

Austrey NDP Review Launch 7 May 2023

Questionnaire Responses and Proposed Changes to NDP

Q1: Existing hedgerows, ditches, water bodies, broadleaved woodlands and mature, ancient and veteran trees are all important local landscape features in Austrey. Are there any other local landscape features you think are important and should be protected and improved?

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Yes ridge and furrow fields; the 'swamp' in The Bishops Field	Add ridge and furrow to Policy AP1. BF already a LGS so protected.	Ridge and Furrow added to AP1
Xxxxxx	-	No change
Austrey's dark night sky is fast disappearing due to increasing levels of light pollution both from within the village and from outside, this has serious implications for the natural surroundings mentioned above and also for people's health and well being. I moved to Austrey in August 1979 from Birmingham and was immediately struck by the dark skies compared to the city. It was a requirement twhen walking around the village at night to carry and use a flashlight because it was so dark! Unfortunately, there is now a constant "glow" in the night sky. Ironically light pollution is one of the easiest forms of pollution to tackle successfully but is rarely mentioned or thought about. The Parish Council could give leadership and advice on this matter and lobby other responsible authorities such as North Warwickshire BC and Warwickshire CC to adopt measures to fight it. The International Dark Sky Association has an excellent website for help and advice on tackling this insidious form of pollution.	Add dark skies / light pollution to AP1.	Reference to avoiding light pollution added to AP1.
Old buildings	Covered by heritage policies in Local Plan	No change
There have been several beautiful old trees removed over recent years, on main road itself (one of which had a preservation order). It would be good to ensure that this only happens when it is absolutely necessary and that plenty of our important trees are protected.	Covered in AP1	No change

Comment	Response	Plan Update
the local fields should be protected as they are widely used by residents	Protected by settlement boundary of village in Local Plan	No change
Open spaces	Refer to Local Green Spaces AP2	No change
Green areas with public footpaths, often used for dog walking should be retained as green. Eg bishops field	Refer to Local Green Spaces AP2	No change
nothing in addition to those mentioned	-	No change
none	-	No change
Wild meadows	Where are the wild meadows? SG advised that this probably refers to fields around HS2 safeguarded area.	No change
The woodland off cinders lane should be protected to help retain a wildlife and nature area with the village, the small 'swamp' area in bishops field I also imagine has an abundance of wildlife within it	Possible LGS?. Newly planted area is for timber production. 'Fairy Wood' could be assessed as a potential new LGS.	Include Fairy Wood in LGS table.
Any green spaces outside of the village boundary should not be developed	Protected by settlement boundary of village in Local Plan	No change
Footpaths. Does the " Tree Field" need monitoring?	Footpaths protected in other legislation as PROW	No change
The Bishops field, the church yard, pond at the junction of Warton Lane and Bishops Cleeve, millenium wood post felling, Cinder Lane hedges, restore hedgerows in the mono-culture that has been created around the village boundary & finally Salt Street.	SG to check – covered by LGS?	Include areas in LGS assessment.

Comment	Response	Plan Update
	AP1 protects hedgerows and encourages new planting	
Better definition of veteran trees required. The above description is too subjective. Front lawns are also important features of many houses in the village providing valuable green space and softening the streetscape. Fully tarmac/paved front of properties should be resisted.	Insert definition of veteran trees etc	Added as a footnote
Green areas around village to be kept, hedgerows not ripped out, Tree Preservation Orders on Trees kept.	All covered in NDP	No change
The views from surrounding villages down into the village, ridge and furrow fields, the Bishops Field and all the footpaths interlocking from there	Refer to Views – Policy AP3 and check covered.	SG to update
Fields	Protected by settlement boundary of village in Local Plan	No change
Bishops Meadow	LGS	No change
Open fields and countryside, grazing for livestock	Protected by settlement boundary of village in Local Plan	No change
Yes	-	No change
No	-	No change
The public footpaths in and around Austrey should be protected and maintained to ensure they are usable. The village green should also be protected and maintained, and people should be encouraged to use it for village events.	Footpaths protected in other legislation as PROW Village Green – assess for LGS	SG to consider and assess village green as LGS?
Green spaces	Refer to LGS	No change
"- The approach to the village down Norton Hill is especially characterful and charming. The ancient wooded banks and hedgerows/ditches should be protected and the narrow road retained as a natural “traffic calming” feature at the entry to the village. (Maybe priority status and signage could be added to formalise the situation?)	SG to consider – mention in NDP as possible view?	SG to consider

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- The small field behind Glebe Rise which is currently used as stables and a paddock for horses and llamas is one of the few remaining medieval Ridge and Furrow formations in the area. The field is also home to a number of managed beehives. This diversity of use should be protected."	Add ridge and furrow to AP1.	Added to AP1
Increase number of hedgerows promoting biodiversity , provision of water feature	-	No change
Pond to field behind church needs cleaning out.	Refer to PC	Refer to PC
Trees,	-	No change
Footpaths and fields/farmland surrounding the village.	Footpaths protected in other legislation as PROW Fields around village protected by settlement boundary of village in Local Plan	No change
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Archaeological earthworks Bishops Field. Water control systems /drainage unimpeded for wildlife ecological reasons	Refer to LGS	Add info to LGS Table
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Comment	Response	Plan Update
Historical buildings,	Covered by heritage policies in Local Plan	No change
The Bishops field has original ditches and shape from old village which is a key backdrop to the historic church. The allotment by the church has original brick animal shelters and ancient hedges and trees that form an essential backdrop to the historic church	Refer to LGS	Add info to LGS Table
Yes. Opposite the shop. The grass verge is being used as a car park for the shop. It was always kept beautiful and now, especially in the winter months, it's just a mud bath and an eye sore!	Grass verges are usually not considered as Local Green Spaces but the PC /landowner could improve maintenance.	Refer to PC
Crisps Farm	-	No change.

