

Progress made on the NP – Individual topics

	What we are doing	Why we have done it
Conservation and Heritage	Creating a Village Design Appraisal for Swanley Village	To ensure that any development in the village is designed so it fits in with its character of the village To identify and protect small employment spaces in the village to help sustain it
	Developing policies to protect Green Belt so that it maintains separation of the Village from Swanley and Hextable	To ensure that Swanley does not grow inappropriately so that Swanley Village maintains its unique character, residents can continue to have access to the natural environment and the town maintains its semi-rural character
	Developing a policy to protect all listed buildings and seek protection for other historic features such as the location of the Totem Pole and the William Mitchell Murals in the town centre	So that important historic and architectural features of the town are protected, highlighted and celebrated

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Community Infrastructure	A survey of all open spaces in terms of quality and facilities not just amount Preparing policies to protect existing spaces and on standards for new provision and improvement (including provision of play and balconies/terraces for flats)	Open spaces are very valued by residents and the town is currently underprovided
	Looked at locations for new and expanded health provision in the town	To ensure that new and increased health facilities are available and accessible to local residents
	Developing policies on future provision and improvements to community facilities and indoor and outdoor sports	To enable healthy activities to be accessible to residents

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Housing	Developing standards for new housing so that it is suitable for the modern age in terms of methods of sustainable construction, amenities provided to the residents who will live in them and energy costs to run them	The challenge of climate change is such that construction of buildings of all types needs to take into account use of materials, energy, increased local flooding risks from surface water run-off and provision of parking that allows for changes to the future use of the car
	Developing policies to ensure that development is suitable to the suburban low rise character of Swanley outside the town centre	The Residents survey showed that the height of new development was a concern since the recent approval of an eleven storey block in the town centre

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Transport	Developed improved standards for car parking, their design and their ability accommodate electric vehicles in the future	The residents survey identified this as a current issue
	Developed policies on new provision for cycle parking, new cycling routes and pedestrian links	The residents survey showed support for this and to allow for sustainable modes of transport into the future
	Developed policies to ensure that increased road capacity is not provided that adversely impacts Swanley	The residents survey showed that residents were concerned about current highway safety and air pollution

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Work and employment	What we are doing	Why we have done it
	We have gathered data on all business premises in the town in order to develop policies on protection of existing space and new provision	The survey showed that more local provision is supported by residents as they see the link between traffic congestion and people using their cars to work
	Looking for new locations for employment uses and improvements to existing ones	Some businesses have pointed out that space available is unsuitable for modern business needs so are unlikely to stay in Swanley
	Support the location of new employment sectors who innovate and are more sustainable	Employment land allocated in the neighbourhood plan area has not been developed, limiting the provision of local jobs