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KEY ISSUES & OBJECTIVES

The **KEY ISSUES** are the detailed stated needs and wants of the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area Residents and Village Community within the defined **FRAMEWORK**, identified by surveys and other forms of opinion gathering of the residents including the opinions of the ONF Steering Committee (SC).

In addition, it includes the direction and opinions of the relevant Health, Education, other Authorities and community groups who have a direct interest in infrastructure and facility provision within the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area.

This is a 'living' document which will be presented regularly to the SC to ensure its development and evolution remains a true reflection of the community's needs.

The **KEY ISSUES** all fall within the context of the **VISION** statement and will lead to the identification of higher-level **OBJECTIVES** and detailed **POLICIES** and **PROPOSALS** which the SC will define and construct for incorporation into the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Plan.

The **OBJECTIVES** are a distillation of the **KEY ISSUES** into a higher-level form for inclusion in our Neighbourhood Plan. All key issues are mapped to the objectives (Diag 1).

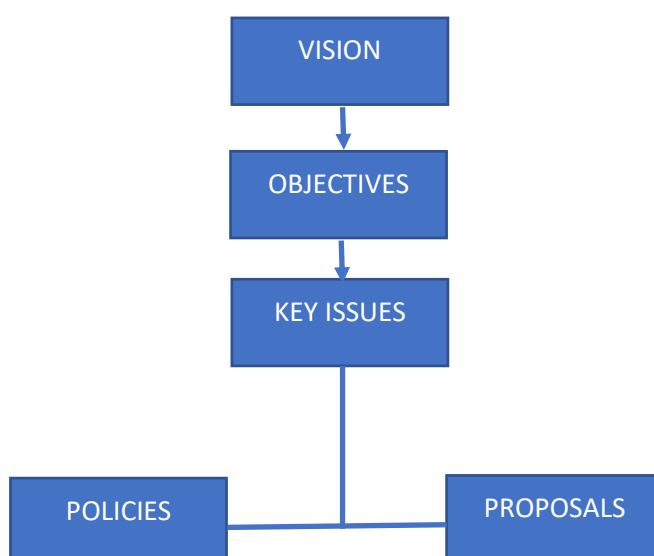


Diagram 1: ONF Framework Hierarchy

KEY ISSUES:

KI01.Ottershaw should remain a village.

Definition: A contiguous settlement of limited scale which is surrounded by areas and corridors of open space be it farmland or protected, publicly accessible open and wooded areas.

KI02.Village must retain Identity and character.

Definition:

Identity: A settlement which, for each of its character areas is able to retain all the primary attributes of that area as laid down in the relevant Design Code, Character Area section.

Character: A settlement which, for each of its character areas is able to retain all the detailed characteristics of that area as laid down in the relevant Design Code, character Area section.

KI03.Village must be safe, convenient and friendly.

Definition:

Safe: A village centre & surrounding neighbourhood area which facilitates travelling by any means with a minimum of risk. An environment which builds community confidence in their personal security and that of their neighbours.

Convenient: A village which provides all the primary needs of residents within a comfortable walking distance.

Friendly: A village which is built strongly upon the principles of community.

KI04.Village must retain and enhance its sense of Community.

Definition: To maximise opportunities to develop facilities and services which contribute towards improving social interaction & development.

- Identifying community shortfalls.
- Where practicable, extend use of existing halls & facilities.
- Consider filling gaps with new community facilities or expanding existing.

KI05.The ONF & its NP should seek to maintain & improve its NA's Open Spaces (protectable green space, SANGs, Green Belt, Recreational Fields, other open spaces.)

Definition:

- Ensure Borough policies for the above reflects Ottershaws needs as far as possible. Develop NP policies where it does not.
- Requirements for management & layout of Ottershaw East SANG.
- Ensure all SANG are managed and funded to acceptable levels.
- Define locations for allotments.
- Consider and identify candidate locations for reforesting some SANG/open areas.

