

Newbury's NDP (Draft) Objectives

HERITAGE AND DESIGN

Goal:

To preserve the historic, market town character of Newbury, while creating a centre for modern, innovative working and living.

Objectives:

DH1 – To keep the town centre vibrant with a mix of retail, leisure, residential and business.

DH2 – To secure a balanced residential mix of houses and flats, including appropriate affordable and social housing.

DH3 - To encourage the use of design, materials, and detailing sympathetic to the character of Newbury's heritage and support contemporary design rooted in an understanding of its context.

DH4 – To identify and conserve historic buildings of Newbury and adopt a flexible approach to their future use and occupation, thus ensuring their preservation and enjoyment.

DH5 - To preserve and enhance our existing garden suburbs, as defined in the Newbury Town Plan Chapter 5¹, and their context.

DH6 - To preserve and protect important views and open spaces across the town and the suburbs.

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Goal:

To achieve zero carbon and aim for net carbon gain for Newbury by 2030.

Objectives:

SU1 - To mandate high standards in building practices that promote and aspire to 'Passivhaus'² principles in residential buildings.

SU2 – To promote retrofitting and reuse of existing buildings above redevelopment

¹ The Newbury Town Plan can be accessed from the Newbury Town Council website, here:

<https://newbury.gov.uk/the-council/key-documents/town-plan/>

² 'Passivhaus' principles in the UK typically include accurate design modelling using the Passive House Planning Package (PHPP), very high levels of insulation, extremely high-performance windows with insulated frames airtight building fabric, 'thermal bridge free' construction, and a mechanical ventilation system with highly efficient heat recovery (Passivhaus (2022) 'What is Passivhaus?', Available at:

https://www.passivhaustrust.org.uk/what_is_passivhaus.php#2 Accessed on: 23/03/2022)

and unnecessary demolition - as a sustainable alternative.

SU4 - To increase EV charging points, for both on street parking and for new developments.

SU7 – To encourage the highest sustainability standards for new developments, aiming for carbon neutral or better.

BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE

Goal:

To enhance biodiversity and wildlife in Newbury.

Objectives:

BW1 – To preserve, enhance, and where possible, increase our green spaces.

BW2 - To preserve and enhance our blue spaces (canal and rivers).

BW3 - To facilitate and where possible, create wildlife corridors.

BW4 - To promote the inclusion of public open green and blue spaces in developments.

BW5 – To plan for an increase in biodiversity and wildlife habitat over and above that in the Environment Act 2021 in all future developments.

BW6 – To promote tree planting, community orchards, and community gardens.

TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

Goal:

To reduce car dependence and increase and facilitate active transport. To provide public transport that is attractive to use, affordable and green.

Objectives:

TA1 - To remove all but essential traffic from the town centre.

TA2 – To improve and prioritise the walking and cycling routes and infrastructure into Newbury and throughout the town.

TA3 – To facilitate improved green public transport in town and into town from outlying areas.

TA4 – To strategically plan car parking that reduces the need for car use within the town centre.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Goal:

To create in Newbury an inclusive, cohesive, and resilient community for all ages and backgrounds.

Objectives:

CF1 – To ensure the Town’s facilities cater for diverse communities with particular emphasis on a broad range of facilities for young people, as well as for families, the elderly, and disabled.

CF2 – To promote increased access for NHS healthcare, both medical and dental, within the planning process.

CF3 – To actively encourage leisure and cultural facilities in the town centre.

CF4 - To keep community facilities in Newbury’s suburbs.

CF5 - To promote Newbury as a sporting destination.

CF6 - To promote Newbury’s Market Place and wharf.

ECONOMY AND ENTERPRISE**Goal:**

To facilitate vibrancy, innovation, and resilience in business through the planning system.

Objectives:

EE1 - To restrict permitted development rights thus maintaining office space within the town centre and to promote these spaces for other commercial uses.

EE2 - To encourage the use of co-working spaces across the town.

EE3 – To facilitate the creation of incubator and accelerator hubs and high-quality offices.

EE4 - To promote Newbury as a business destination.