Abbotskerswell Neighbourhood Plan

Vision Statement

Over 80% of the people responding to the NP Questionnaire (NP Survey Spring 2015) thought that the Parish of Abbotskerswell had a strong sense of community and an excellent environment

Your Neighbourhood Plan is designed to keep the Parish's strong sense of wellbeing and, in particular, to ensure that the Parish (*in the long term*):-

- Safeguard the natural environment and the rurality of the Parish and the
- Retains the distinction between it and the adjacent urban areas
- Encourages and promotes a flourishing local economy
- Supports measured, realistic, timely and sustainable development to meet identified community needs
- Pursues policies and introduces affordable measures which have a positive effect on the environment

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Aims and Objectives

Aims – these set out what we want to achieve in the Plan; the changes we are trying to achieve

Objectives – these are what we will do to achieve the aims; how we will do them

Please read – indicate your support, for or against, by marking the appropriate **Y** or **N** box. You may add comments, too, if you wish.

Notes:

1: Extra copies of this document will be available at the workshop in the Parish Rooms on Feb 12th/13th or may be downloaded from www.abbotskerswell.org.uk.

2: If you require further information, please contact David Munden 356080; Kevin Eales 331947; Wendy Grierson 353701; Richard Whiffin 365626.

3: You may return completed documents before Feb 12th/13th to Abbotsford (corner house at junction of Slade Lane and Ford Road) or at the consultative workshop.

TOPIC	AIMS	OBJECTIVES	Do you support?	If you wish, comment below. (Further space is at theend of the document)
Natural Environment	• Protect, maintain and, where feasible, enhance our unique natural environment and its biodiversity in order to sustain the rural environment which makes our Parish a special place to live (*NP Survey Spring 2015*) • Protect, maintain and (where feasible) enhance the current level of public access to the countryside in our Parish. • Ease the level of surface flooding in the Parish, especially in Slade Lane, Barnfield Terrace, Ladywell and downstream water run-offs into Aller Brook and River Teign	1. Only support proposals that do not impact the tranquillity of Abbotskerswell Parish. 2. Only support development that has no negative impact on our landscape and environmental assets and, in particular, safeguarding our unique biodiversity, especially in regard to protected species. 3. Only support development where it does not exacerbate existing surface water flooding. 4. Encourage additional planting which can have a positive impact on run-off from agricultural and open land. 5. Ensure development adheres to requirements for sustainable drainage systems (SuDS). 6. Future building and land use must incorporate flood prevention proposals, particularly for known flood risk areas in the Parish.	Y N Y N Y N Y N Y N Y N	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
Built & Historic Environment	• Protect the special character of the buildings and settlement areas in Abbotskerswell (with particular reference to the village's Conservation Area) and establish standards to help ensure high quality design.	1. Review the existing development envelope and conservation area. 2. New or rebuild dwellings, extensions or other building works should blend in with neighbouring and nearby dwellings. 3. Promote the use of nearby existing mineral resources. 4. Introduce a Parish design statement, covering: Quality Landscape and Amenity; Architectural; Geographical and topological constraints (2/3 storey properties); Quality Distinct Identity; Pedestrian and Cycle Friendly; Energy and Water Efficiency; Managed and Maintained Public Realm; Inclusive Places; Safe Places; Green Infrastructure; Integrated Wildlife Habitats; Parking 5. Certain permitted development rights will be constrained or withdrawn in cases where development proposals are not meeting neighbourhood plan standards of design.	Y N Y N Y N Y N Y N	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Transport	• Improve safe and easy accessibility in and around the village and surrounding hamlets. • Encourage people to use the countryside more frequently.	1. Improve parking in the village, where possible. 2. Support and progress a 20mph speed limit in the village. 3. Improve parking arrangements in the village. 4. Investigate off road parking opportunities and parking restrictions. 5. Reappraise heavy goods vehicle access to the village. 6. Restrict HGV access through narrow lanes. 7. Improve footpath accessibility. 8. Facilitate greater and safer use of bicycles in the Parish.	Y N 1. Y N 2. Y N 3. Y N 4. Y N 5. Y N 6. Y N 7. Y N 8.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.
Population & Housing	• Support additional new small scale housing development in appropriate locations only where it meets local needs.	1. Proposals for housing will be supported if they meet the identified local need for affordable housing *(Housing Needs Report Oct 2014).* 2. Review the current housing needs with the Parish Council and regularly set a baseline for affordable housing. 3. Assimilate the impact of TDC's Local Plan's stated intent to develop NA3 Wolborough, *which is adjacent to Abbotskerswell Parish and planned to deliver 10 hectares of employment development and at least 1500 dwellings of which 20% (300) will be affordable homes and 5% are self-builds.* 4. Identify in collaboration with TDC and NATC any NA3 issues which may impact on the well-being of the Parish, its residents and its bio-diversity. 5. Support in principle proposals for one-off self-build projects by local residents as a possible method for providing a more affordable new house. 6. Dwellings must be in an appropriate location and of a suitable design which respects the essential characteristics of our landscape, natural environment and built character of the	Y N 1. Y N 2. Y N 3. Y N 4. Y N 5. Y N 6.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

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Economy & Employment	• Support the rural business economy	1. Support micro/small scale, business development adjacent to village envelope or adjacent nearby hamlets and which have no adverse visual or environmental impact.	Y N	1.
		2. Explore potential sites for sensitive development of Classes A1, A2, A3.	Y N	2.
		3. Explore potential sites for sensitive development of Classes B1, B2, B8.	Y N	3.
Land Use	• Protect, maintain and enhance open spaces, recreational areas and community facilities	1. Identify locally valued community spaces and assets	Y N	1.
		2. Establish a land use policy to achieve the aims of this Neighbourhood Plan.	Y N	2.
		3. Seek to prevent the loss of existing community facilities and assets.	Y N	3.
		4. Support new and existing community facilities where benefits outweigh the losses.	Y N	4.

If you have further comments, please enter them here: