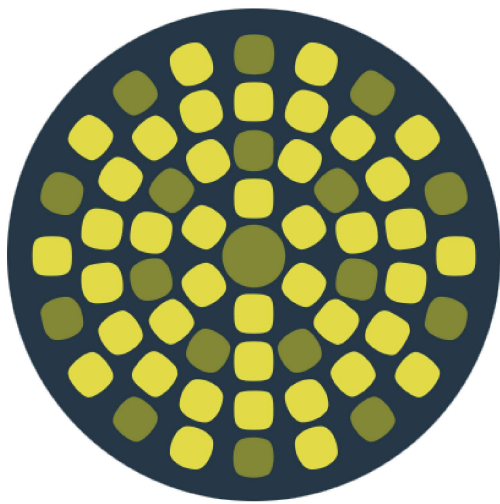


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BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

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Introduction

This Basic Conditions Statement (BCS) has been prepared by Cirencester Town Council to accompany its submission of the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan to Cotswold District Council (CDC) under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Town Council, which is the 'Qualifying Body' as defined by the regulations. The designated Neighbourhood Area covers the entire parished area of Cirencester as approved by CDC in October 2018.

Context

The Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the town from 2011 to 2031 and includes a range of policies on the development and use of land. These policies have been developed through extensive consultation with the local community and stakeholders, ensuring that the plan reflects the aspirations and needs of the town.

Legislative Framework

The preparation of the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan has been guided by the following national and local regulations and policies:

National Regulations

1. *Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)*: These regulations set out the procedures for the preparation of neighbourhood plans, including the requirements for consultation, submission, and examination.
2. *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)*: The NPPF provides a framework within which local plans and neighbourhood plans are prepared. It emphasises the importance of sustainable development, community engagement, and the alignment of neighbourhood plans with strategic policies. NPPF has recently been revised and a draft version is currently being consulted upon. For the purposes of this BCS, the adopted version, dated December 2023 has been used.

Local Plan Policies

1. *Cotswold District Local Plan 2011-2031*: The Local Plan, adopted on 3 August 2018, provides the strategic context for the Neighbourhood Plan. It includes policies on housing, employment, environment, and infrastructure that the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with.
2. *Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)*: These documents provide additional guidance on specific topics such as affordable housing and design, which have been considered in the preparation of the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan. Key documents in this category include a Design Code for the public realm of Cirencester, as prepared by Cirencester Town Council (2017) and the Cotswold Design Code, which is Appendix D in the adopted Cotswold Local Plan (2018).

The Basic Conditions

The Neighbourhood Plan must meet the following basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990:

1. *Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan.*
2. *The making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.*
3. *The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).*
4. *The making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.*

Community Engagement

Community engagement has been a cornerstone of the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan process. The Town Council has undertaken a comprehensive programme of consultation to ensure that the views and needs of local residents, businesses, and stakeholders are fully reflected in the plan. Key activities included:

1. *Public Meetings & Workshops*: A series of public meetings and workshops were held to gather initial ideas and feedback on draft policies.
2. *Surveys & Questionnaires*: Residents were invited to complete surveys and questionnaires to provide detailed input on specific issues and priorities.
3. *Focus Groups*: Focus groups were conducted with key stakeholder groups, including local businesses, community organisations, and youth representatives.
4. *Consultation Events*: Drop-in sessions and exhibitions were organised to present draft proposals and gather further feedback.

5. *Online Engagement:* A dedicated website and social media channels were used to share information and updates, and to collect comments and suggestions from the wider community.

The feedback received from these activities has been instrumental in shaping the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan, ensuring that it addresses the key concerns and aspirations of the local community. Full details of all the consultation activities can be found in the accompanying Consultation Statement.

Incorporation of Community Engagement Results

The results gathered from community engagement activities was reviewed and analysed to ensure that the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan accurately reflects the priorities and concerns of residents. Here are some examples of how policy areas were shaped by community input:

1. Environment & Green Spaces:

- *Community Feedback:* There was significant support for the protection and enhancement of local green spaces and biodiversity.
- *Policy Response:* Policies were developed to safeguard existing green spaces, promote the creation of new ones, and enhance biodiversity through specific measures such as tree planting and habitat restoration.

2. Transport & Infrastructure:

- *Community Feedback:* Concerns were raised about traffic congestion and the need for improved public transport and cycling infrastructure.
- *Policy Response:* The Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan includes policies aimed at improving public transport links, enhancing cycling and walking routes, and implementing measures to reduce congestion and improve road safety.

3. Local Economy:

- *Community Feedback:* Residents highlighted the importance of supporting local businesses and creating job opportunities within the town.
- *Policy Response:* Policies were introduced to encourage the development of small business units, support home-based businesses, and promote local markets and events to boost the local economy.

