or enhance the landscape setting of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and</del></li> <li>• <del>Conserve or enhance any affected designated and/or non-designated heritage assets, and</del></li> <li>• <del>Not adversely affect the rural nature of the villages within which they are located, and</del></li> </ul> <p><del>Deliver an improvement in biodiversity within and, where appropriate, beyond the site, with particular reference to the requirements of SCE3 in this Neighbourhood Plan.</del></p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SLW1 - Community Facilities</b></p> <p>There will be a presumption in favour of safeguarding existing community facilities, including those shown on Figure 9 and detailed in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Community Facilities Report</b>, against any proposals that would result in their loss. Proposals that could result in loss of any facility will only be supported where it can be demonstrated that the facility is no longer fit for purpose or viable, or where an equivalent facility is available in the Parish.</p>	<p>Stroud DC suggested that the wording of this policy could be simplified to focus on the two main local issues i.e. protection of identified community facilities, and provision of those facilities deemed lacking.</p> <p>Reference to allotments and orchards has been included also in response to a Stroud DC comment.</p> <p>One respondent commented that</p>	<p><del>There will be a presumption in favour of safeguarding existing community facilities, including those shown on Figure 9 and detailed in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Community Facilities Report</b>, against any proposals that would result in their loss.</del></p> <p>Proposals that will harm or result in the loss of a <b>local community facility</b> as shown on Figure 9 and detailed in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Community Facilities Report</b>, <b>will be resisted unless it can be clearly demonstrated that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all reasonable efforts have been made to market the premises for its existing use and no other potential occupier can be found; and/or</li> </ul>

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<p>Facilities should be provided in tandem with population growth and in safe and accessible locations that will facilitate safe routes to the venue for both new and existing communities and be directly accessible to a pedestrian and cycle network.</p> <p>Proposals for the provision of new community facilities, or improvements or extensions to existing facilities, will be supported provided that they meet the criteria in Stroud District Council Policy EI11 and they have appropriate regard to the Slimbridge Parish Design Statement.</p> <p>Specifically, development leading to the improvement of the quality of, or the provision of, the following community facilities will be looked at favourably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilities for young people,</li> <li>● A community hub / cafe,</li> <li>● Village shop.</li> </ul>	<p>the loss of one of the facilities included in Figure 9 is being considered it should not become acceptable because another similar facility might exist elsewhere nearby. The policy has been amended but it should be noted that other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● secure arrangements are in place to ensure that the service or facility will be replaced by a similar one of equal or greater value to the community; and/or</li> <li>● the service or facility is no longer needed by the community and the premises would not be appropriate for alternative community use.</li> </ul> <p>Development of an existing Community facility to provide extra facilities/services for local residents will be supported, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilities for young people,</li> <li>● A community hub / cafe,</li> <li>● Village shop,</li> <li>● Allotments and community orchard sites</li> </ul> <p>Facilities should be provided in tandem with population growth and in safe and accessible locations that will facilitate safe routes to the venue for both new and existing communities and be directly accessible to a pedestrian and cycle network.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SLW2 – Local Green Spaces</b></p> <p>The green spaces shown on Figure 10, listed below, and detailed in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Local Green Space Report</b>, are designated as Local Green Spaces, in accordance with NPPF paragraphs 101-103.</p>	<p>Question – do the SG wish to investigate further LGS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is an area of copse behind Rocket Rentals that I think fulfills</li> <li>● the criteria for being a designated Local Green Space.</li> <li>● What about the vacant plot</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOTE: If new designations added. Land owner consultation would be required.</b></p> <p><b>Policy SLW2 – Local Green Spaces</b></p> <p>The green spaces shown on Figure 10, listed below, and detailed in the <b>Slimbridge Parish Local Green Space Report</b>, are designated as Local Green Spaces, in</p>