Q2: Newton Lane Playing Fields, The Old Cricket Ground (at the rear of Farthings) , Bishops Field, the field to the northeast of Hollybank and the new play area/village green are proposed as Local Green Spaces to protect them from future development. This would give similar protection to Green Belt around towns. Please give any reasons why you think these areas are important.

Comment	Response	Plan Update
They are key parts of our village and ones that we identify as being part of Austrey. Many of them are viewed when residents are walking round our village	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
Xxxxx	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
If not protected these areas would eventually be sold for development at some time in the future, leaving the village with little or no green space witin the village.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
It's important to have local safe green spaces for all to enjoy.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
Gives the community a safe place for families to enjoy outdoor activities, not much walking area without roads	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
despite being surrounded by such a lot of countryside, there is actual not much communal space for recreation, (children to play, adults to exercise, areas to exercise dogs), so these areas are vitally important, especially as the population of the village increases.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
they are used by the whole community for various reasons but they are the heart of our community bringing us all together at events and walking the dogs with other villagers	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
Need to stop overdevelopment of this village. Open spaces give villagers a place to exercise, meet up enjoy being outdoors. A place for flora and fauna to flourish	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support.
See above. All these areas are well used as recreational green spaces	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support

Comment	Response	Plan Update
It is important for all people to have safe easy access to green spaces , for enjoyment , exercise , hobbies and sports	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
These areas are important to maintain a sense of the countryside. Greenery is good for one's mental health. These areas are used by walkers and dog walkers alike. They also house important wildlife. Areas of green space have already been lost to development, it would be a shame to lose the last few spaces in and around Austrey	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
There is a lack of green space in Austrey. We need to protect these to prevent them being used for development to ensure the health and mental health of residents	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
To ensure green spaces between developments and wildlife habitat is not fragmented. For a village we have already lost too much green space and wild flower meadows.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
This protection is essential to the village and must be protected, they provide areas where adults and children alike both use regularly and are areas that are essential to keeping the village a village for the current and future generations - without these area you will loose the village and Austrey will become another new build estate with all the joys that brings with it (crime, noise, no green space and lack of facilities)	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Areas that are for communal gatherings, dog walking and exercise are key for small villages so they can maintain an active lifestyle in a safe environment	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Social use for families and walkers. We need green areas for the village atmosphere & nature.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
They are the last vestiges of eco systems in the sterile environment that has been created by the agro industrial farming of the Austrey valley	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Beautiful amenities for village to use.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Stop over development and stop developers adding extra housing to new estates.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
They are areas of importance for the village; they serve as a meeting place as well as a great place to walk and meet like minded villagers. Many friendships have been developed from meeting in these fields and they are great for both the mental and physical health of the villagers	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Green space and areas designated for young people is important in giving young people a space to place and keep active	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Extremely important for nature and the environment	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Definitely enough green Belt already built on it would be nice to walk and see trees Grass etc	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
To preserve the green space for the well-being and use of Austrey residents	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Important to maintain traditional elements of the village whilst providing suitable amenities across the village demography	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
These areas are needed for kids to play and somewhere to go.also, nature we are blessed with being surrounded by nature, we have all sorts come and visit us from foxes, owls, hedgehogs, pheasants and all types of birds.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Key features and community spaces	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Given the need for bungalows, I think a small area of Bishops Field (at the rear of Main Road / Bishops Cleeve) would be ideal being situated near all the local amenities (shop, pub, church and bus route) which elderly people need.	SG discussed and agreed area should remain protected as LGS.	No change.