4. Heritage & Design:

- *Community Feedback:* The community emphasised the need to preserve the town's historic character and ensure new developments are in keeping with the local architectural style.
- *Policy Response:* Design guidelines were established to ensure that new developments respect the historic character of the town, with specific criteria for building materials, styles, and layouts.

By incorporating this feedback, the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan aims to create a balanced and sustainable framework for the future development of the town, ensuring that it meets the needs and aspirations of the community.

Schedule of Planning Policies contained in the Submission Plan

- POLICY TC1 – TOWN CENTRE AND AREAS OF DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER
- POLICY AM 1 – THE CIRENCESTER SPOKE & WHEEL CYCLE AND FOOTPATH NETWORK
- POLICY AM 2 – TOWN & COUNTRY CONNECTIONS
- POLICY AM 3 – THE PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE
- POLICY AM4 – INTEGRATED MOBILITY HUB
- POLICY AM5 – STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS & TRANSPORT LINKS
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- POLICY QPR2 – QUALITY STREETS & SPACES
- POLICY QPR3 – SOCIAL & CIVIC SPACES
- POLICY QPR4 – HERITAGE TRAILS & WAYFINDING SYSTEMS
- POLICY TMN1 – 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOODS
- POLICY NE1 – NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL HABITAT SCHEMES
- POLICY NE2 – WILDLIFE CORRIDORS
- POLICY NE3 – GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION & ENHANCEMENT
- POLICY NE4 – LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATIONS
- POLICY NE5 – GREEN GAPS
- POLICY LE1 – PROTECT & ENHANCE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
- POLICY LE2 – PROVISION FOR INNOVATIVE WORK SPACES, NEW & SMALL BUSINESSES
- POLICY LE3 – SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
- POLICY LE4 – NEW EMPLOYMENT PREMISES & DESIGN QUALITY
- POLICY WBC1 – AIR QUALITY
- POLICY WBC2 – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC OPEN SPACES FOR ALL
- POLICY WBC3 – ACCESS TO PLAY SPACES
- POLICY WBC4 – COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- POLICY WBC5 – DESIGNING OUT CRIME
- POLICY WBC6 – LIGHT POLLUTION
- POLICY WBC7 – NOISE POLLUTION

Set out over the following pages, is the relationship between the 35 Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan policies (above) and as contained in the submission version of the plan, and the NPPF (December 2023) and the adopted Cotswold District Local Plan (2018).

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POLICY TC1 – TOWN CENTRE AND AREAS OF DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres** (Paragraphs 90-95)
 - Focuses on defining a network and hierarchy of town centres, promoting their long-term vitality and viability by allowing them to grow and diversify.
2. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Supports economic growth and productivity, which includes the role of town centres in providing employment and business opportunities.
3. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision of community facilities and services within town centres to support social interaction and community well-being.
4. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of good design in town centres to create attractive, accessible, and functional spaces.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policies EC7 and EC8: Town and Local Centres**
 - Supports the development and enhancement of town and local centres, ensuring they remain vibrant and viable.
2. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy, including the role of town centres in providing a mix of uses and supporting economic growth.
3. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments in town centres to be of high quality and contribute positively to the character and appearance of the area.
4. **Policy INF2: Social and Community Infrastructure**
 - Supports the provision of social and community infrastructure within town centres to enhance their role as community hubs.

These policies and paragraphs ensure that town centres in Cotswold District, such as Cirencester are supported and enhanced, maintaining their role as vibrant and sustainable hubs for the community.

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POLICY AM 1 – THE CIRENCESTER SPOKE & WHEEL CYCLE AND FOOTPATH NETWORK

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Prioritises pedestrian and cycle movements within new developments and connections to neighbouring areas.
 - Encourages the provision of high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure to promote sustainable transport choices.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of safe and accessible routes for walking and cycling to enhance community health and well-being.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating walking and cycling routes into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of walking and cycling networks to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport.
2. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the integration of walking and cycling routes within green infrastructure networks to enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for walking and cycling infrastructure, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
4. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the needs of pedestrians and cyclists in their design, promoting safe and convenient access.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote walking and cycling as sustainable and healthy modes of transport, ensuring that new developments are designed to support these activities.

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POLICY AM 2 – TOWN & COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Prioritizes pedestrian and cycle movements within new developments and connections to neighbouring areas.
 - Encourages the provision of high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure to promote sustainable transport choices.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of safe and accessible routes for walking and cycling to enhance community health and well-being.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating walking and cycling routes into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of walking and cycling networks to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport.
2. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the integration of walking and cycling routes within green infrastructure networks to enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for walking and cycling infrastructure, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
4. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the needs of pedestrians and cyclists in their design, promoting safe and convenient access.

