



Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) 2018 – 2031

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) are a Government Initiative first introduced in 2011. When agreed, they have the legal weight to allow local people to say how they want to see the development of their town over the next 20 years.

An NDP uses evidence and local resident's views to:

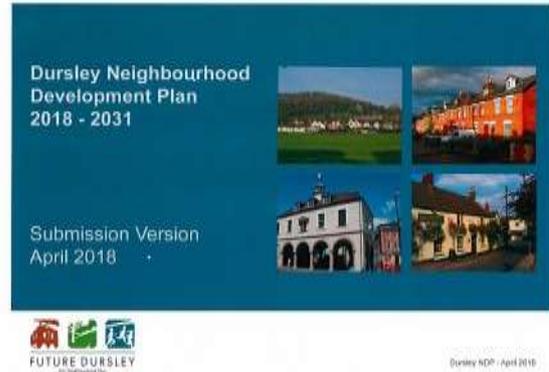
- Identify where new development could take place
- Protect and embrace green spaces, play areas and wildlife
- Support the local economy
- Influence what new buildings look like

The process in Dursley has involved:

- The formation of a local volunteer-led steering group in 2014
- Consultation with multiple groups and people and liaison with surrounding Parishes and the District Council;
- Research and analysis to inform the evidence base
- Development of key objectives with six main themes.

The draft plan has been produced by the steering group, with the help of planning experts. It has been reviewed by residents and key stakeholders through an extensive

consultation process. It is available for the people of Dursley to view online at: www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan or a hard copy at the Library or Town Council offices.



VISION FOR DURSLEY

In 20 years' time, Dursley will continue to retain its position as the prime Market Town serving the South of Stroud District, capitalising on its rich landscape and its location on the Cotswold Way. It will be a strong community and a place where people of all ages choose to live and work in a safe and accessible environment. It will be a place where wildlife thrives and where the natural environment and green spaces can be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

The Vision and Policies to take the Town forward over the next 20 years.

The NDP Objectives and Policy headings

- Environment and Sustainability
- Housing
- Economy
- Design
- Services and Facilities
- Traffic and Transport

Policy Overview

1. To protect and enhance wildlife and biodiversity.
2. To support a range of suitable housing in order to maintain our mixed community.

3. To support and develop the local economy, including the Town Centre and Tourism.
4. To ensure that new developments reflect the distinctive character of Dursley.
5. To protect and expand existing community facilities including allotments, green spaces and play areas.
6. To improve public transport, parking, traffic management and connections for cyclists and pedestrians.

3. Cambridge Avenue and Play Area
4. Land off Acacia Drive
5. Land off Hardings Drive
6. Long Street Town Green
7. Union Street Green
8. Holywell Orchard

Specific Policies have been developed to meet the Objectives

These deal with

- The Green Infrastructure, ancient woodlands, key views and landscape
- Housing development and housing quality
- Safeguarding of employment sites and encouraging new businesses
- Supporting Town Centre retail and encouraging visitor accommodation
- Preserving the Town's character and encouraging good design
- Sustaining and developing community facilities
- Maintaining and enhancing play areas
- Safeguarding Local Green Space Designations
- Improving car parking as well as connections for cyclists and pedestrians.

LOCAL GREEN SPACES

An NDP can allow us to have special protection for green spaces that are important to Dursley. Please see the list below for the green spaces we would like designated through the plan. If approved, these spaces will be protected from future development.

Proposed Local Green Space Designation

1. Kingshill House and Play Park
2. Highfields Play Park and Field



Cambridge Avenue Play Area

What's next?

Stroud District Council has published the Notice of the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan proposal under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (As Amended) and the Localism Act 2011. **The period for making representations will run until 27th July 2018.**

Representations should be emailed to ndp.consultation@stroud.gov.uk or in writing to Simon Maher, Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud GL5 4UB.

An independent examination of the plan will take place in the Summer and a referendum in the Autumn 2018 or early 2019. If agreed and supported by a majority of residents the plan will be adopted by the District Council and become a statutory document.

This means that the plan will be taken into account when planning applications are considered or proposals made.