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As the village grows it is becoming more important for the health and well-being of residents that we have access to these green spaces. If anything, we should add to this list as the number of residents has increased substantially since the original Plan was published.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
they provide valuable wild life habits and communal and exercise space for villagers	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
- All these Local Green Spaces are important to the community and should be protected from development. Other open, green spaces within the village boundary and adjoining it should also be protected from development. The Covid pandemic proved how important open spaces can be. Once built on, it is too late to go back.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
An alternative area for green belt should be considered if the HS2 service station goes ahead .	HS2 will re-provide lost areas of playing field	No change – noted in Plan already.
To allow the village to keep its identity by not over expanding its boundaries	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
It is important to have somewhere for kids to play, outside of their own gardens. This gives a sense of community. These areas could maybe also be used for village events	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
"These areas provide facilities for local residents and provide open space around the village. They also provide areas for wildlife.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
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For historical and ecological reasons and to maintain the aesthetic of the village and protect the needs of the community	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
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All communities need green spaces, for gatherings, mental and physical health. We also have limited resources and expansion would not only put pressure on these but we would lose the unique experience of being a true village with clear boundaries.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
These areas are quintessentially Austerly and make the village unique place It is , especially since a further historic building have been demolished diminishing the village sense of history. Without these spaces It will cease to be a village and become a group of houses near a motorway. These areas are key to the sense of a ancient country village They are also key to people getting together and being a community	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Because we have already lost so much green belt with the many housing developments that have been completed over the last three years or so. Enough is enough, it's destroying our green belt.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support
Bishops Piece is owned by Crisps Farm. This is a large field of 11.5 + acres plot of land known locally as Bishops Field (the original much larger Bishops Field connected the Church to Bishops Farm still located on Warton Lane but over time much of the land between has been built on / infilled / surrounded by mostly late 20th century housing.	Noted	Review plan to refer to the comments submitted in support

Q3. Are there any other areas of open space you would like to see protected? Please describe them and explain why they are important.

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Yes, fields at the rear of the school	Area is noted for landscape value. Assess as possible LGS.	SG to consider.
Xxxx	-	No change
Bishops field gives wonderful view and approach to our lovely Church	LGS	No change
I think you named them all q2	-	No change

Comment	Response	Plan Update
All green space around newton lane, especially area highlighted for HS2	SG to discuss – outside settlement boundary anyway? HS2 area safeguarded for future development so would not be acceptable as a LGS	SG to consider Newton Lane?
Bishops field, by the church. If this were no longer an option available to walk dogs in the village, I cannot image where we would all exercise our dogs. It is heavily used for this, with many older village residents meeting up to walk dogs together in the field, providing a social activity for many who may not otherwise see others in our community, which all adds to the cohesion of the village as a whole. It is a really important asset to our village and would be wonderful to see it officially recognised as such.	LGS	No change
all the surrounding fields of the village to maintain our rural village and prevent excessive developments	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
small plot at end of Orchard Close and Newborough Close maybe communiy fruit trees	SG to discuss	SG to consider
No None	-	No change
The green space between Warton Lane, Newton Lane and the motorway. This is low lying land so a different diversity of plants are found here and important habitat for wildlife.	SG to discuss Protected by settlement boundary	SG to consider
Woodlands off cinders lane as previously detailed and bishops field both play central parts to retaining an area of open space for the current and future generations, the playing fields also provide community areas and gathering places for all	SG to discuss	SG to consider
Again any areas that are outside the village i feel should be protected so the characteristics and feel of the village are maintained.	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
Area between Newborough Close & Orchard Close	SG to discuss	SG to consider
"Hazel Meadows Allotment, there is a significant amount of land around this site that could be better managed to the benefit of wildlife and the community in general. Community orchard etc.	SG to discuss	SG to consider

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Better use could also be made of the small open space between Orchard Close and Newborough Close. Windmill Hill Lane is also a vital wild area"	SG to discuss	SG to consider
Fields to the west, south west and north west of the village should be protected green space to ensure a clear green barrier is maintained between the motorway and potential HS2 developments. They provide essential sound suppression, maintain a rural village feel and provide a crucial corridor for wildlife.	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
As Q1 above	-	No change
All interlocking fields from the Bishops Field; fields to the rear of the school; fields going out to Warton	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
Fields behind st Nicholas and to the right of Holly bank. Any green space we should protect for wildlife and preservation of a countryside status. Currently these fields are occupied by cows and horses	SG to discuss – Bishops Field?	SG to consider
All of it	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
Field adjacent to The Headlands, and all interconnecting fields. Should not be built upon or eroded, kept for agricultural use	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
All fields that sit outside of the village boundary where potential large scale developments can be considered.	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
Can't think of any	-	No change
Nothing specific, but some additional green space adjacent to the village would be appreciated.	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
"- The field behind Glebe Rise should be protected for reasons given in Q1. Any other use would destroy the history of the field and surrounding hedgerows.	SG to discuss	SG to consider
- The open fields to the right and left of Orton Hill. This open panorama is most unusual in our local countryside. "	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
The field between mount pleasant farm and Glebe Rise back gardens , main road back gardens between Norton Hill and Glebe Rise and Norton hill back gardens that all back onto the field needs to be protected as the field is above our go round level and surface drainage is already a problem running off the slope of the field into our back gardens	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
Norton Hill is not wide enough to accommodate any more building off it."	-	No change
Grass area between Orchard close and Newborough	SG to discuss	SG to consider

Comment	Response	Plan Update
There are other areas that should be added to this list for example, the field to the rear (or east) or Mill View, the field to the east and north of Austrey Baptiste Church, the field to the rear (east) of Glebe Rise and the field to the north and east of Austrey C of E school. Reasons for protecting these areas are exactly the same as above.	Protected by settlement boundary	No change
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Small parcel of land in Bishops Cleeve cul de Sac, to protect views to church across field.	SG to discuss	SG to consider
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The whole area around the church and pub is the very centre of village life	Bishops Field	No change

Q4. The previous plan identified a number of important views (see map on p21 of the NDP) which need reviewing. Please let us know if there are any public views which you think are particularly important in the Parish and explain why.