These policies and paragraphs ensure that connections are integral parts of the planning and development process, promoting healthier and more sustainable communities, even in rural areas.

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POLICY AM 3 – THE PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Prioritises pedestrian movements within new developments and connections to neighbouring areas.
 - Encourages the provision of high-quality walking infrastructure to promote sustainable transport choices.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of safe and accessible routes for walking to enhance community health and well-being.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating walking routes into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.

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1. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of walking networks to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport.
2. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the integration of walking routes within green infrastructure networks to enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for walking infrastructure, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
4. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the needs of pedestrians in their design, promoting safe and convenient access.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote walking as a sustainable and healthy mode of transport, ensuring that new developments are designed to support pedestrian movement.

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POLICY AM4 – INTEGRATED MOBILITY HUB

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Prioritises the development of high-quality public transport systems and encourages layouts that maximise the catchment area for bus or other public transport services.
 - Supports the integration of public transport facilities into new developments to promote sustainable transport choices.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision of public transport options to enhance community health and well-being.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating public transport facilities into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.

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1. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of public transport networks to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport.
2. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for public transport infrastructure, ensuring it is integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
3. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the integration of public transport routes within green infrastructure networks to enhance accessibility and reduce environmental impact.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote public transport as a sustainable and efficient mode of transport, ensuring that new developments are designed to support and enhance public transport options.

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POLICY AM5 – STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS & TRANSPORT LINKS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Emphasises the importance of strategic transport links to support sustainable development and economic growth.
 - Encourages the development of transport infrastructure that connects key economic areas and supports the movement of goods and people efficiently.
2. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Highlights the role of strategic transport links in enhancing productivity and supporting economic growth.
3. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Supports the development of transport infrastructure that contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and managing climate change impacts.

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1. **Policy INF1: Strategic Infrastructure Delivery**
 - Focuses on the delivery of strategic transport infrastructure to support sustainable development and economic growth.
2. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of strategic transport links to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport options.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for strategic transport links, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that strategic transport links are developed to support sustainable growth, enhance connectivity, and contribute to environmental sustainability.

POLICY AM6 – SUSTAINABLE AND ACTIVE TRAVEL

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

4. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Prioritises pedestrian and cycle movements within new developments and connections to neighbouring areas.
 - Encourages the provision of high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure to promote sustainable transport choices.
5. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of safe and accessible routes for walking and cycling to enhance community health and well-being.
6. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating walking and cycling routes into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

5. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of walking and cycling networks to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport.
6. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the integration of walking and cycling routes within green infrastructure networks to enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities.
7. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for walking and cycling infrastructure, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
8. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the needs of pedestrians and cyclists in their design, promoting safe and convenient access.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote walking and cycling as sustainable and healthy modes of transport, ensuring that new developments are designed to support these activities.

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POLICY DBE1 – DESIGN QUALITY

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of high-quality, beautiful, and sustainable design in new developments.
 - Encourages the preparation of design guides and codes to set clear design expectations.
 - Highlights the role of effective community engagement in the design process.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of safe, inclusive, and accessible environments through good design.
3. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Encourages well-designed commercial and industrial developments to support economic growth.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to be of high quality and to respect the character and appearance of the area.
2. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy, including design quality considerations for new developments.
3. **Policy EN4: The Wider Natural and Historic Environment**
 - Ensures that new developments contribute positively to the natural and historic environment through good design.
4. **Cotswold Design Code**
 - Provides detailed guidance on achieving good design in the district, covering architectural styles, materials, and green infrastructure.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that new developments are well-designed, enhancing the quality of life for residents and contributing positively to the character of the area.

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POLICY DBE2 – PROTECTION OF LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE VIEWS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of good design in protecting and enhancing valued landscapes and views.
2. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Focuses on protecting and improving the natural environment, including the protection of important views and landscapes.
3. **Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment** (Paragraphs 195-208)
 - Highlights the need to protect views that contribute to the significance of heritage assets.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN4: The Wider Natural and Historic Environment**
 - Ensures that new developments do not adversely affect important views and landscapes.
2. **Policy EN5: Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**
 - Protects the scenic beauty and views within the Cotswold AONB.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include considerations for protecting important views and landscapes.
4. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to respect and enhance the character and appearance of the area, including the protection of key views.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that important views and landscapes are protected and enhanced through careful planning and design.

