



A Neighbourhood Plan for Crewkerne: Draft Aims and Objectives Consultation

Thank you to all those who completed the initial questionnaire for the Neighbourhood Plan. Following on from that, the Steering Group has taken the findings and developed a set of draft aims and objectives. We now need to consult on these and once they are finalised they will form the basis for the further development of the plan and the eventual creation of policies that will form the bulk of the Neighbourhood Plan itself.

You can respond to and return this form as explained at the end of this section. There will also be drop-in sessions in the Local Information Centre at the Town Hall:

- Friday 23rd (10am-1pm, 5pm-7pm) and
- Saturday 24th June (10am – 1pm).

This document contains the draft aims and a summary of the proposed objectives. A full version is available online at www.crewkerneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk and via the Town Council website and as hard copies in the Local Information Centre in the Town Hall and in the Library.

To respond on this form please select a number after each point with 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree. At the end of each section there is a box for comments. Write the number of the item you wish to comment on and then add your comment. If you need more space there is an additional page at the end of the form.

Complete by selecting from the options and adding any comments in the spaces provided.

Please return the forms by saving and sending as an email attachment to towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk by Monday 3rd July.

Draft Aims

The initial questionnaire had aims identified from a 2016 community survey which acknowledged Crewkerne's community spirit, the desire for a vibrant town centre, improved access for all, encouragement and support for local businesses and safe, clean and attractive environments. The draft aims for the Neighbourhood Plan continue to reflect these main themes.

(Please score: 1 = strongly disagree; 5 = strongly agree)

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| 1. Support and enhance Crewkerne's strong community spirit.
(Community spirit) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Support housing provision which addresses local needs and creates a demographically mixed and balanced community. (Community spirit) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Support a thriving town centre by sustaining and growing its commercial and social offer and enhancing its environment. (Town centre) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Improve access for all with appropriate transport solutions. (Access) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Support, sustain and grow the town's local economy, its businesses and employers. (Business support) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Protect and enhance the natural environment to ensure that people, flora and fauna occupy a safe, secure, attractive, clean and biodiverse town. (Environment) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Respond positively to the challenges posed by a changing climate by supporting sustainable development and measures to mitigate impact and adapt to change. (Environment) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. Protect heritage assets and their setting and the character of the historic and built environment. (Built environment) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Comments on Draft Aims:

Summary of Objectives

The objectives are proposed steps to be taken to achieve the aims. Policies (yet to come) are specific actions to be carried out to fulfil the objectives. For example, an objective to support and enhance community spirit might be to provide, improve or protect community facilities. A policy would be to provide, improve or protect a specific facility.

(Please score: 1 = strongly disagree; 5 = strongly agree)

A strong community

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| 1. Protect, enhance and provide community, recreation and sports facilities, civic urban and local green spaces. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Ensure facilities are available to support social, education and health services and activities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Housing

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| 3. Ensure housing proposals meet local needs to create a balance of housing stock with a range of dwelling tenures, sizes and types. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Support community and Trust-led housing which provide affordable housing. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Town Centre

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| 5. Support projects and proposals which enhance the attractiveness of the town as a destination. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Protect retail and other town centre uses from inappropriate change of use while maintaining the opportunity for the economic viability of the town centre. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Thriving local economy

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| 7. Support start-up, micro and small-medium sized businesses. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. Support proposals which help to increase and broaden the local visitor and tourist economy. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Easy access

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| 9. Improve existing routes and provide additional safe routes for pedestrians, mobility-scooter users and cyclists in town and between key destinations. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. Support projects and proposals which enable increased use of low carbon and sustainable transport modes (e.g. bicycles, EV's, buses) and which introduce traffic management and calming measures. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| 11. Protect existing car parking provision and extend to meet needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. Ensure all development proposals provide sufficient off-street parking and that all traffic impacts are considered and adverse impacts mitigated. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Environment

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| 13. Support high levels of energy efficiency and small scale energy generation in all new developments. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. Produce principles and guidance within a Crewkerne Design Guide* on how all new and regenerated and redeveloped buildings respond positively to challenges of climate change. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. Ensure Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are applied and managed in all new developments. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. Protect and enhance the green and blue (water) infrastructure. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. Protect and secure valued local landscapes, their settings and their contribution to forming and framing important views and vistas. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. Protect existing and provide new trees and hedgerows. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19. Ensure all development proposals protect and enhance the natural and semi-natural environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. Protect nationally and locally recognised heritage assets. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 21. Protect and enhance the character of the built environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 22. Ensure high quality design of all proposals through a Crewkerne Design Guide. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 23. Ensure housing design and layout reflects local character and distinctiveness through a Crewkerne Design Guide. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Comments on Draft Objectives:

Additional comments: