

**RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES**

**NORTH WILTSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2001**

**DEVELOPMENT IN CONSERVATION AREAS  
POLICY RB3**

IN CONSERVATION AREAS, PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT, ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER WORKS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE THE PROPOSAL WILL PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF THE AREA.

OPEN SPACES, VILLAGE GREENS, GAPS BETWEEN BUILDINGS, FIELDS, GARDENS AND TREES THAT PROVIDE ATTRACTIVE VIEWS AND VISTAS FROM PUBLIC AREAS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD FAIL TO PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OF A CONSERVATION AREA.

**NATURE CONSERVATION SITES OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE  
POLICY RC16**

DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING AN AREA OF HIGH ECOLOGICAL VALUE OR NATURE CONSERVATION SITE OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE;

- (i) THE VALUE OF THE SITE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION AND ITS LOCAL CONTRIBUTION TO BIODIVERSITY WOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY HARMED, OR COULD BE MITIGATED BY PLANNING CONDITIONS OR OBLIGATIONS, OR WHERE;
- (ii) OTHER MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS ARE SUFFICIENT TO OVERRIDE THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE LOCAL NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF THE SITE.

**LOCAL FACILITIES IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES  
POLICY RLF1**

WITHIN OR ADJOINING THE FRAMEWORK BOUNDARIES OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES AS DEFINED ON THE PROPOSALS MAP, THE PROVISION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY, EDUCATION AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE PERMITTED, SUBJECT TO:

1. THERE BEING NO HARM TO THE AMENITIES OF THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE;
2. NO DEMONSTRABLE HARM ON THE ENVIRONMENT;
3. THE PROPOSAL BEING IN SCALE AND HARMONY WITH ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHARACTER, APPEARANCE AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA; AND
4. THE PROPOSALS FOR ACCESS AND PARKING, TOGETHER WITH THE EFFECT ON ANY HIGHWAYS, BEING ACCEPTABLE.

## **NORTH WILTSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2011 REVISED DRAFT DEPOSIT**

### **DEVELOPMENT IN CONSERVATION AREAS POLICY HE1**

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OPEN SPACES, VILLAGE GREENS, GAPS BETWEEN BUILDINGS, FIELDS, GARDENS AND TREES THAT PROVIDE ATTRACTIVE VIEWS AND VISTAS TO, FROM AND WITHIN PUBLIC AREAS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD FAIL TO PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OF A CONSERVATION AREA.

WHEN PERMITTING DEVELOPMENT IN CONSERVATION AREAS, THE ESTABLISHED HISTORIC STREETS, BUILDING LINES AND FRONTAGES, BURGAGE PLOTS AND BOUNDARIES, THE PLAN FORM OF BUILDINGS, AND OTHER HISTORIC PHYSICAL AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES WILL BE CONSERVED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE PROPOSAL WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE.

### **NATURE CONSERVATION SITES OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE POLICY NE7**

DEVELOPMENT LIKELY TO HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON A WILDLIFE SITE OR A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNLESS IT CAN BE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE ARE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL WHICH OUTWEIGH THE NEED TO SAFEGUARD SUBSTANTIVE NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF THE SITE.

WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS PERMITTED, THE AUTHORITY WILL CONSIDER THE USE OF CONDITIONS AND/OR PLANNING OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE MITIGATION AND COMPENSATION MEASURES.