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POLICY DBE3 – REDEVELOPMENT AND CONVERSION OF EXISTING PROPERTIES

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Making Effective Use of Land** (Paragraphs 123-130)
 - Encourages the conversion of existing buildings to support the efficient use of land and meet housing and economic needs.
2. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Supports the conversion of existing properties for business use to enhance economic growth and productivity.
3. **Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment** (Paragraphs 195-208)
 - Promotes the sensitive conversion of historic buildings to maintain their significance while allowing for adaptive reuse.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EC6: Conversion of Rural Buildings**
 - Supports the conversion of rural buildings for employment, tourism, and community uses, ensuring that conversions are sympathetic to the character of the building and its surroundings.
2. **Policy H4: Housing Development and Conversion**
 - Encourages the conversion of existing buildings to residential use, particularly where it contributes to meeting local housing needs.
3. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires that conversions respect the character and appearance of the existing building and its setting.
4. **Policy EN10 & EN13: Historic Environment**
 - Ensures that the conversion of historic buildings preserves their significance and contributes positively to the historic environment.

These policies and paragraphs aim to facilitate the conversion of existing properties in a way that supports sustainable development, economic growth, and the preservation of historic and rural character.

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POLICY DBE4 – PROTECTION OF NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

- 1. Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment (Paragraphs 195-208)**
 - Specifically addresses the protection of non-designated heritage assets, emphasising their conservation and enhancement.
 - Paragraph 209 highlights that non-designated heritage assets of archaeological interest, which are demonstrably of equivalent significance to scheduled monuments, should be considered subject to the policies for designated heritage assets.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

- 1. Policy EN12: Historic Environment**
 - Focuses on the protection and enhancement of non-designated heritage assets, ensuring that their significance is taken into account in planning decisions.
- 2. Policy EN10: Historic Environment**
 - Ensures that the conservation of non-designated heritage assets is considered in the planning process, promoting their retention and appropriate reuse.
- 3. Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires that new developments respect and enhance the character and appearance of the area, including the protection of non-designated heritage assets.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that non-designated heritage assets are protected, and their significance is considered in planning decisions.

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POLICY DBE5 – NET-ZERO & ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES IN THE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Emphasises the importance of planning for climate change mitigation and adaptation, including the promotion of energy efficiency and the transition to a low-carbon future.
 - Paragraph 164 specifically requires local authorities to give significant weight to the need to support energy efficiency and low carbon heating improvements.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Encourages the integration of energy efficiency measures into the design of new developments to create sustainable and resilient communities.
3. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Supports the development of green industries and technologies, including energy-efficient construction practices.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to incorporate sustainable design principles, including energy efficiency measures.
2. **Policy INF10: Renewable Energy**
 - Supports the development of renewable energy projects and the integration of renewable energy technologies into new developments.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for energy efficiency and sustainable construction practices.
4. **Policy INF10 & Net Zero Carbon Toolkit (Cotswold District)**
 - Provides detailed guidance on achieving net-zero carbon homes, covering all stages of the build process from pre-planning to construction.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote energy efficiency and support the transition to a low-carbon future through sustainable design and construction practices.

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POLICY DBE6 – ENERGY USE IN NEW BUILDINGS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Emphasises the importance of planning for climate change mitigation and adaptation, including the promotion of energy efficiency and the transition to a low-carbon future.
 - Paragraph 164 specifically requires local authorities to give significant weight to the need to support energy efficiency and low carbon heating improvements.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Encourages the integration of energy efficiency measures into the design of new developments to create sustainable and resilient communities.
3. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Supports the development of green industries and technologies, including energy-efficient construction practices.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to incorporate sustainable design principles, including energy efficiency measures.
2. **Policy INF10: Renewable Energy**
 - Supports the development of renewable energy projects and the integration of renewable energy technologies into new developments.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for energy efficiency and sustainable construction practices.
4. **Policy INF10 & the Net Zero Carbon Toolkit (Cotswold District)**
 - Provides detailed guidance on achieving net-zero carbon homes, covering all stages of the build process from pre-planning to construction.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote energy efficiency and support the transition to a low-carbon future through sustainable design and construction practices.

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POLICY DBE7 – HOMES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Delivering a Sufficient Supply of Homes** (Paragraphs 60-80)
 - Encourages the provision of a range of housing types, including homes in multiple occupancy (HMOs), to meet the diverse needs of the community.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of inclusive and mixed communities, which can include HMOs as part of the housing mix.
3. **Making Effective Use of Land** (Paragraphs 123-130)
 - Promotes the efficient use of land, including the conversion of existing buildings into HMOs to meet housing needs.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy H4: Housing Development and Conversion**
 - Encourages the conversion of existing buildings to residential use, including HMOs, particularly where it contributes to meeting local housing needs.
2. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires that conversions to HMOs respect the character and appearance of the existing building and its setting.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for HMOs, ensuring they are integrated into the community and meet local housing needs.

