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Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan
Vision, Objectives and Policy Ideas

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Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

Proposed Vision

“Cuddington seeks to be a vibrant community-centred parish which retains and enhances its historic and rural village character whilst meeting the needs of all sections of the community”

To achieve this vision we have developed four objectives based on your feedback at Roadshows, Public Meetings and in Surveys

ENVIRONMENT To protect and enhance Cuddington’s rural character, including its heritage and natural green areas, for the benefit of future generations.	ECONOMY To maintain and improve the village as a convenient place to shop, work and spend time and to encourage a broad and sustainable rural economy which includes home working.
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT To improve the housing mix through sustainable development by providing smaller and affordable homes which meet the needs of our rural parish.	TRAVEL AND MOVEMENT To support and improve safe and sustainable modes of transport (walking, cycling and public transport) across the parish whilst alleviating potential traffic and parking issues.

We have set out the planning policy ideas for the Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan in this questionnaire.

We want every household to have the opportunity to comment on these policies.

Your opinions are vital in helping to create the draft Neighbourhood Plan. We need you to fill in this questionnaire. Please do not feel that you have to comment on every choice unless you wish to do so.

The closing date for the return of this consultation is **Wednesday 30th November 2016.**

For information on how to return your completed booklet please turn to the back page.

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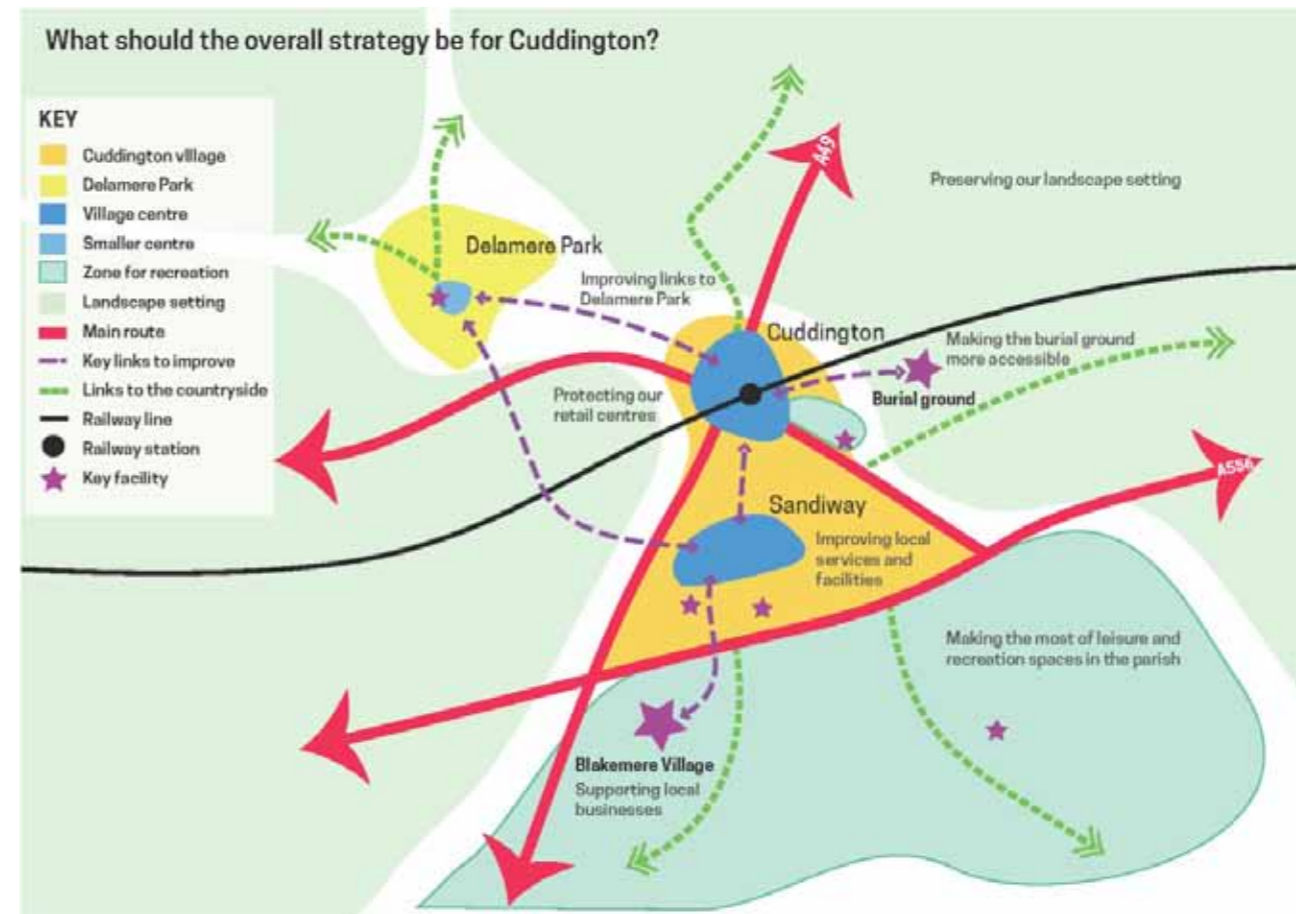
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Thank you