KI06. Infant & Junior Schools should be maintained, developed and located sufficient to best meet the educational and pastoral needs of the local community.

Definition:

- Identify current capacity & mix of local & non-local attendees.
- Review all school facilities & their life expectancy and level of utilisation.
- Predict future capacity demands.
- Identify options for resolving capacity issues.

KI07. The Village centre (Character Area CA1) should remain at its current location.

Definition: Existing retail parades to be retained. Any future development of the centre should be around this focal point.

KI08. The GP surgery and services should be enhanced & relocated to Ottershaw East.

Definition:

- Identify limitations of existing facilities & location.
- Assist GPs in developing new scope and requirements for facilities.
- Ensure relocation plans are facilitated by NP policies.

KI09. A Plan should be developed to determine the relative feasibility of sites for potential housing development such that the community can be prepared for any future council initiatives.

Definition:

- Explore further the “developability” of known council proposed candidate development sites including:
 - Great Grove Farm [Charter Park] (SL46)
 - Land South of Great Grove Farm (SL273)
 - Xmas Tree Farm (SL284)
 - Cacti Nursery (SL323)
 - 232 Brox Rd (SL77)
 - Land West of Guildford Rd (SL355)
 - Hillswood Business Campus (SL418)
 - Ottershaw East-Field End Nursery (SL263 part)
 - Willow Farm (SL235)
- Identify any possible other locations for development in our NA.
- Ensure that as a minimum Feasibility, Size, Function, Type, Mix, Design, Tenure and SANG provisions are considered in each case.

KI10. Elderly housing and care facilities should be improved & expanded if required.(Where and how much?)

Definition:

- Study current & planned provision for suitability & capacity.
- Consider potential sites if further provision is required.
- Develop requirements for high quality, M4 government policy compliant level access accommodation to ensure any new housing stock is suitably configured. (purpose built & normal housing)

KI11. Primary Schools should seek to maximise their ability to share space & facilities with other elements of the community.

Definition:

- Review current facilities & their usage/availability.

KI12. Community sports & recreation facilities should be updated & expanded to better meet the needs of the population.

Definition:

- Memorial Fields facilities updated.
- Elderly & youth activities expanded and better supported.
- Play space(s) created near village centre.
- Indoor facilities developed & better utilised.

KI13. Heavy goods vehicle users should be reduced & where possible relocated outside of Village.

Definition: Explore relocation options for HUNTs & Atlas inside and outside our NA.

KI14. The Village centre appearance and utility should be improved to create a better environment. (Existing retail, hospitality, car park should be improved including access.

Definition: Including consideration of:

- Parade appearance/signage. Improvement.
- Softer Landscaping/floral displays.
- Use of pavement space.
- Architectural enhancements to facades.
- Integration across existing parades.
- Bus Stop relocation and road widening.
- Heritage view enhancements/preservation.
- On street vehicle parking.
- Cycle parking.
- Retail mix improvement including reduction in duplication.
- New bus stop furniture.
- Improved disabled access.
- Traffic control/reduction.
- Pedestrian crossing addition(s).
- Expand function, accessibility & scope of existing facilities such as Social Club.

KI15. Additional shops & facilities should be introduced to provide a “one place” location for shopping and social mixing.

Definition: Artisan/independent businesses including potentially the following on North side of Murray Rd:

- Priority 1: Coffee shop with outside sitting space & village views.
- Priority 2: Bakery.
- Priority 3: Delicatessen.
- Priority 3: Butchers.
- Priority 1: Conveniences/Baby changing/disabled toilet.

- Priority 1: Open green space/village green.
- Priority 2: Space for periodical small markets etc.
- Priority 1: Play area(s).
- Priority 1: Landscaping/screening.
- Consider availability of part of Miller & Carter site for development.

KI16. Roadside/green infrastructure connectivity & quality.