Comment		
I agree with all of these views. Also the views from The Bishops fields going out to Warton	SG to consider	TBC
Xxxxx	-	
All the farmland between No Man's Heath and Orton On The Hill up to the Leicestershire border. This will be essential because of North West Leicestershire's published plans to develop Dingles Farm with new warehousing and housing developments from the M42 J11/A444, right up to the Warwickshre border at No Man's Heath. Preserving this land will be vital, particularly if HS2 are allowed to build their planned mantainence depot between Austrey and Newton Regis. If this goes through we could be faced with sprawling industrial development from Newton Regis over No Man's Heath Lane up to J11 and along the A444 to Orton On The Hill. Austrey will no longer be located in a rural setting, but will be situated on the edge of this huge industrial zone.	SG to consider	TBC
the property opposite Charity House, Main Road and surrounding land, as a feature of central village needs attending to!!	SG to consider	TBC
I think the existing important views already identified cover this	-	
None	-	
The views from Orton on the Hill, Austrey Hill and Warton towards our village.	SG to consider	TBC
The view from bishops field to the church , it is an important and historic area of the village that needs protection, the old telephone box (now library) as it's a symbolic and important part of a village, the pub to church view as they are both important and central to a village	SG to consider	TBC
Unable to locate that map. NDP seems to be 16 pages. This broken "link" may cause questionnaire responders to abandon the survey. I gave up last time!	-	
The Church, the Village Hall, all have interesting features and should not be hemmed in by development. The view from Salt Street is particularly splendid and offers a panorama across the Thame / Anchor valley with (by my count) 7 spires. Windmill Hill offers some of the best and widest views in the area.	SG to consider	TBC

At present austrey is not visible from approach roads giving the perception as you approach the village of a smaller village. Future development should not add to massing of the village by encroaching down approach roads or being highly visible beyond the village.	SG to consider	TBC
All views into the village coming down into the village 'valley'; view across from the church across the Bishops Field towards Warton; views across to Warton from Cinders Lane	SG to consider	TBC
N/a unable to see previous plan	-	
The land at the bottom of wulfric avenue including the woodland, this is a great adventure for the kids and also helps in their learning process. Reasons also as per my previous answer regarding wildlife .	SG to consider	TBC
I wouldn't change those identified in the original plan.	-	
- The views of St. Nicholas parish church and the village from Orton Hill and vice versa.	SG to consider	TBC
Views to the rear (or east) or Mill View, the field to the east and north of Austrey Baptiste Church, the field to the rear (east) of Glebe Rise and the field to the north and east of Austrey C of E school. The views provide open space and countryside views provide a feeling of well being for the residents.	SG to consider	TBC
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"View to church across Bishops field. Entries to village from Orton Hill, Appleby Hill	SG to consider	TBC
Ensure private land usage does not impact on environmental well being of village. Eg using land for waster removal/ burning."	SG to consider	TBC
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The view across the bishops field , the view of the hill from the footpath behind the houses along main road,The views across the fields from cinders lane are what makes this village a great English village we need to preserve.	SG to consider	TBC

Q5. Should the updated Plan support farm diversification to secure future viability? This could include renewable energy schemes as part of measures to reduce carbon emissions and address climate change.

Comment	Response	Plan Update
No X 3	Noted	No change
Yes X 10	Keep AP4	No change
Depends on the suggested diversification X 30	Keep AP4 See Q6 responses for possible changes to wording	No further change

Q6. What other changes / new uses would you consider to be acceptable on farms and why?

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Xxxxx		No change
So long as it does not mean the removal of hedgerows	Hedgerows already protected in other policies and legislation	No change
Solar. Local business use similar to pimlico farm. Solar farms with grazing for sheep incorporated, livery stables and fields, provision for horse riding on farm land - maybe payable to the farmer? Wind turbines and solar have their place but their size should reflect the surrounding area and wild spaces should be improved wild flower and hedgerow planting.	AP4 protects landscape character	No change
Not sure ? However renewable energy is a good proposed use	-	No change
I don't have any suggestions	-	No change
We should support farmers. We need them so should give proposed changes full consideration. However, the hedges on the way towards Warton should not have been hacked!	-	No change
I am particularly opposed to using good farm land to produce inedible crops to feed an anerobic digester in persuit of a quick buck.	Best and most versatile farmland is mentioned in NPPF – perhaps add to Policy AP4.	Added to AP4.