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Spatial Strategy

The Spatial Strategy aims to provide an overarching view of what the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan seek to achieve. For Cuddington the diagram below shows how different factors such as the landscape character and setting of the parish interact with other factors such as the road network and residential areas. The diagram identifies key areas to protect certain uses and also shows how parts of the parish need to be better linked.



ENVIRONMENT

Objective

To protect and enhance Cuddington's rural character, including its heritage and natural green areas, for the benefit of future generations.

Evidence

Policy 1 - Protecting our heritage

The Village has nearly 70 historical buildings, many of which are of great architectural merit eg John Douglas designs. In addition, the Key Service Centre is surrounded by greenbelt and open countryside which contains established woodlands and valued recreational areas.

Policy 2 - Habitats and wildlife corridors

Our Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Site of Biological Interest (SBI) and Local Wildlife Sites must be protected.

Policy 3 - Trees, hedgerows and other vegetation

Many trees are already subject to Tree Preservation Orders. These must be enforced and any new development must preserve existing trees. 83% of respondents to the Village Plan asked for more bulb and flower planting.

Policy 4- Protected Green Space

92% of respondents to the Village Plan Survey said that protection of green spaces would improve the Village environment with 78% agreeing that more conservation and special nature areas would be beneficial.

Policy 1 - Protecting our heritage

A policy which protects and enhances historical structures and areas of value through ensuring new development of all kinds (not just housing) is sensitive to its surrounding context.

Policy 2- Habitats and wildlife corridors

To establish and protect existing wildlife corridors to avoid fragmentation of habitats within the parish to enable the movement of species.

Policy 3 - Trees, hedgerows and other vegetation

This policy will focus on preserving trees, hedgerows and vegetation throughout the parish by resisting their loss and encouraging new planting where development is proposed.

Policy 4 - Protected Green Space

Identify and designate Local Green Spaces of value to the community to ensure they are protected from inappropriate development. This may include playing fields, allotments and registered common land. Parish land designated as open countryside to the south of the A556 to be retained for recreational use.

Please tick as appropriate and if you do not support any particular policy please tell us why.

Policy 1 - Protecting our heritage			
Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do not support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comment:			
Policy 2 - Habitats and wildlife corridors			
Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do not support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Policy 3 - Trees, hedgerows and other vegetation			
Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do not support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Policy 4 - Protected Green Space			
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Objective

To protect and enhance Cuddington's rural character, including its heritage and natural green areas, for the benefit of future generations.

Evidence

Policy 5 - Views and Vistas

The parish, being topographically elevated, has magnificent distant vistas with the Pennines and Derbyshire Hills in particular clearly seen. In addition there are splendid internal village views looking across fields, into woods across the valleys as described in our Village Character Assessment and as evidenced by 2000 photographs.

Policy 6 - Landscape setting

We would seek to ensure that land currently being used for sand extraction should be returned to a condition in keeping with surrounding landscape. New developments should be preferred on brown field sites so that they do not destroy this special character.

Policy 7 - Village gateways

93% of respondents to the Village Plan agreed that development in greenbelt and countryside should be resisted. Neighbourhood Plan public consultation asked that focus should be directed towards brownfield development. This policy affirms and values the village's position set into the North Cheshire Green Belt (see Strat 9 of the local plan).

Please tick as appropriate and if you do not support any particular policy please tell us why.

