

Chapter 4

Our Vision for Lamerton

The Shared Vision for Lamerton

is to secure a strong future for our parish by supporting:-

- **sustainable development that meets the needs of the current and future residents; BUT**
- **without detriment to the unique and highly prized landscape and environment; and**
- **without jeopardising the strong community feeling that exists; and**
- **that maintains the feeling of safety and security that residents value**

Aims and **Objectives** have been identified in each of 5 key areas that support this Vision.

1. Housing development and the environment:

Our housing **Aims** are:-

Housing needs

- To support and facilitate provision of suitable housing to meet current and future housing needs of residents of the Parish.

Scale and location

- To keep housing development to a small scale to retain the essential character of the Village and within or adjacent to the core settlement to prevent sprawl.

Good Design

- To ensure that any new developments are designed to integrate with adjacent buildings by appropriate design, materials and layout.

Our Housing **Objectives** are :-

- To support a limited amount of new housing to meet assessed local needs including a range of affordable housing within the re-defined settlement boundary.

- To provide a mix of housing types including affordable housing for rent and low-cost homes for ownership varying from one to three bedroomed properties.

Conserving and Enhancing

- To encourage sensitive development with reference to a Village Design Statement to reinforce local distinctiveness.
- To ensure that development is located away from flood risk area.
- To support energy conservation in design and incorporate energy production within the home.
- To ensure any new development is safe and walkable to its immediate neighbourhood facilities.

2. Heritage, Green Spaces and the Environment:

Our **Aim** is to conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity, natural habitats and cultural heritage of the Parish through sensitive design that protects and enriches the landscape and built environment by identification of key landscapes, views and heritage assets.

The Heritage and Green Spaces **Objectives** that follow from this are:

- To protect and enhance the village open spaces.
- To ensure policies minimise negative impact on the high quality of the natural environment with its protected wildlife interests.
- To ensure policies protect and enhance the historic environment and heritage assets.
- To work with WDBC and Historic England to ensure the heritage setting of St Peter's Church Conservation Area is preserved.

3. Employment, the Local Economy and the Environment:

Our Aim is to promote the Local Economy through support for traditional types of rural employment (such as farming and related practical skills) and other forms of small scale independent businesses appropriate to the location.

Our **Objectives** are:

- To ensure policies support local commercial enterprises.
- To support initiatives that reduce the need to travel.
- To seek on-going improvements to digital connectivity, which is beneficial to all enterprises, especially those working from home.

- To ensure, through policies, that development has minimal impact on the landscape.

4. Low Carbon Development and the Environment:

Our Aim is to encourage small-scale renewable energy production in new developments, on or within the home, and in the existing built environment where location and design are sensitive both to the local environment and to residential amenity.

Our **Objectives** are:

- To support microgeneration whilst ensuring minimal impact on landscape.
- To encourage new developments to incorporate energy conservation measures through housing and business policies.
- To encourage provision for electric charging vehicles.
- To encourage a dark skies policy to minimise light pollution.

5. Community and Wellbeing:

Our **Aim** is to conserve and enhance educational, social, cultural and recreational facilities in the Parish, including communal open spaces, footpaths and cycle paths.

Our **Objectives** are :

- To protect existing facilities where possible.
- To sustain and improve local facilities for existing and new residents.
- To identify appropriate planning criteria that will enhance the quality of development by mitigating adverse effects on community facilities.
- To encourage less use of a car by walking, cycling or public transport.

ITEM	AIMS	OBJECTIVES
1. HOUSING	<p>To support and facilitate provision of suitable housing to meet the current and future housing needs of residents of the Parish.</p> <p>To keep housing development to a small scale to retain the essential character of the village and within or adjacent to the core settlement to prevent sprawl.</p> <p>To ensure that any new developments are designed to integrate with adjacent buildings; this is achieved by appropriate design, materials and layout.</p>	<p>(1) To support a limited amount of new housing to meet assessed local needs including a range of affordable housing within the re-defined settlement boundary.</p> <p>(2) To provide a mix of housing types including affordable housing for rent and low cost homes for ownership varying from one to three bedroomed properties.</p> <p>(3) To encourage sensitive development with reference to a Village Design Statement to reinforce local distinctiveness.</p> <p>(4) To ensure that development is located away from flood risk area.</p> <p>(5) To support energy conservation in design and incorporate energy production within the home.</p> <p>(6) To ensure any new development is safe and walkable to its immediate neighbourhood facilities.</p>
2. ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE	<p>To conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity, natural habitats and cultural heritage of the Parish through sensitive design that protects and enriches the landscape and built environment by identification of key landscapes, views and heritage assets.</p>	<p>(1) To protect and enhance the village open spaces.</p> <p>(2) To ensure policies minimise negative impact on the high quality of the natural environment with its protected wildlife interests.</p> <p>(3) To ensure policies protect and enhance the historic environment and heritage assets.</p> <p>(4) To work with WDBC and historic England to ensure the heritage setting of St Peter's Church Conservation Area setting is preserved.</p>
3. EMPLOYMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY	<p>To promote the local economy through support for traditional types of rural employment (such as farming and related practical skills) and other forms of small-scale independent businesses appropriate to the location.</p>	<p>(1) To ensure policies support local commercial enterprises.</p> <p>(2) To support initiatives that reduce the need to travel.</p> <p>(3) To seek on-going improvements to digital connectivity, which is beneficial to all enterprises, especially those working from home.</p> <p>(4) To ensure through policies that development has minimal impact on the landscape.</p>
4. LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT	<p>To encourage small-scale renewable energy production in new developments on or within the home and in the existing built environment where location and design are sensitive both to the local environment and to residential amenity.</p>	<p>(1) To support microgeneration whilst ensuring minimal impact on landscape.</p> <p>(2) To encourage new developments to incorporate energy conservation measures through housing and business policies.</p> <p>(3) To encourage provision for electric charging vehicles.</p> <p>(4) To encourage a dark skies policy to minimise light pollution.</p>
5. COMMUNITY & WELLBEING	<p>To conserve and enhance educational, social, cultural and recreational facilities in the Parish, including communal open spaces, footpaths and cycle paths.</p> <p>To ensure that planning decisions enhance and do not adversely impact on the community.</p>	<p>(1) To protect existing facilities where possible.</p> <p>(2) To sustain and improve local facilities for existing and new residents.</p> <p>(3) To identify appropriate planning criteria that will enhance the quality of development by mitigating adverse effects on community facilities.</p> <p>(4) To encourage less use of a car by walking, cycling or public transport.</p>