These policies and paragraphs aim to support the provision and integration of homes in multiple occupancy within the community, ensuring they contribute positively to meeting housing needs and maintaining the character of the area.

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POLICY QPR1 – ILLUMINATED SIGNAGE

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Specifically addresses the need to limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes, and nature conservation.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN8: Biodiversity and Geodiversity**
 - Includes measures to minimise light pollution to protect wildlife and natural habitats.
2. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the impact of light pollution and incorporate design measures to mitigate it.
3. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation and enhancement of green infrastructure, which includes considerations for reducing light pollution to protect dark skies.

These policies and paragraphs aim to manage and reduce light pollution, ensuring that new developments are designed to protect the natural environment and local amenity.

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POLICY QPR2 – QUALITY STREETS & SPACES

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the creation of safe, accessible, and high-quality public spaces that promote social interaction and community well-being.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of good design in creating attractive, functional, and inclusive streets and civic spaces.
3. **Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres** (Paragraphs 90-95)
 - Supports the development of vibrant town centres with high-quality public spaces that enhance the user experience.

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1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to include high-quality design principles that enhance the character and appearance of streets and civic spaces.
2. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to ensure that new developments contribute to the creation of high-quality public spaces.
3. **Policy INF2: Social and Community Infrastructure**
 - Supports the provision of social and community infrastructure, including high-quality public spaces, to enhance community well-being.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that streets and civic spaces are designed to be attractive, functional, and inclusive, enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors.

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POLICY QPR3 – SOCIAL & CIVIC SPACES

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the creation of safe, accessible, and high-quality public spaces that promote social interaction and community well-being.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of good design in creating attractive, functional, and inclusive streets and civic spaces.
3. **Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres** (Paragraphs 90-95)
 - Supports the development of vibrant town centres with high-quality public spaces that enhance the user experience.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to include high-quality design principles that enhance the character and appearance of streets and civic spaces.
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 - Guides the overall development strategy to ensure that new developments contribute to the creation of high-quality public spaces.
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POLICY QPR4 – HERITAGE TRAILS & WAYFINDING SYSTEMS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Prioritises pedestrian movements within new developments and connections to neighbouring areas.
 - Encourages the provision of high-quality walking infrastructure to promote sustainable transport choices.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of safe and accessible routes for walking to enhance community health and well-being.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating walking routes into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.

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1. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of walking networks to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport.
2. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the integration of walking routes within green infrastructure networks to enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for walking infrastructure, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
4. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the needs of pedestrians in their design, promoting safe and convenient access.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote wayfinding systems, ensuring that new developments are designed to support pedestrian movement.

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POLICY TMN1 – 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOODS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Prioritises pedestrian and cycle movements within new developments and connections to neighbouring areas.
 - Encourages the provision of high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure to promote sustainable transport choices.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Supports the creation of safe and accessible routes for walking and cycling to enhance community health and well-being.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating walking and cycling routes into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.

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1. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of walking and cycling networks to reduce reliance on car travel and support sustainable transport.
2. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the integration of walking and cycling routes within green infrastructure networks to enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for walking and cycling infrastructure, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
4. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the needs of pedestrians and cyclists in their design, promoting safe and convenient access.

These policies and paragraphs aim to promote walkable neighbourhoods and ensure that new developments support walking and cycling as sustainable and healthy modes of transport.

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POLICY NE1 – NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL HABITAT SCHEMES

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Emphasises the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity, including the creation and maintenance of wildlife corridors and rewilding initiatives.
 - Paragraph 182 specifically supports the establishment of coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision of green infrastructure, which can include wildlife corridors and rewilding projects to support community health and well-being.
3. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Supports the use of natural solutions, such as rewilding and the creation of wildlife corridors, to mitigate climate change impacts and enhance biodiversity.

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1. **Policy EN8 & EN9: Biodiversity and Geodiversity**
 - Promotes the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, including the creation of wildlife corridors and support for rewilding projects.
2. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to incorporate green infrastructure, such as wildlife corridors, to enhance biodiversity and support rewilding efforts.
3. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the development and enhancement of green infrastructure networks, which can include wildlife corridors and rewilding areas.

These policies and paragraphs aim to support and enhance biodiversity through the creation of wildlife corridors and rewilding initiatives, contributing to the resilience and sustainability of natural environments.

