

A Policy Idea on...

OUR ENVIRONMENT

There's no way around it - building new houses cannot be good for our environment. But the country needs more homes. A Neighbourhood Plan can introduce policies to ensure these new developments are designed to maximise the benefits they can bring to us and our countryside.

For example, areas of low grade agricultural land can be turned into beautiful, accessible, open green spaces for everybody to enjoy, as well as creating natural corridors where wildlife can flourish.

Trees & Hedges

Aside from the environmental benefits, trees and streets contribute to creating the character and pleasant feel of a neighbourhood, enhancing a sense of wellbeing. Trees and hedges already in situ should be preserved and where possible enhanced as landmark or wayfinding features. New trees, such as those identified, should be planted throughout new development.

Wildlife Friendly

New developments should strengthen biodiversity and the natural environment. Existing habitats and corridors should be protected and enhanced. New development proposals should aim for the creation of new habitats and wildlife corridors.

Platanus Acerifolia (Plane Tree)



Environment and Energy Efficient solutions

Technologies dealing with energy efficiency, waste and services should be incorporated into building design, including rainwater harvesting and solar panels. Planning proposals will be expected to provide evidence to show how the environment and climate change has been considered and incorporated into the design of new homes.

Other policy ideas include an electronic car charging point for each new home and the provision of edible landscapes

Quercus Robur
(Oak Tree)



Tilia Cordata
(Small-leaved Lime Tree)



Sorbus Torminalis
(Wild Service Tree)



Ginkgo Biloba
(Maidenhair Tree)