Definition: Consider the following:

- Improvement of internal paths on Gt Grove Fm.
- Reconnect GGF paths to N & W.
- Upgrade & improve FP through South of Ottershaw E development to cyclepath.
- Investigate & re-establish any additional historic FPs.
- Connect FP Ottershaw Chase Westward towards Chobham.
- Consider using metalled entry road in Ottershaw Chase as NCN route to connect at Dunford Br.
- Connect Ottershaw East SANG FP to Rowtown on Brox La.
- Improve roadside Chobham road to Fairoaks. (Mostly outside our NA)
- Connect roadside path S Brox Rd to Guildford Rd (either through woods or at Jct).
- Extend NCN 223 South of A320 roundabout. (widen FP)
- Introduce cyclepath along N side of Murray Rd & Spinney Hill.
- Consider crossings at the following locations:
 - Jct Slade/Brox/Bousely.
 - S end Brox across Guildford Rd.
 - GGF FP across Murray Rd nr Slade Rd.
 - N of A320 roundabout across Guildford Rd.
 - Cross Lane across Chobham Rd to Ether Hill.
 - Chobham Rd nr roundabout (Curchods).
 - Fletcher Rd by schools.
 - N end Brox Rd in Village centre.
 - Guildford Rd by Church.

KI17. Influence the reduction of the severance of the Village by the A320. [Subject to SCC Planning].

Definition:

- Maintain & enhance "Heritage" views between N & S sides of Guildford Rd. (Murray Ho/Old school/Chapel/Forge/M&C/OVH/Curchods).
- Improve pedestrian & cycle ability to cross N/S, S/N of A320. Keep crossing distances to minimum.
- Minimise width of new roundabout/roundabout development.
- Establish N/S pedestrian/cycle crossings in. (N of roundabout to facilitate NE residents access to village)
- Reduce traffic at A320 roundabout (link road to Murray Rd).
- Close off Murray Rd Jct with A320 at roundabout to facilitate pedestrian/cycle crossing.
- Further (post new roundabout) traffic reduction solutions for Guildford Rd (St Peter's Way to Otter Roundabout).
- Upgrade specific footpaths to provide cyclable routes across NA.

KI18. Traffic congestion, speed and volumes require resolution. [Subject to SCC Planning].

Definition – Consider the following:

- Improve street configuration in village centre.
- Improve on-street car parking in village centre.
- Traffic calming/speed restrictions village centre.
- ANPR/speed restrictions/calming Slade/Brox Rds.
- Close one or 2 carriageways Murray Rd jct A320.
- Improve right turn S end Brox Rd.
- Speed restrictions Chobham Rd.
- Traffic reduction solutions for Foxhills Rd, Murray Rd (west end), Guildford Rd (St Peter's Way to Otter Roundabout) .

KI19. Nursery & Pre-Schools should be maintained, developed and located sufficient to best meet the educational and pastoral needs of the local community.

Definition:

- Identify current capacity & mix of local & non-local attendees.
- Review facilities & their level of utilisation.
- Predict future capacity demands.
- Identify options for resolving capacity issues.

KI20. Provide facilities for potential business requirements.

Definition:

- Community Business Hub, ideally in or close to the village centre.
- Business area locations for possible future development to include small industrial.

KI21. Retain, conserve, and enhance the range of National, locally listed and landmark buildings and structures, within the Area.

Definition:

- Identify any extra candidate HB/HS.
- Define "landmark" buildings in NA for future protection/preservation.

KI22. Preserve & enhance all the natural vegetation & wildlife within our Neighbourhood Area including all roads and approaches.

Definition:

- Identify all Flora & Fauna present within our NA.
- Ensure all hedgerows of significance are retained wherever practicable.
- Ensure all trees of significance are retained wherever practicable.
- Ensure all new developments make maximum habitat provision for:
 - Locally existing wildlife.
 - Attracting new wildlife to the area.
- Ensure all new developments maximise the use of open space and sympathetic planting and landscaping.

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K123. Ensure that new developments are configured in order to minimise the consumption of non-sustainable power sources and maximise development self-sustainability. Impacts upon the environment should be minimal.