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POLICY NE2 – WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Emphasises the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity, including the creation and maintenance of wildlife corridors and rewilding initiatives.
 - Paragraph 182 specifically supports the establishment of coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision of green infrastructure, which can include wildlife corridors and rewilding projects to support community health and well-being.
3. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Supports the use of natural solutions, such as rewilding and the creation of wildlife corridors, to mitigate climate change impacts and enhance biodiversity.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN8 & EN9: Biodiversity and Geodiversity**
 - Promotes the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, including the creation of wildlife corridors and support for rewilding projects.
2. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to incorporate green infrastructure, such as wildlife corridors, to enhance biodiversity and support rewilding efforts.
3. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Encourages the development and enhancement of green infrastructure networks, which can include wildlife corridors and rewilding areas.

These policies and paragraphs aim to support and enhance biodiversity through the creation of wildlife corridors and rewilding initiatives, contributing to the resilience and sustainability of natural environments.

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POLICY NE3 – GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION & ENHANCEMENT

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1. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision and enhancement of green infrastructure to support community health and well-being.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating green infrastructure into the design of new developments to enhance the quality of life and environmental sustainability.
3. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Focuses on protecting and improving natural environments, including green infrastructure, for recreation and biodiversity.
4. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Supports the use of green infrastructure to mitigate climate change impacts and manage flood risks.

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1. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation, protection, and enhancement of green infrastructure networks, ensuring that green spaces are accessible and beneficial to the community.
2. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to include high-quality green infrastructure that contributes to the natural environment and community well-being.
3. **Policy EN3: Local Green Spaces**
 - Designates specific areas as Local Green Spaces, protecting them from development and ensuring they remain accessible for community use.
4. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for green infrastructure, ensuring it is integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that green infrastructure is an integral part of new developments, enhancing the quality of life for residents and supporting environmental sustainability.

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POLICY NE4 – LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATIONS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

- 1. Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities (Paragraphs 96-107)**
 - Encourages the designation of Local Green Spaces to protect areas of particular importance to local communities.
 - Paragraph 106 specifically states that Local Green Spaces should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in homes, jobs, and other essential services.
- 2. Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment (Paragraphs 180-194)**
 - Supports the protection and enhancement of green infrastructure, which includes Local Green Spaces.

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- 1. Policy EN3: Local Green Spaces**
 - Designates specific areas as Local Green Spaces, protecting them from development and ensuring they remain accessible for community use.
- 2. Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation, protection, and enhancement of green infrastructure networks, which include Local Green Spaces.
- 3. Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for Local Green Spaces, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected and enhanced, contributing to the well-being of the community and the natural environment.

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POLICY NE5 – GREEN GAPS

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Protecting Green Belt Land** (Paragraphs 142-156)
 - Emphasises the importance of preventing urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open, which includes maintaining green gaps between settlements.
2. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Supports the protection of valued landscapes and the preservation of green gaps to prevent the coalescence of settlements.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Encourages the design of new developments to respect and enhance the character of the area, including the maintenance of green gaps.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to prevent the coalescence of settlements and maintain green gaps.
2. **Policy EN4: The Wider Natural and Historic Environment**
 - Ensures that new developments do not adversely affect important landscapes and green gaps between settlements.
3. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to respect the character and appearance of the area, including the preservation of green gaps.

These policies and paragraphs aim to prevent the coalescence of settlements and maintain green gaps, ensuring that new developments respect and enhance the character of the area.

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POLICY LE1 – PROTECT & ENHANCE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Emphasises the importance of supporting economic growth and productivity, including the protection and enhancement of economic activity.
2. **Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres** (Paragraphs 90-95)
 - Supports the role of town centres in providing employment and business opportunities, enhancing their economic activity.
3. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision of community facilities and services that support economic activity and local businesses.
4. **Making Effective Use of Land** (Paragraphs 123-130)
 - Promotes the efficient use of land for economic purposes, including the redevelopment of underutilised sites.

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1. **Policy EC1: Employment Development**
 - Supports the provision of new employment sites and the expansion of existing businesses to enhance economic activity.
2. **Policy EC2: Safeguarding Employment Sites**
 - Protects existing employment sites from being lost to other uses, ensuring spaces are available for economic activity.
3. **Policy EC3: Small-Scale Employment Development in Rural Areas**
 - Encourages small-scale employment development in rural areas, supporting local economic activity.

These policies and paragraphs aim to support and enhance economic activity through strategic planning and development.