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<p>These spaces will be protected from built development except in exceptional circumstances and where the proposals enhance the existing use of the space, particularly regarding the characteristics that underpin designation.</p> <p>Local green space designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LGS1 Rosie’s Wood</li> <li>● LGS2 Cambridge Green</li> <li>● LGS3 Gossington Green</li> <li>● LGS4 Playing Field</li> <li>● LGS5 Ballards Wood</li> </ul> <p>LGS6 Wildlife Space, Ryalls Lane</p>	<p>between Winsford and Kingston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bungalow on Kinston Road?</li> <li>● Stables and land at Wisloe? NB – currently on the list of community facilities</li> <li>● Fields south of the Slimbridge Roundabout?</li> <li>● Fields on the left and right of Moorend land?</li> <li>● Churchyard – not a candidate as it is ecclesiastical land</li> </ul> <p>LGS 6 – Ryalls Lane concerns from landowners. Needs to be considered.</p> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Remove the designation in response to concerns about increased numbers of people.</li> <li>b. Add more information in the supporting text about the sensitive nature of the LGS and the concerns around expectations of unrestricted access...</li> </ol>	<p>accordance with NPPF paragraphs 101-103.</p> <p>These spaces will be protected from built development except in exceptional circumstances and where the proposals enhance the existing use of the space, particularly regarding the characteristics that underpin designation.</p> <p>Local green space designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LGS1 Rosie’s Wood</li> <li>● LGS2 Cambridge Green</li> <li>● LGS3 Gossington Green</li> <li>● LGS4 Playing Field</li> <li>● LGS5 <del>Ballards Wood</del> Humpty Dumpty Woods</li> <li>● LGS6 Wildlife Space, Ryalls Lane</li> </ul> <p>Development of flood resilience schemes within local green spaces will be supported provided the schemes do not adversely impact the primary function of the green space.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SLW3 – Getting Around</b></p> <p>Applications for developments that are adjacent to Public Rights of Way should, where it is appropriate, ensure links to those routes are provided.</p>		<p><b>No changes proposed</b></p>

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<p>Applicants are encouraged to make contributions to other local routes adjacent to or near to those sites that could ensure a more fully linked local network.</p> <p>Measures to improve and extend the existing network of public rights of way and bridleways are supported so long as their value as biodiversity corridors is recognised, protected and efforts are made to enhance biodiversity as part of the development work wherever appropriate.</p>		
<p><b>Draft Policy SLW4 - Local Economy</b></p> <p><i>Homeworking</i> Proposals that increase opportunities for residents to work from home (such as a home office for remote working) and/or to work from within the Parish will be supported. Where commercial space at residential properties is required, support will be given to proposals for small scale, proportionate residential extensions or modest conversions of existing buildings in the gardens of residential properties where the express purpose is to provide B-class commercial space from which to operate a business or workshop. Any such proposals should clearly demonstrate that the work area for its occupants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is ancillary to the primary residential use, and</li> <li>● Does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenities of residential properties in the immediate locality, and</li> <li>● Incorporates measures to mitigate the impact of</li> </ul>		<p><b>Policy SLW4 - Local Economy</b></p> <p><i>Homeworking</i> Proposals that increase opportunities for residents to work from home (such as a home office for remote working) and/or to work from within the Parish will be supported. Where commercial space at residential properties is required, support will be given to proposals for small scale, proportionate residential extensions or modest conversions of existing buildings in the gardens of residential properties where the express purpose is to provide B-class commercial space from which to operate a business or workshop. Any such proposals should clearly demonstrate that the work area for its occupants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is ancillary to the primary residential use, and</li> <li>● Does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenities of residential properties in the immediate locality, and</li> <li>● Incorporates measures to mitigate the impact of traffic generation, noise and odours.</li> </ul>