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Very limited. Do not want to attract motorsports like stripers Hill outside Polesworth or petting zoos/visitor attractions given the existing queues on the a444 during summer.	Mention traffic impacts / noise / disturbance / roads in AP4.	Tranquillity and traffic impacts added to AP4.
Renewable energy schemes; more livestock Solar panels for the sake of the enviromemt	-	No change
No changes necessary	-	No change
Would prefer farms to be kept as farms	-	No change
None	-	No change
I would support solar farms (low rise / less intrusive) but nor wind farms	Wind turbines are already mentioned in supporting text..	Policy AP4 updated to require no significant impacts on landscape etc
Renewable energy schemes which do not have a detrimental impact on the landscape or views in and around the village. A shop selling produce grown or sourced from the farm (meat, dairy products, fruit or vegetables).	Mention farm shops.	Farm shops added to supporting text.
vineyards, forestation, cut flower - all aimed at reducing carbon emissions by local growing and production	Mention possible uses in supporting text. Most don't need pp	Suggestions added to supporting text.
"- No problem with photovoltaic systems provided they are sited with care.	-	No change
- If wind turbine(s) are proposed they should be sited at a sufficient distance from the nearest village residence that there is no impact from noise or flickering light. And, importantly, the investors should sign-up to a scheme in which local households benefit from reduced electricity prices."	Wind turbines already mentioned in supporting text. .	Community energy schemes mentioned.
Biodiversity	Doesn't need pp	No change
Farm shop?	Mention farm shops	Farm shops added to supporting text.
More live stock, selling local produce, even vineyards and fruit. More live stock, selling local produce, even vineyards and fruit.		Farm shops added to supporting text.
Reduce removal of hedges. Include wild meadow field straps for wildlife ecological purposes.	Hedges protected Wildlife doesn't need pp	No change
More live stock, selling local produce, even vineyards and fruit.	Doesn't need pp	Farm shops added to supporting text.

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Solar panels and all the roofs of the farm buildings single turbines were required for farm power. A community cooperative windfarm to power and local homes. These are important because if we don't stop climate change, they'll be nothing to protect.	Mention suggestions in supporting text for renewable energy.	Policy updated to refer to community led schemes
anything that makes it sustainable	-	No change

Q7. Should the Plan include guidance to promote high quality and sustainable design in new development by commissioning Design Codes (local guidance on things like materials, scale, height, sustainability etc)?

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Yes X 41	Commission design codes	References to design codes to be added to NDP.
No X 1	Noted	References to design codes to be added to NDP.

Q8. What do you think are important considerations in good design?

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Fits in with local surroundings and is similar to local design. Does not dwarf or overwhelm other properties of the surrounding countryside	Policy to refer to: Context	Consider in design codes
Xxxx	-	Consider in design codes
Making places where people WANT to live!	-	Consider in design codes
That they fit with surrounding properties and do not obscure views.	Context	Consider in design codes
In keeping with near by houses	Context	Consider in design codes
Meets current area astecics	Context	Consider in design codes
"Adequate parking, a space for each bedroom per house, that actually fits a modern sized car.	Sufficient parking	Consider in design codes

Comment	Response Policy to refer to:	Plan Update
Housing with character (not all identical, in each development).	Variety / visual interest	Consider in design codes
Allowing adequate space around the new builds, including their gardens, rather than the tendency to pack as many into a small space as possible. "	Density	Consider in design codes
needs to fit in with the other houses in the village using the same bricks ect	Context	Consider in design codes
Space	Density	Consider in design codes
Fits in with the local vernacular. All new should have solar panels at the least. Possibly heat pumps/ turbines	Context Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Materials, space both inside and around the building , adequate safe parking for residents and visitors	Density and space standards Sufficient parking	Consider in design codes
Future proof housing, but nothing too contemporary that would stand out for the wrong reasons.	Context Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
To fit in with the character of buildings already in Austrey	Context	Consider in design codes
Sustainable and environmentally friendly	Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Housing which reflects the heritage of the village, surrounding properties and should be environmentally sound i.e ground source heading, solar panels, insulation, tree planting, wild areas within the development.	Context Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Must be fitting within the current locality and have minimal impact on the village	Context	Consider in design codes
Similar aesthetics to other homes of a similar age, a conscious design over real life not just blue sky thinking about how people live. For eg there should be provisions for more car spaces per house hold, young people are living with family longer and this means more people having cars at one house. 2 spaces is not realistic and shows a lack of realistic design.	Context Sufficient parking	Consider in design codes
"The impact on surrounding areas during construction including traffic. Also impact on near neighbours long term. We should have a say on building design.	Residential amenity	Consider in design codes
I think the potholes are worse since we have had such heavy vehicles accessing the village for building work."	N/A	No change
I am not opposed to inovation, there are a number of impressive new houses in recent developments. I particularly like the run of houses on Main road adjacent to the vicarage. The Homestead could become a major contributor to the look of Main Road if sympathetically developed. The Village Hall is a gem that should be retained. For the	Context	Consider in design codes

