

SPROWSTON TOWN COUNCIL – **SPROWSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** - MONITORING REPORT

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Neighbourhood Policies	Aim of Policy	What has happened in last 12 months	Action required
Policy 1	Protection of open space and wildlife. Protection of locally important open space from development.	No environmental assets lost to development. Harrisons Wood continues to be open for public access. The opportunity to take leasehold of Cottage Plantation and ownership of residual woodland has been presented.	Continue to progress Harrisons Wood project. Broadland DC to relinquish lease of Cottage Plantation; STC has desire to secure residual woodland with continued management by Norwich Fringe Project. Woodland at Gurney Drive acquired by STC. Continue to give further protection to other sites in Sprowston. 3 year annual tree survey completed.
Policy 2	Development designed to fit the local area and create a strong sense of place.	Housing development design approved at planning application stage for White House Farm and Manor Reach. Beeston Park TOWN development to be explored.	More affordable housing and to meet the needs of the elderly and those with disabilities. Beeston Park TOWN development commenced in the Old Catton area.
Policy 3	Housing development to be within settlement limits or on allocated sites.	All development has been within the settlement limited or on allocated sites. Additional sites outside allocation for 2023 onwards being explored.	Future sites identified to Broadland District Council for amendment to Local Plan.
Policy 4	Encouragement of businesses at Wroxham Road and School Lane local centres.	No new businesses have been developed at these locations. No loss of retail businesses in any location.	Continue encouraging businesses working with Broadland Council Economic Development Team. Corner shops lost to residential.
Policy 5	To encourage vacant buildings to be used for start-up businesses, retail, corner shops	No vacant buildings apparent.	Continue to monitor.
Policy 6	Support the new and expansion of businesses and/or working from home to increase employment opportunities.	A number of planning applications have been approved with evidence of working from home.	Monitor % of change of use of part of a dwelling or erection of building within curtilage of property. Make sure all new developments have Broadband and parking spaces for works vehicles in curtilage of property.

Policy 7	Promotion of faster broadband connections throughout area.	Broadland Council have invested over £500k in securing faster broadband connections being rolled out.	Monitor new developments and their contribution to this objective.
Policy 8	For development to maintain or enhance the quality of life and wellbeing for the local community.	Sites for community locations being sought by the Council.	Continue to work with all residents.
Policy 9	Protect current health facilities and plan for easily accessible new provision.	No change.	Monitor through planning applications the additional provision in Beeston Park development to ensure that it is easily accessible and central.
Policy 10	To ensure that developments reduce the need to travel and promote more sustainable lifestyles.	New pink pedal way crossing on Salhouse Road terminating at Harrisons Wood, now in place. Plans are available for the cycle path into the woodland at Blue Boar Lane.	Monitoring through planning application and working with developers. Monitor bus transport to service new development. Investigate alternative use for abandoned “bus” gate at White House Farm development.
Policy 11	To encourage more community use of schools.	Taking part in discussions with Norfolk County Council to include school and nursery provision, with community land at White House Farm. Met with Sprowston Community High School to discuss greater community usage of facilities.	Ongoing. Encourage liaison with all schools in the area. Planning permission for new junior school received. Local schools being enhanced to take more pupils.
Policy 12	To retain cultural assets including buildings of architecture and heritage importance.	Taking part in Broadland Council initiative to locally protect valued buildings by Heritage Rangers.	Ensure community assets are listed and protected. Wroxham Road Police Station added to community asset list.
Site-specific Policies	What specific effect is occurring?	Monitoring indicator	Action Required
Relocation of the Park and Ride Policy 13	Use of the site for uses that complement the area	Norwich Northern Distributor road nearing completion.	Identify potential uses for the land if park and ride relocates. Identified in Broadland DC Sites Specific document GNLP0383 NPS Sprowston Park and Ride, Wroxham Road 5ha –high school or, if not required for this purpose, residential development of approximately 150 dwellings.

Improved local centre on Wroxham Road Policy 14 Policy 15	Create a neighbourhood and commercial centre Introduction of tree planting in the local centre and on Wroxham Road.	Completion of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road	Carry out traffic counts in conjunction with Norfolk County Council. Consider progressing the neighbourhood plan. See Policy 14 above.
Sprowston Woodland Park Policy 16 Policy 17	An area at Harrison's Plantation, off Blue Boar Lane, is identified for a woodland activity park. The Woodland Park would be made accessible by creating additional cycling/walking facilities throughout the woodlands and a new connection from Plantation Drive through Cottage Plantation and across Blue Boar Lane. This could include a new puffin crossing on Blue Boar Lane.	% net change in local recreational open space with in the neighbourhood plan area.	See Policy 1 above. See Policy 10 above. 2018/19 budget provision for enhancement to car park and skatepark / community facility.
School Lane Site Policy 18 Policy 19 Policy 20	An area of approximately 2.4 hectare (6 acres) at School Lane is identified for redevelopment for residential, community and other uses appropriate to the area. A community hub building for the south side of Sprowston Parish at the Sprowston Diamond Centre on School Lane. Traffic calming measures at School Lane to improve the environment for pedestrians and cyclists. Planting should be used as part of this approach, to enhance the aesthetic look of the area;	Full % of ownership of site to be sold to developers. Partial site available at present. Redevelopment nearing completion. To be evaluated on completion of Sprowston Diamond Centre building and refurbishment.	See Policy 3 above. Marketing of facilities to commence during 2019. Completion of Sprowston Diamond Centre works.

	and on-street parking reviewed to increase safety.		
The Great Heart Policy 21	Open areas at or near to Barkers Lane/Church Lane will be retained and enhanced as an integrated network of green and open spaces for the community.	Submission of reserved matters planning application for Beeston Park.	Ongoing review reserved matters planning application.
Policy 22	An area of 2.4 hectares is allocated as an extension to the existing burial ground at Church Lane.	% of free burial space is limited in existing cemetery layout. 50% of land laid out ready for burials.	Continue monitor space available for burials. 50% of land laid out with trees for sustainable chipping.