



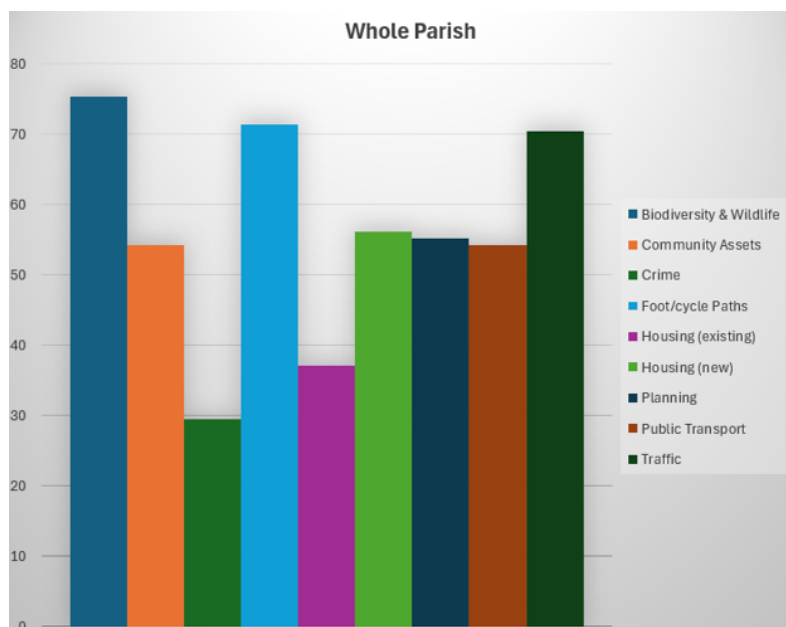
Neighbourhood Plan

Proposed Policies

Consultation Summary - May 2026

Background

The priority topics of concern to residents were identified in an initial residents' survey carried out in May-July 2025, the results of which are summarised in the graphic below. The free-text box on this survey indicated strong interest in preserving the Heritage & Character of the area.



In response to this, five Working Groups were formed in September 2025, being: Heritage & Character; Natural Environment, Biodiversity & Wildlife; Footpaths & Active Travel; Planning; and Traffic & Transport. An associated second residents' survey confirmed and refined the priority issues.

Working Group reports were published in February 2026, and an associated detailed third residents' survey carried out. This generated in excess of 3,600 individual responses giving an unprecedented level of granular feedback on parishioner views.

In response to this feedback, the Steering Group and representatives from the Working Groups generated the Top-Level Priorities, Vision, Objectives, Policies and Community Aspirations that are summarised and linked in this document.

Top-Level Priorities

- Sunningwell Parish is a distinct entity which has a character that is valued by residents and visitors and is worthy of protection.
- The character that is worth protecting is that of rural England, with a mixture of working farms, woodland, common-land, footpaths and natural views (both large and small) in which reside a number of small settlements.
- The four main settlement areas in the parish are distinct, separated and have their own particular characters, all of which are worth protecting.

Note on Policy Wording

Once approved, Policies have legal force in the planning process. Consequently, there are constraints on the way in which they are written. In particular, they are required to be phrased in the positive (e.g. Development will be allowed where the following criteria are met.....). They are not allowed to be phrased in the negative (e.g. Development will not be allowed.....).

Furthermore, there are constraints on the topics that can appear as a Policy within a Neighbourhood Plan. Where topics of concern to residents fall outside these constraints they can be included in the plan as Community Aspirations.

To achieve the Top-Level Priorities, Vision and Objectives the following Policies and Community Aspirations are proposed. To see the Policy presented in the context of the Neighbourhood Plan follow the hyperlink below. Please leave your thoughts on the proposed Policies on the [Comments](#) page.

List of Policies and Community Aspirations

#	Policy	Policy Title
1	HC1	Green Belt
2	HC2	Separation of Settlements
3	HC3	Heritage Assets
4	HC4	Community Assets
5	HC5	Important Views and Vistas
6	NEBW1	Biodiversity Net Gain & Ecological Enhancement
7	NEBW2	Green Habitats, Networks and Corridors
8	NEBW3	Water Environment, Sustainable Drainage & Flood Risk
9	NEBW4	Dark Skies and Nocturnal Wildlife
10	PD1	General Design Principles
11	PD2	Sustainable Development
12	PD3	Extensions and Alterations
13	PD4	Infill Development
14	TT1	Transport and Infrastructure
15	TT2	Safer Roads
16	TT3	Mitigation of A34 Noise and Vision
17	FAT1	Active Travel & Footpaths

#	Community Aspiration	Community Aspiration Title
1	TT1	Traffic Management
2	TT2	Sustainable Transport
3	TT3	Mitigation of A34 Noise and Vision

Vision, Objectives, Policies & Community Aspirations

