

Cam Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031

Assessment of Contribution of the Cam Parish Neighbourhood
Development Plan to the Achievement of Sustainable Development in
Stroud District.

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Introduction

Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development is a basic condition neighbourhood development plans must meet if they are to proceed to a referendum.

In order to demonstrate that a draft neighbourhood plan contributes to sustainable development, sufficient and proportionate evidence should be presented on how the draft neighbourhood plan guides development to sustainable solutions.

There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal. However, Cam Neighbourhood Plan seeks to contribute to the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Parish and the wider district.

The table below demonstrates how the policies in the Cam Neighbourhood Plan contribute to the sustainability objectives set out by the Sustainability Appraisal of the adopted Stroud District Local Plan. This assessment format uses and follows the template guidance provided by Stroud District Council for Neighbourhood Plans.

Assessment:

Topic	Objectives	NDP Response	Type of impact
			Positive/neutral/negative
Air	Ensure that air quality continues to improve.	Objective 1 aims to protect and improve the Green Infrastructure network across the Parish, to improve the quality of the environment for people and wildlife. Policy CAMES1 works to implement this objective. By protecting and improving the green infrastructure network in the Parish, the NDP contributes to improving air quality. Policy CAMCD2 specifically works to protect trees, woodland and hedgerows in Cam, also contributing to improving air quality. Objectives 8 and 9, as well as policy CAMMC1 seek to improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists, reducing car use. Policy CAMCF2 protects designated local green spaces, contributing to improving air quality in the Parish.	Positive
Biodiversity	Create, protect, enhance, restore and connect habitats, species and/or sites of biodiversity or geological interest.	Objective O1, as well as policies CAMES1 and CAMCD2 work to protect Cam's Green Infrastructure network, including Cam's distinctive trees and hedgerows, helping to protect and enhance habitats, species and biodiversity in the parish.	Positive
Climate change mitigation	Implement energy efficiency through building design to maximise the re-use of land and buildings, recycle building	Policy CAMCD3 supports design proposals which make use of a range of eco-building methods.	Positive

	materials and use renewable sources of energy. Implement strategies that help mitigate global warming and adapt to unavoidable climate change within the District.	Policy CAMES1 seeks to protect and enhance green assets, which can mitigate the effects of climate change. Policy CAMMC1 support cycle and pedestrian routes, seeking to lower emissions from vehicles.	
Community & Wellbeing	Meet the challenge of a growing and ageing population. Encourage social inclusion, equity, the promotion of equality and a respect for diversity. Maintain and improve the community's health with accessible healthcare for residents. Increase levels of physical activity, especially among the young. Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Provide access to the countryside and appropriate land for leisure and recreation use.	Policy CAMCF1 seeks to protect existing community facilities. Policy CAMCF2 seeks to designate local green spaces for enjoyment by the local community. CAMES1 identifies and seeks to protect local footpaths, helping to encourage physical activity and active modes of transport. Objective O9 and Policy CAMMC1 seeks to improve and enhance connections for cyclists and pedestrians to local facilities including green space, schools, the local centre, wider countryside and train station, improving active transport options and accessibility to local facilities. Additionally, Project 4: Village Centre Framework (supported by Policy CAMVC1) seeks to improve the village centre as a 'community hub' for all.	Positive
Economy & Employment	Support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth. Develop the local economy within its environmental limits. Maintain and enhance employment opportunities within the District to meet both current and future needs.	Policy CAME1 seeks to safeguard existing employment sites in Cam. Policy CAME2 seeks to encourage new businesses and diversify the types of jobs in Cam. Project 4: Village Centre Framework (supported by policy CAMVC1) seeks to maintain and diversify the vitality and economy of Cam Village Centre.	Positive
Housing	Provide affordable and decent housing to meet local needs.	Cam is a focus for strategic development within the District identified by Stroud District Council. Policy CAMCD1 sets out parameters for the design of new development, including housing. This is linked to the Cam Design Code which gives specific guidance on the design of new development in the Parish to reflect local distinctives, seeking to deliver the right development in the right location.	Neutral / Positive
Landscape &	Reinforce local distinctiveness,	Policies CAMDC1 and CAMCD2 seek to	Positive

Heritage	local environmental quality and amenity through the conservation and enhancement of the built and cultural heritage. Conserve and enhance landscapes and townscapes.	reinforce local distinctiveness through new development in the Parish. This is integrally linked to the Cam Design Code and Community Design Statement. Objectives O2 and O3, and policies CAMES2 and CAMES3 seek to protect the distinctive landscape character of Cam (including the AONB), and views outward towards it from within the settlement. Project 2: Our Heritage Assets sets out the Parish Council's aim to produce a Local List of locally important non-designated heritage assets.	
Soil	Protect and enhance soil quality.	Soil quality is considered to be adequately covered in Stroud DC policy. The NDP identifies an extensive Green Infrastructure network which it works to protect and enhance through policy CAMES1. This affords some protection to the soil quality which supports it.	Neutral
Transport & Accessibility	Promote traffic reduction and encourage more sustainable alternative forms of transport. Restore, manage and promote the canal towpaths as part of the transport infrastructure.	Policies O8, O9 and O10, and Policy CAMMC1 seek to encourage pedestrians and cyclists in Cam by improving routes around the Parish and to and from local facilities. Project 3: Getting around our Parish – sets out the Parish Council's aspirations for further improving these connections.	Positive
Waste	Minimise the amount of waste produced, maximise the amount that is reused or recycled, and seek to recover energy from the largest proportion of the residual material.	Waste issues are considered to be adequately covered in Stroud DC policy.	Neutral
Water (inc. flood risk)	Maintain and enhance the quality and quantity of ground and surface waters. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding in new and existing development.	Sustainable drainage and flooding issues are considered to be adequately covered in Stroud DC policy.	Neutral