Comment	Response Policy to refer to:	Plan Update
rest - market forces will dictate a style in keeping with the general affluence of the community.		
Ridge heights not exceeding neighbouring properties. Traditional design with brickwork and traditional render not modern composite or metal cladding. Suitably set back from the road. Side access to reasonable size gardens. Sustainable drainage. Renewable energy/low carbon energy sources. Ample parking facilities given the rural location many houses have at least 2 cars and allowances need to be made for visitors.	Height Context Access Sustainable design Parking	Consider in design codes
Energy efficient dwellings. Enough car parking spaces appropriate to house size.	Sustainable design Parking	Consider in design codes
Need to fit in with the village; the village has a mixed style of housing and the new developments need to be in line with the surrounding properties and other village properties	Context	Consider in design codes
Renewable energy	Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Fits in to current housing structure and design	Context	Consider in design codes
Existing villagers views spoiling what their views when buying properties	-	No change
To be in keeping with other property within the village. Not dense	Context	Consider in design codes
Keeping with existing properties	Context	Consider in design codes
Blending in with current area aesthetics. House types that keep house prices where they need to be for our village. If there were to be new houses, partner with regional housebuilders and not PLC's. Davidson's build beautiful housetypes something along that line who consider the area.	Context	Consider in design codes
Respect local aesthetic, and common periods of design	Context	Consider in design codes
It is difficult to identify any distinguishing local features which should be included in a design guide	-	No change
New development should reflect the fact that this is a village. We should avoid high density development , ensure ample parking space and green areas. New development should be of high quality, use sustainable construction methods and materials and ensure good drainage. New housing should fit with the style of nearby properties to blend well.	Context Car parking Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
"Maintaining the look and aesthetic of the village, good design whilst not trying to 'mimic' the original, Environmental sustainability, parking	Context Sustainable design	Consider in design codes

Comment	Response Policy to refer to:	Plan Update
I am going to put this here as i cant find where else to put it - how can we influence infrastructure and the constant robbing Peter to pay Paul scenario with the Telephone and internet lines and the drains and sewers which are struggling with the increased use from existing new builds.	-	No change
"- High quality, energy efficient buildings which are sympathetic to the village ambience.	Context Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
- Generous spacing between buildings rather than the usual crammed-in layout of modern developments.	Density	Consider in design codes
- Adequate parking spaces on site to avoid overspill into the village streets where traffic flow and pedestrian safety is already compromised."	Parking	Consider in design codes
Insulation , solar energy , thermal performance,landscape , environmental, longevity ,public spaces	Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Efficiency	Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Has to be of good quality and blend with what is already in the village	Context	Consider in design codes
Quality and house design that are not too outlandish/eccentric Quality and house design that are not too outlandish/eccentric.	Context	Consider in design codes
Fit in with aesthetics of existing housing. Energy and water efficiency. Sufficient infra structure to support development	Context Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Diversity in design so that developments don't look like a toy town. Longevity - will they still be attractive in 50 years? Quality and house design that are not too outlandish/eccentric.	Variety	Consider in design codes
Green energy use, individuality, affordability, fit in with the existing area	Sustainable design	Consider in design codes
Individual properties built in the local style (seen in the pub , Manor house etc. This needs to be built into a strict code to recreate the historic nature of the village, which has been eroded by standardised executive houses with no local character.	Context	Consider in design codes
Attractive well designed energy efficient for long term sustainability	Sustainable design	Consider in design codes

Q9. Should the Plan promote walking and cycling and reducing local reliance on cars?

Comment	Response	Plan Update
No X 7	Noted.	-
Yes X 33	Include in NDP	Include in Policy AP8

Q10. Do you have any ideas for how we can improve facilities to promote walking and cycling?

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Xxxxx	-	No change
A direct footpath to playing fields which does not facilitate the use of the road. It would encourage parents to let children and young people use this facility.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
More walking paths outside of the village, keep the fields in and around the village to allow safe walking route. maintain speed limits within the village to ensure it is safe for cyclist of all ages	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Introduce speed limits – refer to WCC?
Clearly defined footpaths - flat pavements that are not dangerous for older people /young children	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Improve pavements – refer to WCC?
better footpaths and cycle ways through village and outlying areas	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Improve footpaths
Ensure local public footpaths are kept accessible.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Improve footpaths
Make sure the footpaths are wide enough to be used by all , maintained properly with no vehicles parked on them. Speed restrictions on all village roads to 20mph to help create safe cycling space for all	SG to consider	Consider as PC action PROW Parking Speed
Cars a a must in a rural location with an irregular bus service, but building some walking routes and cycle paths would be a great thing, and well use, I imagine.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Improve PROW
None	-	No change
The school should have a walking bus for children in the village like it used to have.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Refer to school

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Ensure right of ways across fields are promoted and access maintained.	Maintain PROW	Consider as PC action
Protect the open spaces to enable people access to open fields and woodland places to walk and exercise	Settlement boundary	No change
This is a remote village, idealistic thinking needs to be coupled with reality. People need to leave the village for almost everything and there and cars will always be needed. Cycle lanes out of the village would make it safer for cyclists but there is NOTHING that will enforce less cars due to out remote location and the requirement for modern living	Noted.	Consider as PC action
Secure bike parking scope. Mirrors at some junctions. More slow down signs.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Bike parking?
There are at least 2 footpaths that are effectively closed due to the failure to control dogs on farms.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Refer to WCC?
Dropped kerb required on Newton Lane to allow easier crossing from Headlands/Paget Rise to footpath continuing to hollybank Park with buggies. Remove or reduce barrier width at footpath opposite Nicolas Close to Newborough Close as too narrow for modern wider pushchairs.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Refer to PC / WCC?
Cycle ways Cycle lanes	SG to consider	Consider as PC action Support cycling
Just stop building on the green area's where we walk at the moment	Settlement boundary	No change
The village already has sufficient walking and cycling routes. Any cycle routes would ruin the village feel	Noted.	No change
Conves mirrors on junctions. Austrey is crying out for a small tea room for dog walkers and cyclists.	Refer to farm diversification / business?	Consider as PC action Mirror
Improve foot paths, parking spaces and resident parking permits to avoid cars regularly parking on grass and on verges and abundance of commercial vehicles taking up space in narrow roads and cul-de-sacs like Holly bank. Holly bank needs more road space over grass bank as have seen several ambulances struggle, and not access for mobility scooters without using road	NDP cannot control parking	No change or refer to WCC?
Close some country lanes (e.g. Cinder Lane) to vehicles	NDP can't do this	No change
Reduce on road parking by providing ample parking for new housing. Maintain and protect public footpaths. Put weight restrictions on access roads into and through the village.	SG to consider	No change Refer to WCC