Policy 5- Views and Vistas			
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Policy 6 - Landscape setting			
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Policy 7 - Village gateways			
Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do not support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Environmental aspirations:			
Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do not support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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ECONOMY

Objective

To maintain and improve the village as a convenient place to shop, work and spend time and to encourage a broad and sustainable rural economy which includes working from home.

Evidence

Policy 8 - Employment Development

A large percentage of respondents to the Village Plan Survey were in favour of promoting employment opportunities within the village. 78% were in favour of development of further small businesses in the village. However, 68% said no to the development of a business and enterprise zone and 82% said no to the development of a light industrial estate.

Policy 9 - Tourism

There are many tourist attractions within the village and surrounding area; beautiful countryside walks and interesting architecture for example. These attractions need to be developed to encourage more support for them within the village.

Policy 10 - Blakemere Village

Blakemere Craft Centre is a very important employer for the parish and encourages tourism. 72% of respondents to the Housing Needs Survey said they use Blakemere facilities.

Policy 8 - Employment Development

Promotion of the local economy and employment opportunities by supporting conversion and expansion of existing employment premises, conversion of existing buildings, as well as appropriate small-scale new build development, within or adjacent to the village.

Policy 9 - Tourism

A policy which supports and develops the tourism economy in the parish by encouraging the provision of small-scale tourist-related businesses such as overnight accommodation, campsites and cafes.

Policy 10 - Blakemere Village

Any development on this site should support the commercial and tourist facilities at Blakemere, avoiding their loss or change of use whilst improving links with Cuddington.

Please tick as appropriate and if you do not support any particular policy please tell us why.

Policy 8 - Employment Development			
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Policy 9 - Tourism			
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Policy 10 - Blakemere Village			
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Objective

To maintain and improve the village as a convenient place to shop, work and spend time and to encourage a broad and sustainable rural economy which includes working from home.

Evidence

Policy 11 - Supporting the Leisure Economy

The Public houses, restaurants and takeaways of the village are well frequented by Cuddington residents and attract people from outside of the village. They are also important employers. 47% of respondents to the Housing Needs Survey felt we need more restaurants/cafes.

Policy 12 - Working from home

Working from home is becoming increasingly popular with advances in information technology. Providing fast broadband to the village will help to encourage this trend and hence reduce traffic from the daily commute.

Policy 13 - Protecting retail uses

From the Housing Needs Survey it was identified that 98% of respondents use the convenience shopping facilities and consequently any loss from change of use would be detrimental to the village.

Policy 11 - Supporting the Leisure Economy

A Policy that supports the contribution of the leisure economy, such as public houses, restaurants and takeaways; in particular, their contribution to the evening economy whilst seeking to maintain a safe atmosphere at night.

Policy 12 - Working from home

A Policy which encourages starter businesses and working from home, whilst ensuring there is no negative impact on local amenity or traffic.

Policy 13 - Protecting retail uses

To identify key areas for convenience shopping and protect their loss from change of use applications to residential or other non-retail uses.

Economic aspirations:

Seek for the latest broadband to be available throughout the village

Please tick as appropriate and if you do not support any particular policy please tell us why.

Policy 11 - Supporting the Leisure Economy			
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Policy 12 - Working from home			
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Policy 13 - Protecting retail uses			
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Economic aspirations:			
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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Objective

To improve the housing mix through sustainable development by providing smaller and affordable homes which meet the needs of our rural parish.

Evidence

Policy 14 - Housing mix and type

The housing Needs Survey shows that we have a good stock of larger dwellings and a need for two and three bedroom smaller homes, both as starter homes for the young and as homes for downsizing for the increasing older population.

Policy 15 - Prioritising the supply of Affordable Homes

The Housing Needs Survey indicates an appetite for affordable homes within the village. The current method of allocating affordable homes does not prioritise local needs.

Policy 16 - Location of Dwellings

Evidence produced by Cheshire West and Chester shows that only small infill developments are needed in the Key Service Centre to meet our 2030 requirements.

Policy 14 - Housing mix and type

A policy focusing on the provision of a housing mix that includes affordable housing, assists families into home ownership and enables the ageing population to downsize, by providing smaller family units and bungalows.

Policy 15 - Prioritising the supply of Affordable Homes

A policy that encourages the development of small groups of affordable dwellings with priority given, in perpetuity, to applicants with strong local connections. In addition, the policy seeks to reduce the threshold for requiring affordable homes from 10 to 5 units.