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<p>traffic generation, noise and odours.</p> <p><i>New and Start-up Businesses</i> The provision of local employment, the expansion of the Parish’s small employers and the establishment of new start-up businesses will be supported in principle, subject to an assessment of the impact of the proposals on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. residential amenity; and</li> <li>b. the transport network and parking conditions; and</li> <li>c. biodiversity and the environment.</li> </ul> <p>Proposals will be expected to be supported by proportionate and appropriate information to enable an assessment of these impacts to be undertaken.</p>		<p><i>New and Start-up Businesses</i> The provision of local employment, the expansion of the Parish’s small employers and the establishment of new start-up businesses will be supported in principle, subject to an assessment of the impact of the proposals <b>and that any severe impacts resulting from the proposals are appropriately mitigated on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. residential amenity; and</li> <li>b. the transport network and parking conditions; and</li> <li>c. biodiversity and the environment.</li> </ul> <p>Proposals will be expected to be supported by proportionate and appropriate information to enable an assessment of these impacts to be undertaken.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SLW5 - Managing Tourism and Rural Diversification in Slimbridge Parish</b></p> <p>Development proposals to provide new, or to improve or expand existing, tourist facilities or accommodation in Slimbridge Parish will be supported provided that development accords with the requirements of Stroud District Policy E110, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has appropriate regard to the Slimbridge Parish Design Statement, and</li> <li>• involves the reuse of existing buildings where appropriate, and</li> <li>• does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenities of residential properties in the</li> </ul>	<p>Stroud DC suggested removal of reference to Local Plan policy E110.</p> <p>A local resident set out generally support for this policy but questioned what would be considered ‘unacceptable traffic generation’ and what ‘measures to mitigate the impact of traffic generation including air quality’ might be. A final paragraph has been added into the policy to address this.</p>	<p><b>Draft Policy SLW5 - Managing Tourism and Rural Diversification in Slimbridge Parish</b></p> <p>Development proposals to provide new, or to improve or expand existing, tourist facilities or accommodation in Slimbridge Parish will be supported provided that development accords with the <del>requirements of Stroud District Policy E110</del> <b>NDP and adopted Local Plan</b> and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has appropriate regard to the Slimbridge Parish Design Statement, and</li> <li>• involves the reuse of existing buildings where appropriate, and</li> <li>• does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenities of residential properties in the</li> </ul>

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<p>immediate locality, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• does not cause unacceptable traffic generation, and/or incorporates measures to mitigate the impact of traffic generation including air quality, and</li> <li>• results in an improvement to the range and quality of attractions and/or visitor accommodation in the area, and</li> </ul> <p>benefits the local economy and helps to protect local services.</p>		<p>immediate locality, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• results in an improvement to the range and quality of attractions and/or visitor accommodation in the area, and</li> <li>• benefits the local economy and helps to protect local services, and</li> <li>• does not cause unacceptable traffic generation, <del>and/or incorporates measures to mitigate the impact of traffic generation including air quality.</del></li> </ul> <p>Where new development would give rise to increased traffic that would adversely impact on the safe use of the highway, a scheme of mitigation should be proposed for consideration by the Local Highway Authority and contributions may be sought towards the implementation of traffic calming and other measures (including the initiatives identified in the practical projects section) as necessary to avoid an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or to ensure that any residual cumulative impacts on the road network would not be severe.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SLH1 – Locally Valued Key Views</b></p> <p>Any development proposal that is likely to affect any of the Locally Valued Key Views, as shown on Figures 11A and 11B, should demonstrate impact of the proposal on the view and demonstrate how the proposal would alter the view.</p>	<p>Small changes suggested to the policy and the supporting evidence base report needs updating so that all views are identified as Locally Valued (rather than the two tier in the Reg 14 report of ‘key’ and ‘valued’).</p>	<p><b>Policy SLH1 – Locally Valued Key Views</b></p> <p>Any development proposal that is likely to affect any of the Locally Valued Key Views, as shown on Figures 11A and 11B, should demonstrate <b>the</b> impact of the proposal on the view and demonstrate how the proposal would alter <b>the</b> view.</p>