Comment	Response	Plan Update
"More benches around the village to allow rest breaks for those who would otherwise struggle.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
manage footpaths so that they are useable all year	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
traffic calming as you approach the village and for people leaving the village would make it safer to be on the footpaths and roads as a cyclist and pedestrian.	Refer to PC	Traffic calming – refer to WCC?
"- But, unfortunately, any significant improvement in cycling is beyond the scope of the parish, requiring long-distance routes to be developed.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
- A footpath up Norton hill - at least as far as the footpath across the fields - would avoid walkers having to climb the verge whenever a vehicle passes."	New PROW? SG to consider	Consider as PC action
More public footpaths ,increase safety on roads for cyclists, fill in pot holes , make bike lanes so children and parents can cycle to school safe place to store bikes at school .pelican crossing by on main road to st Nicholas close .	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
Better maintenance to paths and gateways	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
Hedges that border onto pathways should be kept maintained and cut back from overhanging	Refer to PC / landowners	Consider as PC action
Improvement of public footpaths, protection for cyclists and pedestrians on the roads. Improvement of public footpaths, protection for cyclists and pedestrians on the roads	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
No	-	-
Better signposting of public rights of way, maybe some maps of walks around the area.	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
Stop building in a a village with little local employment means everyone has two cars and drives to work.The local roads are too small to accommodate safe cycling.We need more footpaths that are well kept to enable local walking for health	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
We can't control the bad drivers that drive through our village. The standard of driving, especially speeding has increased since the new housing developments	SG to consider	Consider as PC action
20's plenty within village speed limits	SG to consider	New speed limit?

Q11. The 2021 Parish Housing Needs Survey showed a local need for smaller houses, houses for older people to downsize into while staying in Austrey, and more affordable housing. Should the Plan include a policy which sets out the types and sizes of houses needed in the Parish?

Comment	Response	Plan Update
Yes X 35	Include policy	Policy AP10
No X 9	Noted.	Policy AP10

Q12. What type of houses do you think are needed in Austrey eg size, social, market housing etc?

Comment	Response Note any not covered in Policy AP10	Plan Update
Bungalows and small houses for first time buyers with preference given to village young people	Noted	Include in AP10
Xxxxxx	-	-
Smaller one level homes suitable for older residents with easy care gardens.	Noted	Include in AP10
2 bed and affordable	Noted	Include in AP10
Single storey housing for our older residents	Noted	Include in AP10
I feel more smaller.family houses 3-4 beds so people can move up the property ladder when having families. but don't think the village needs anymore houses	Noted	Include in AP10
Austrey has had enough houses built in it recently. Every bit of spare land has been built on.	Noted	Include in AP10
social housing and bungalows but a block on more building sites of any great size	Noted	Include in AP10
As above - elderly downsizing, social housing, starter/affordable homes. Not just "executive" homes.	Noted	Include in AP10
2 bed cottage type homes , family homes all with adequate parking and garaging	Noted	Include in AP10
Smaller, affordable (but not social) housing, plus affordable bungalows	Noted	Include in AP10
Bungalows and smaller private houses	Noted	Include in AP10
None	-	
Bungalows and smaller homes for first time buyers.	Noted	Include in AP10

I don't think anymore houses are needed in Austrey , the previous target has been met and exceeded by quite a way from my recollection (What's the point in previous targets, if there is constant building ?) There are still ongoing builds in the village that I think are more than enough ...	Refer to PHNS NDP has to plan positively for some new development.	AP10 will support some new development.
Unfortunately there are times that you cannot cater for everybody's need and living in a village is one such time If you plan to cater for smaller houses, social housing, bungalows, high rise flats etc etc the village will become an extension of tamworth and this is not why people move here, the majority of people who live in the village have paid for the privilege and that's what keeps it a village ..	Refer to PHNS NDP has to plan positively for some new development	AP10 will support some new development.
I am in no way a NIMBY but really don't see what benefit further building will have. From a personal point of view if all the sites mentioned in this report were built on me and my family would move out of Austrey"	No sites in NDP	AP10 will support some new development.
I think there are no needs for the village. There is plenty of stock in the market ranging from terrace houses to large. There needs to be more evidence of low stock before we start thinking we need to build a specific types of housing. There is no need for social housing specifically as social housing in the village has no requirement to be populated by austrey villagers therefore its not a need of the village	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development.
Family affordable/appropriate houses to encourage young families.	Noted	Include in AP10
Bungalows & starter homes	Noted	Include in AP10
Since the 2021 survey many more houses have been built in Austrey including bungalows and affordable housing on Wulfric Avenue certainly enough for the respondents to the 2021 needs survey if they were genuinely determined to move. There are 8 3-4 bed properties on the market today starting from £300k which in todays market conditions I would argue presents reasonable affordable housing for the value offered. Rural properties, with larger gardens and village community feel are always going to attract a premium and should do. In the short term I see very limited need for additional housing.	Refer to PHNS Affordable housing has a technical definition in planning	AP10 will support some new development.
Longer term as the population ages there is arguably a greater need for smaller properties and bungalows but these would need to be located in easy walking distance of the village amenities of the shop, church, bus stop and pub and therefore suitable locations in these areas need to be identified. I would suggest no more than 500m from the shop would be reasonable for an elderly person with limited mobility and pavements and dropped kerbs for mobility aids would be necessary.	Covered in NDP in accessibility Policy AP8	No further change.

