## **RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES**

## **WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT PLAN ADOPTED MARCH 1996**

- CF1 THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL PERMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR SCHOOLS AND HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, PLACES OF WORSHIP, COMMUNITY HALLS AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROVIDED THE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND HAVING REGARD TO SCALE, SITING DESIGN, ACCESS, HIGHWAYS, PARKING PROVISION, RESIDENTIAL AMENITIES AND OTHER LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.
- C1 THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL SEEK TO PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE AND CONSERVE RIVERS, WETLANDS, PONDS, THE RURAL LANDSCAPE AND WILDLIFE, SUBJECT TO STRUCTURE AND DISTRICT PLAN POLICIES, THROUGH THE CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT AND POSITIVE PLANNING MEASURES.

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL NOT PERMIT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE, OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH COMPLY WITH STRUCTURE PLAN POLICIES C3A AND R5 AND DISTRICT PLAN POLICIES E5 AND E6 WHICH ENCOURAGE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE RURAL ECONOMY AND RURAL RECREATION, UNLESS THERE IS AN AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY OR OTHER OVERRIDING JUSTIFICATION SUCH AS ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS, SCHEMES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OR OVERRIDING BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

## WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT PLAN 1<sup>st</sup> ALTERATION - REVISED DEPOSIT (PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 2000)

Note: Proposed changes to the policies are shown as follows:-

deletions in strikethrough additions in italics

- CF1 The District Council will permit Proposals for the development of land for schools and higher education, health care facilities, places of worship, community halls and other community facilities will be permitted provided the proposals are acceptable and having regard to scale, siting design, access, highways, parking provision, residential amenities and other local environmental considerations.
- In order to maintain the quality and variety of the countryside, the *water environment*, District Council will seek to protect the countryside and conserve rivers, wetlands, ponds, the rural landscape and wildlife, will be protected, conserved or enhanced through the control of development and positive planning measures.

The District Council will not permit Development proposals in the open countryside will not be permitted, other than those which encourage diversification of the rural economy and rural recreation, unless there is an agricultural, forestry or other overriding justification such as essential transport improvements, schemes of national importance or overriding benefit to the local economy. Acceptable mitigation measures will be implemented where appropriate.