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<p>Proposals which have a significant adverse effect on any of the Locally Valued Key Views, which cannot be mitigated, will not be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals are encouraged to maintain or create views out to the wider landscape, or towards heritage assets, from public spaces within developments.</p>	<p>Respondents to the Reg 14 consultation suggested further views. These will be investigated and added to the supported evidence base report if necessary.</p>	<p>Proposals which have a significant adverse effect on any of the Locally Valued Key Views, which cannot be adequately mitigated, will not be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals are encouraged to maintain or create views out to the wider landscape, or towards heritage assets, from public spaces within developments.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SLH2 – Heritage Assets and Archaeology</b></p> <p>Development proposals are required to preserve, protect or enhance the historic environment of Slimbridge Parish, in accordance with the principles set out in Stroud District policy ES10.</p> <p>Development proposals shall have due regard to the potential for unidentified archaeological remains, particularly in relation to Roman and Iron Age remains around Lighten Brook, Lynch Field and Stanborough Mead.</p> <p>Applicants will be expected to refer to the Local Heritage Report and Historic Environment Record for Slimbridge Parish, and to engage with appropriate archaeological specialists and Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology in respect of such matters.</p>	<p>Stroud DC suggested removal of reference to Local Plan policy EI10.</p> <p>Some additions are suggested – update needed for the Local Heritage Report?</p> <p>Include reference to the local history society in the supporting text</p>	<p><b>Draft Policy SLH2 – Heritage Assets and Archaeology</b></p> <p>Development proposals are required to preserve, protect or enhance the historic environment of Slimbridge Parish, <del>in accordance with the principles set out in Stroud District policy ES10.</del></p> <p>Development proposals shall have due regard to the potential for unidentified archaeological remains, particularly in relation to Roman and Iron Age remains around Lighten Brook, Lynch Field and Stanborough Mead.</p> <p>Applicants will be expected to refer to the Local Heritage Report and Historic Environment Record for Slimbridge Parish, and to engage with appropriate archaeological specialists and Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology in respect of such matters.</p>
<p><b>Draft Policy SLH3 – Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets</b></p>	<p>Stroud Dc suggested that the second paragraph and bullet points are</p>	<p><b>Policy SLH3 – Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets</b></p>

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<p>The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the buildings, structures and features listed below and shown on Figures 12a and 12b as Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets.</p> <p>Any development proposals that that would affect the character, setting or integrity of the identified Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Asset(s) should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be accompanied by a description of the Asset’s significance in sufficient detail to allow the scale of any harm or loss to be adequately assessed against the significance of the asset; and</li> <li>• be sympathetic to the building or structure concerned and propose its creative reuse and adaptation; and</li> <li>• ensure that recording and interpretation is undertaken to document and understand the asset’s archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic significance.</li> </ul> <p>Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets are: HA01 Cambridge House. HA02 Bell House Cambridge. HA03 Cambridge Milestone. HA04 Cambridge Flood Depth Post. HA05 Slimbridge Primary School. HA06 Wisloe Homes for Heroes.</p>	<p>unnecessary and repeat policy wording from ES10 of the adopted and emerging Local Plan.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the buildings, structures and features listed below and shown on Figures 12a and 12b as Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets:</p> <p><del>Any development proposals that that would affect the character, setting or integrity of the identified Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Asset(s) should:-</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>• be accompanied by a description of the Asset’s significance in sufficient detail to allow the scale of any harm or loss to be adequately assessed against the significance of the asset; and</del></li> <li><del>• be sympathetic to the building or structure concerned and propose its creative reuse and adaptation; and</del></li> <li><del>• ensure that recording and interpretation is undertaken to document and understand the asset’s archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic significance.</del></li> </ul> <p><del>Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets are:</del></p> <p>Locally Valued Non-designated Heritage Assets are: HA01 Cambridge House. HA02 Bell House Cambridge. HA03 Cambridge Milestone. HA04 Cambridge Flood Depth Post. HA05 Slimbridge Primary School. HA06 Wisloe Homes for Heroes.</p>
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Changes to Figures:

3b - include the known flooding which blocked the A38

6 – comment needs checking by SG to understand if an amendment is needed: I disagree with the proposal for a community orchard at the village green in Gossington. It should be designated a place for biodiversity improvement.

Figures 10 (local green spaces) and 12 (heritage assets) will need updating if changes are made.

11 (views) will need updating