New development should include green spaces to ensure the rural nature of the village is reserved. Small cul de sacs should also be queried as people are regularly struggling to find some of the newer developments and turning down the wrong cul de sacs and having to turn around."	Refer to design policies	No further change
Affordable Bungalows and Houses to purchase 2 to 3 beds.	Noted	Include in AP10
I don't think the village can sustain any more housing but if we have to have it; bungalows for our older residents to downsize to and starter homes for our younger villagers to be able to buy as first homes	Noted	Include in AP10
3 bed semi detached I think is the most wanted house type but we need to be careful on not using too much green space to build these. Also don't want to put too much stress on local amenities such as the school when introducing more people to the village	Noted	Include in AP10
2 bed bungalows and houses	Noted	Include in AP10
Non really but if necessary bungalows as the aren't as obtrusive as houses	Noted	Include in AP10
The village does NOT need any further houses building. There is a wide range of properties within Austrey for sale, ranging from affordable houses to executive houses, many taking many months to sell. The village has been overdeveloped in recent years and is in danger of losing its rural feel, noting the vast majority of new houses have not been acquired by local people.	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development
None	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development
I moved to Austrey because of the small family village feel it has. It has a great community feel and is amazing to bring up small children here. I strongly disagree with the need for new housing estates. I think it would be at detriment to the village. Infrastructure would need to be considered, roads, schools, nuserys.	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development
Retirement homes	Noted	Include in AP10
As set out in Q11	-	-
Austrey needs housing for first time buyers who wish to stay in the village, and retirement bungalows for those wishing to downsize but remain close to friends and family. We don't have the infrastructure or amenities to support more large family housing.	Noted	Include in AP10
IF more houses are agreed then starter homes, houses for older people to downsize into while staying in Austrey, and more affordable housing	Noted	Include in AP10
Q 13 Further comments	-	-

The village has grown significantly since the 2014-29 Plan was developed and my understanding is that Austrey has contributed many more new homes than requested in the NWBC Local Plan. Our infrastructure – particularly the access roads - are already at breaking point. The crumbling road surface edges and pot holes of Norton Hill, from village to A444, is testament to the hugely increased traffic flow, much of which travels at too high a speed for visibility on the bends and the broken surface. A serious accident is simply a matter of time. The developers of any new housing in the village should be required to completely renew Norton hill, including reinforced edges with pedestrian pavement and marked passing places.	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development
In heavy rain, the drainage system in Norton Hill at the entrance to the village becomes overloaded resulting in a stream of water crossing the road surface as the camber changes. Particularly hazardous in freezing weather! Any proposed development of the fields behind Glebe Rise will require careful storm water control including a significant retention pond capacity if the flooding of Main Road or the houses in Glebe Rise is to be avoided."	Infrastructure	Refer to AP9
We do not feel Austrey requires any more housing .	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development
Smaller for older people	Noted	Include in AP10
Bungalows for retirees or older residents to down size into if they want to, this would free up more family homes while allowing older residents to get the facilities they need to stay in the village and stay independent. Starter homes are also needed to encourage younger residents as many homes in the village are currently priced over what a first time buyer would need. This would enable residents grown up children to stay local if they wish to	Noted	Include in AP10
Smaller houses that local young people can afford and if social housing is built, a policy where local young people have priority.	Noted	Include in AP10
Smaller houses that local young people can afford and if social housing is built, a policy where local young people have priority.	Noted	Include in AP10
Social and assisted living	Add assisted living to Policy AP10	Include in AP10
I believe that no further housing is needed in the village in the coming years. They village has seen substantial growth already and, does not have the amenities to support further population growth.	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development
Bungalows, social housing	Noted	Include in AP10

Small houses for sale to local young adults who wish to stay in village. Bungalows for downsizing. We have far too many executive style houses for one small village. Encouraging young families with small affordable housing is key, alongside downsizing properties	Noted	Include in AP10
We have enough houses now.	Refer to PHNS	AP10 will support some new development
Mix including downsizing property such as bungalow and affordable housing for young families and family housing	Noted	Include in AP10