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POLICY LE2 – PROVISION FOR INNOVATIVE WORK SPACES, NEW & SMALL BUSINESSES

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Encourages the development of flexible workspaces to support new and growing businesses.
 - Emphasises the importance of supporting economic growth and productivity, especially in areas with high levels of deprivation.
2. **Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres** (Paragraphs 90-95)
 - Supports the diversification of town centres to include a range of uses, including innovative workspaces and small business hubs.
3. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Highlights the role of planning in creating environments that support social interaction and community facilities, which can include spaces for small businesses and startups.
4. **Making Effective Use of Land** (Paragraphs 123-130)
 - Encourages the use of previously developed land and buildings for new business ventures and innovative workspaces.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EC1: Employment Development**
 - Supports the provision of new employment sites and the expansion of existing businesses, including innovative workspaces.
2. **Policy EC2: Safeguarding Employment Sites**
 - Protects existing employment sites from being lost to other uses, ensuring that there are spaces available for new and small businesses.
3. **Policy EC3: Small-Scale Employment Development in Rural Areas**
 - Encourages small-scale employment development in rural areas, supporting the growth of small businesses and innovative workspaces outside of urban centres.

These policies collectively aim to create a supportive environment for new and small businesses, fostering innovation and economic growth in both urban and rural areas.

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POLICY LE3 – SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Emphasises the importance of supporting skills development to enhance productivity and economic growth.
2. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision of community facilities and services that support skills development and lifelong learning.
3. **Promoting Sustainable Transport** (Paragraphs 108-117)
 - Highlights the role of transport infrastructure in providing access to education and training opportunities.
4. **Supporting High Quality Communications Infrastructure** (Paragraphs 118-122)
 - Supports the development of digital infrastructure to facilitate online learning and skills development.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EC1: Employment Development**
 - Supports the creation of employment opportunities that include training and skills development for local residents.
2. **Policy EC2: Safeguarding Employment Sites**
 - Ensures that employment sites are retained for uses that can provide training and skills development opportunities.
3. **Policy EC3: Small-Scale Employment Development in Rural Areas**
 - Encourages small-scale employment development that includes provisions for skills training and development in rural areas.

These policies aim to create an environment that supports skills development, enhancing the local workforce's capabilities and contributing to economic growth.

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POLICY LE4 – NEW EMPLOYMENT PREMISES & DESIGN QUALITY

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Building a Strong, Competitive Economy** (Paragraphs 85-89)
 - Supports the development of new employment premises to boost economic growth and productivity.
2. **Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres** (Paragraphs 90-95)
 - Encourages the creation of diverse and vibrant town centres, including high-quality employment spaces.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of good design in new developments, including employment premises, to create attractive and sustainable environments.
4. **Making Effective Use of Land** (Paragraphs 123-130)
 - Promotes the efficient use of land for new employment premises, ensuring that developments are sustainable and well-integrated into the existing urban fabric.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EC1: Employment Development**
 - Supports the provision of new employment sites and the expansion of existing businesses, with a focus on high-quality design.
2. **Policy EC2: Safeguarding Employment Sites**
 - Ensures that existing employment sites are protected and enhanced, maintaining their quality and suitability for business use.
3. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Sets out design principles to ensure that new developments, including employment premises, are of high quality and contribute positively to the character of the area.
4. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy, including the location and design of new employment premises, to ensure they meet the needs of the community and economy.

These policies aim to create high-quality, well-designed employment spaces that support economic growth and enhance the local environment.

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POLICY WBC1 – AIR QUALITY

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Specifically addresses the need to sustain and contribute towards compliance with relevant limit values or national objectives for pollutants, taking into account the presence of Air Quality Management Areas and Clean Air Zones.
 - Encourages planning policies and decisions to ensure that new development is appropriate for its location, taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions, and the natural environment.
2. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Supports the development of green infrastructure to improve air quality and mitigate climate change impacts.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN15: Pollution and Contaminated Land**
 - Requires new developments to minimise and mitigate air pollution to protect human health and the environment.
2. **Policy INF3: Sustainable Transport**
 - Promotes the development of sustainable transport options to reduce air pollution from vehicle emissions.
3. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Ensures that new developments consider the impact of air pollution and incorporate design measures to mitigate it.

These policies and paragraphs aim to manage and reduce air pollution, ensuring that new developments are designed to protect the natural environment and local amenity.

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POLICY WBC 2 – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC OPEN SPACES FOR ALL

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision and enhancement of green spaces to support community health and well-being.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating green spaces into new developments to enhance the quality of life and environmental sustainability.
3. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-202)
 - Focuses on protecting and improving natural environments, including the provision of accessible green spaces for recreation and biodiversity.
4. **Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding, and Coastal Change** (Paragraphs 157-179)
 - Supports the use of green infrastructure to mitigate climate change impacts and manage flood risks, enhancing access to green spaces.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to include high-quality green spaces that are accessible to the community and contribute to the natural environment.
2. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation, protection, and enhancement of green infrastructure networks, ensuring that green spaces are accessible and beneficial to the community.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for green spaces, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
4. **Policy EN3: Local Green Spaces**
 - Designates specific areas as Local Green Spaces, protecting them from development and ensuring they remain accessible for community use.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that green spaces are an integral part of new developments, enhancing the quality of life for residents and supporting environmental sustainability.

