

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT PLAN (ADOPTED 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.
- R2 THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL NOT PERMIT DEVELOPMENT WHERE THIS WOULD INVOLVE THE LOSS OF EXISTING PLAYING FIELDS, PLAY SPACES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL LAND, WHETHER PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY OWNED. THESE SITES, INCLUDING THOSE LISTED IN APPENDIX B AND SHOWN ON THE PROPOSALS MAP, WILL BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT, UNLESS:
- (i) THE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CAN BEST BE RETAINED AND ENHANCED THROUGH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL PART OF THE SITE;
 - (ii) ALTERNATIVE PROVISION OF EQUIVALENT COMMUNITY BENEFIT IS MADE IN THE IMMEDIATE LOCALITY; OR
 - (iii) IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE IS AN EXCESS OF SPORTS PITCH PROVISION AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN THE AREA, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE RECREATIONAL AND AMENITY VALUE OF SUCH PROVISION.
- R3 THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL PERMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE DUAL USE OF SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS TO HELP MEET THE DEMAND FROM LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR SPORTS PITCHES AND OTHER FORMAL SPORTS PROVISION. THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH FACILITIES, CONSIDERED SURPLUS TO EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, FOR USES OTHER THAN RECREATION WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED IF THE CRITERIA SET OUT IN POLICY R2 ARE SATISFIED.

C12 THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF THE DESIGNATED CONSERVATION AREAS AND THEIR SETTINGS IN WEST WILTSHIRE, INCLUDING THOSE SHOWN ON THE PROPOSALS MAP AND LISTED IN APPENDIX A. THE COUNCIL WILL NOT PERMIT PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPECIAL CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF THE DESIGNATED CONSERVATION AREAS OR THEIR SETTINGS BY VIRTUE OF FORM, MATERIALS, SCALE OR SITING. IN MAKING DECISIONS IT WILL CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THE CONSERVATION AREA. THE COUNCIL WILL EXPECT ALL PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN CONSERVATION AREAS OR THEIR SETTINGS TO BE OF AN APPROPRIATE STANDARD OF DESIGN REFLECTING THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THEIR LOCATION. MATERIALS AND COLOURS WHICH WILL QUICKLY WEATHER TO BLEND WITH THEIR SETTING SHOULD BE USED AND, IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS, TRADITIONAL LOCAL MATERIALS WILL BE EXPECTED.

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME WILL CONSIDER THE DESIGNATION OF FURTHER CONSERVATION AREAS UNDER SECTION 60 OF THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 AND WILL FORMULATE AND PUBLISH PROPOSALS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE DESIGNATED CONSERVATION AREAS.

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT PLAN FIRST ALTERATION
(REVISED DEPOSIT 2000)

Note: deletions are shown in ~~strike-through~~
additions are shown 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.

- R2 ~~The District Council will not permit development~~ *Development will not be permitted* where this would involve the loss of existing playing fields, play spaces and other recreational land, whether publicly or privately owned. These sites, including those listed in Appendix B and shown on the Proposals Map, will be protected from development, unless:
- (i) the sports and recreational facilities can best be retained and enhanced through the redevelopment of a small part of the site;
 - (ii) alternative provision of equivalent community benefit is made in the immediate locality; or
 - (iii) it can be demonstrated that there is an excess of sports pitch provision and public open space in the area, taking account of the recreational and amenity value of such provision.
- R3 ~~The District Council will permit~~ *Proposals for the dual use of school playing fields will be encouraged* to help meet the demand from local communities for sports pitches and other formal sports provision. The development of such facilities, considered surplus to educational needs, for uses other than recreation will only be permitted if the criteria set out in Policy R2 are satisfied.
- C17 ~~The District Council will preserve and enhance~~ *The special character or appearance of the designated conservation areas and their settings in West Wiltshire, including those shown on the Proposals Map and listed in Appendix A will be preserved and enhanced.*
- ~~The District Council from time to time will consider~~ *The designation of further conservation areas under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 will be considered from time to time* where such areas are of special architectural or historic interest in the local context. ~~The District Council will also formulate and publish~~ *Proposals will be formulated and published* for the preservation and enhancement of the designated conservation areas.