



Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan

Steering group workshop meeting

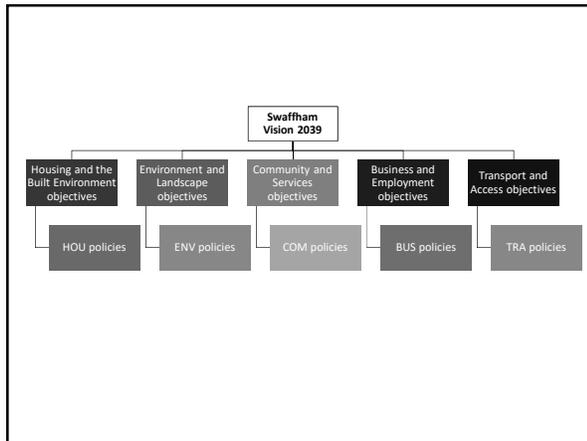
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Aims for today

- Preparations for April consultation events
- Review scoping report
- Evidence base: stakeholder engagement meetings
- Progress policy ideas



Preparations for consultation events

14th and 17th April




HAVE YOUR SAY
Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan

10am-3pm, Saturday 14 April @ Assembly Rooms

5pm-7pm, Tuesday 17 April @ Assembly Rooms

or comment online
www.swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

The Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan is a document written by the community to guide future development of the parish over the next 20 years.

The Neighbourhood Plan can't stop development, but it can influence the provision of housing, community facilities, the environment, businesses, services and transport access by developing local planning policy.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Drop in with all the family to one of the events (overleaf) and comment on emerging ideas for the Plan with a free cup of tea. Or comment online: www.swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

If successful at Referendum, the Plan will become part of the statutory development plan for the area. Make sure you have your say on the future of our town. Together our views matter. Over the Summer we will be writing the Plan.

Scoping report for Sustainability Appraisal



Stakeholder engagement meetings



Emerging policy ideas



What is policy?

Basis for the determination of planning applications.
They must relate to the development and use of land.
They exist to:

- provide **clarity** on what will be expected from a development proposal (e.g. where it will go and what it will look like)
- give prospective investors (including future residents) confidence in how the area will **change** in the future
- ensure that the **impact of development** is anticipated and planned for (e.g. by protecting wildlife sites, requiring open space, community facilities and other identified infrastructure)

Government guidance advises that *"...a policy in a neighbourhood plan should be clear and unambiguous. It should be drafted with sufficient clarity that a decision maker can apply it consistently and with confidence when determining planning applications. It should be concise, precise and supported by appropriate evidence. It should be distinct to reflect and respond to the unique characteristics and planning context of the specific neighbourhood area for which it has been prepared"*.

- Where are ideas not fully formed?
- Where are the gaps in evidence?
- Where do we want to put a series of options before the community?
- Who else do we need to talk to?
- What impact does the Breckland Local Plan have?

Next steps





Coming up...

- 27th Feb: today
- Continue stakeholder meetings
- Meeting with Breckland Council
- Extra steering group meeting?
- 27th March: next steering group meeting. Andrea Long attending. Finalise ideas
- Preparation of materials for consultation events