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POLICY WBC 3 – ACCESS TO PLAY SPACES

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision of safe and accessible play spaces as part of creating healthy communities.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating play spaces into the design of new developments to enhance the quality of life.
3. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-202)
 - Supports the protection and enhancement of natural environments, including the provision of accessible play spaces for recreation and well-being.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to include high-quality, accessible play spaces that contribute to the well-being of the community.
2. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation and enhancement of green infrastructure networks, ensuring that play spaces are accessible and beneficial to the community.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for play spaces, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
4. **Policy EN3: Local Green Spaces**
 - Designates specific areas as Local Green Spaces, protecting them from development and ensuring they remain accessible for community use.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that play spaces are an integral part of new developments, enhancing the quality of life for residents and supporting community well-being.

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POLICY WBC 4 – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages the provision and enhancement of community facilities to support social interaction and community well-being.
2. **Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres** (Paragraphs 90-95)
 - Supports the inclusion of community facilities in town centres to enhance their vitality and viability.
3. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of integrating community facilities into the design of new developments to create attractive and functional spaces.
4. **Supporting High Quality Communications Infrastructure** (Paragraphs 118-122)
 - Highlights the role of digital infrastructure in supporting community facilities and services.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy INF2: Social and Community Infrastructure**
 - Supports the provision and enhancement of social and community infrastructure, ensuring that facilities are accessible and meet the needs of the community.
2. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include provisions for community facilities, ensuring they are integrated into new developments and accessible to residents.
3. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to include high-quality community facilities that contribute to the well-being of the community.
4. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation and enhancement of green infrastructure networks, which can include community facilities such as parks and recreational areas.

These policies and paragraphs aim to ensure that community facilities are an integral part of new developments, enhancing the quality of life for residents and supporting community well-being.

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POLICY WBC 5 – DESIGNING OUT CRIME

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities** (Paragraphs 96-107)
 - Encourages planning policies and decisions to aim for places that are safe, inclusive, and accessible, where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion.
2. **Achieving Well-Designed and Beautiful Places** (Paragraphs 131-141)
 - Emphasises the importance of good design in new developments to create safe environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to incorporate design principles that reduce opportunities for crime and fear of crime, ensuring that places are safe and secure.
2. **Policy INF2: Social and Community Infrastructure**
 - Supports the provision of community infrastructure that includes measures to design out crime, enhancing the safety and security of public spaces.
3. **Policy DS1: Development Strategy**
 - Guides the overall development strategy to include considerations for designing out crime, ensuring that new developments contribute to safe and secure environments.

These policies and paragraphs aim to integrate crime prevention measures into the planning and design process, creating safer and more secure communities.

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POLICY WBC 6 – LIGHT POLLUTION

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Specifically addresses the need to limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes, and nature conservation.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN15: Pollution and Contaminated Land**
 - Requires new developments to minimise and mitigate noise pollution to protect human health and the environment.
2. **Policy EN8: Biodiversity and Geodiversity**
 - Includes measures to minimise light pollution to protect wildlife and natural habitats.
3. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Requires new developments to consider the impact of light pollution and incorporate design measures to mitigate it.
4. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation and enhancement of green infrastructure, which includes considerations for reducing light pollution to protect dark skies.

These policies and paragraphs aim to manage and reduce light pollution, ensuring that new developments are designed to protect the natural environment and local amenity.

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POLICY WBC 7 – NOISE POLLUTION

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

1. **Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment** (Paragraphs 180-194)
 - Specifically addresses the need to prevent new and existing development from contributing to, being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of noise pollution.

Cotswold District Council Local Plan (2018)

1. **Policy EN15: Pollution and Contaminated Land**
 - Requires new developments to minimise and mitigate noise pollution to protect human health and the environment.
2. **Policy EN2: Design of the Built and Natural Environment**
 - Ensures that new developments consider the impact of noise pollution and incorporate design measures to mitigate it.
3. **Policy INF7: Green Infrastructure**
 - Promotes the creation and enhancement of green infrastructure, which can help mitigate noise pollution and improve the quality of life.

These policies and paragraphs aim to manage and reduce noise pollution, ensuring that new developments are designed to protect the natural environment and local amenity.