Policy 16 - Location of Dwellings

Applications for small new developments on brownfield and infill sites will be supported, provided they have access to local amenities and are in close proximity to sustainable modes of transport.

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Policy 14 - Housing mix and type			
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Policy 15 - Prioritising the supply of Affordable Homes			
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Objective

To improve the housing mix through sustainable development by providing smaller and affordable homes which meet the needs of our rural parish.

Evidence

Policy 17 - Maintaining Rural Character

The village character assessment has reviewed, in detail, building styles, plot sizes and layouts. This information will influence any proposed development.

Policy 18 - Eco-design and energy saving

Cheshire West and Chester Council already operate a co-operative energy scheme. Solar panel schemes are already in place in our Parish. The Village Plan indicates support for solar energy schemes. Respondents to Housing Needs Survey supported solar installations for community buildings.

Policy 17 - Maintaining Rural Character

New developments must use materials and styles that are sympathetic to the rural character of the village. Housing density and plot size must remain consistent with the surrounding village setting.

Policy 18 - Eco-design and energy saving

A policy which encourages existing and new developments to utilise cost effective eco-design and renewable technologies to reduce energy usage throughout the parish.

Housing Development aspirations:

Village energy saving scheme

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Policy 17 - Maintaining Rural Character			
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Policy 18 - Eco-design and energy saving			
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Housing Development aspirations:			
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TRAVEL & MOVEMENT

Objective

To support and improve safe and sustainable modes of transport (walking, cycling and public transport) across the parish whilst alleviating potential traffic and parking issues

Evidence

Policy 19 - Improved Pedestrian and Cycle Access

In the Village Plan 58% of respondents said that provision for cyclists is inadequate. 68% of our young people responding to the Village Plan said they would use cycle tracks and racks if they were available. Many residents from Delamere Park commented on the need for safe pedestrian and cycle access to the village centres.

Policy 20 - Parking Standards

Over 80% of households own a car and 50% own more than one car. On street and verge parking is a major problem. 71% of respondents to the Village Plan said that the parking provision at the local shops is totally inadequate.

Policy 19 - Improved Pedestrian and Cycle Access

This Policy supports improved pedestrian and cycle routes across the parish and in key specific areas, with particular focus on safety for cyclists and walkers:

Delamere Park to the Railway Station and Shops

Access to the cemetery on Gorstage Lane

Access to schools

Access to shops

Access to play facilities

Access to Blakemere Village

Policy 20- Parking Standards

This policy requires that parking provisions for all new developments are proportionate to the size of the dwelling to avoid on-street parking, including provision for visitors. In addition, this policy will seek adequate parking provision at village retail centres to accommodate potential growth.

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Objective

To support and improve safe and sustainable modes of transport (walking, cycling and public transport) across the parish whilst alleviating potential traffic and parking issues

Evidence

Policy 21 - Traffic Impact of New Development

Residents have expressed concerns in both the Village Plan and Housing Needs Surveys about the cumulative impact of the two large developments already underway.

Policy 22 - Traffic Calming Measures

Residents have expressed concerns in both the Village Plan and Housing Needs Surveys about speed of traffic on the main roads. In addition they expressed great concern over the use of the internal village roads as rat runs.

Policy 21 - Traffic Impact of New Development

Developments over 10 dwellings must complete a traffic impact assessment which shows the impact on the key routes and junctions in and around the village.

Policy 22 - Traffic Calming Measures

This Policy focuses on the implementation of traffic calming measures, especially in response to increasing volume of traffic. Examples include chicanes or reduced speed limits of 20mph.

Travel and Movement aspirations:

Extension of bus service to serve a greater area of the parish including Delamere Park and the railway station.

The use of new or improved parking at schools, the railway station and community buildings to allow motorists to park and use the extended bus service.

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Policy 22 - Traffic Calming Measures			
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Travel and Movement aspirations:			
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Please return your completed Booklet to one of the following collection points:

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Define Wine	John Dudley's Hair Shop
Cuddington News	Garners Butchers
Handleys Newsagents	Spar/Post Office

Parents of primary school children may also use Cuddington or Sandiway Primary Schools as collection points

If necessary we can collect it from you, call us on –
Telephone. 01606 852444 or 07740447982

If you wish to write to us Email us at: cuddingtonnp@gmail.com

For more background information on the Neighbourhood Plan look on the new village website
www.cuddingtonandsandiwayonline.org

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