**ENVIRONMENT**

**Policy DED - ENV1: Protection and enhancement of the rural character of the Parish**

(a) The Neighbourhood Plan consultations showed that residents have a strong regard for the environment of the Parish, in particular the Deddington Conservation Area, the high quality landscape, historic monuments, listed buildings and the built character of the villages.

(b) Any new development must:

- respect and enhance the historic and natural environment of the Parish, particularly the Deddington Conservation Area, scheduled monuments, listed buildings and other heritage assets;

- ensure that locally important views and vistas, including the setting of heritage assets, are maintained or enhanced.

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| 01 | ENV1 | Do not allow new development – only update existing structures? | Send to ‘Housing’ |
| 02 | ENV1 | Heritage assets should be protected as should the open spaces. | Included in ENV1(b) |

(c) Any new development must be located and designed so that it is visually compatible with its surroundings and setting, and positively contributes to the traditional rural character of the parish of Deddington.

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| 03 | ENV1 | No hideous red brick new builds. | Compatibility is included in ENV1(c) |
| 04 | ENV1 | Thanks, I live in a red brick house. V energy efficient, own parking, v quiet, lovely neighbours. Love Mill Close. | Refers to 03, not to a policy |
| 05 | ENV1 | Modern design and materials should not be excluded. | Provided they are compatible ENV1(c) |
| 06 | ENV1 | Our ancestors built in their current style. We should allow good modern buildings not just pastiche. | Provided they are compatible ENV1(c) |

(d) New developments are expected to retain and enhance surrounding open spaces, stone walls, ditches, hedgerows and trees which are important to local character and as wildlife habitats.

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| 07 | ENV1 | I can’t see how any new development can be in character with the village. I sincerely would hope that no hedge or important tree would be removed. | Compatible with ENV1(d) |
| 08 | ENV1 | Investigate hedgerow regulations. | Paul will look into this. |

(e) All applications for development must clearly set out how the proposals have taken the foregoing requirements into account.

(f) Proposals which would introduce development to isolated sites in the open countryside, or which would adversely affect the tranquillity, unspoilt character or amenity value of the landscape, will not be permitted.

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| 09 | ENV1 | (f) Terrific | Supports policies. |
| 10 | ENV1 | I agree with these policies. | Supports policies. |
| 11 | ENV1 | Agree | Supports policies. |
| 12 | ENV1 | This is all generic – it could apply to anywhere. Where is the actual plan? | Still at consultation stage and setting criteria. |
| 13 | ENV1 | Green spaces should be enhanced in positive ways ie planting community orchards with indigenous species of the area. | To be encouraged. |
| 14 | ENV1 | I agree with these policies. | Supports policies |
| 15 | ENV1 | Keep the countryside. | Statement. |
| 16 | ENV1 | Congratulations on what you have done. I moved into the village and am delighted with the good access to excellent walks into the countryside. R Johnson. | Statement. |
| 17 | ENV1 | Clifton has large areas of potential land, development of which would support the local pub. | Move comment to Housing. |
| 18 | ENV1 | The environment nice for walks. | Statement |

**Policy DED - ENV2: Adequacy of infrastructure**

It is recognised that the foul drainage and water supply systems serving the Parish are close to or at their limits.

No full planning application for development will be permitted unless it has been specifically confirmed by the relevant utility provider that the foul drainage and water supply infrastructure has adequate capacity or, if not and an upgrade is required, until it has been confirmed that any necessary upgrade works have been completed and consequently there is adequate capacity.

The foregoing shall apply mutatis mutandis to surface water drainage, gas and electricity supply.

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| 19 | ENV2 | I think that this is very important – ie good policy. | Supports policy. |
| 20 | ENV2 | There is a dire need for recycling facilities in the actual village and not outside of. How do the non drivers and elderly reach these. | To be investigated for the future – possibly incorporate into a new development.  Steering Group to discuss. |
| 21 | ENV2 | Largely irrelevant as utility providers have a duty to do this anyway. | Statement |
| 22 | ENV2 | Agree with these, particularly ENV1 and ENV2 where infrastructure must not be compromised by new development. | Supports policies. |
| 23 | ENV2 | Agree. | Supports policies. |
| 24 | ENV2 | Various sewers are already under pressure. No development without improvement. | Incorporated in policy |
| 25 | ENV2 | There are sewerage systems that can be tailored for individual sites not reliant on mains drainage. | Only for individual houses – not relevant to this policy. |
| 26 | ENV2 | Agree with these policies ENV1 and 2 in particular. | Supports policies. |
| 27 | ENV2 | Why not make initial statement apply to all utilities and then discuss specifics such as foul H20 and H20 pressure. | This is covered in the policy. |
| 28 | ENV2 | The water pressure has always been appalling (53 years of experience) | Noted. |
| 29 | ENV2 | Current infrastructure doesn’t support current population adequately. More development will lead to more population!! Simple | Supports what is already in the ENV2 policy. |

**Policy DED - ENV3: Energy efficiency**

High levels of resource efficiency will be expected. Any new development must/should incorporate the use of sources of renewable energy and be designed so as to minimise carbon emissions, conserve thermal and electrical energy and the use, recycling and discharge of water. All development proposals must demonstrate how this requirement has been taken into account. Construction methods and materials should be used that have been demonstrated to reduce carbon emissions in their manufacture and use.

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| 30 | ENV3 | “Must” should read “should encourage” ie not be mandatory. | Comments 30 and 31 need to be checked from legal perspective. (check legal challenge regarding solar panels near Winchester?) |
| 31 | ENV3 | Is it legally doable to replace “should” with “must” – may violate recent government prohibition on requiring ones? | See above |
| 32 | ENV3 | Is there a site that could be considered to provide renewable energy for the parish? | Nothing available |
| 33 | ENV3 | Deddington parish could lead the way as a neighbourhood committed to the best environment standards and self sufficiency. | Supports policy |

**Policy DED - ENV4: Impact of lighting**

Any external lighting proposed to be installed in connection with any new development must be designed so as not to be visually intrusive nor cause ~~adverse effects due to~~ light pollution. All lighting must meet high levels of energy efficiency.

Any full planning application must contain sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

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| 34 | ENV4 | I strongly agree that the essence of the village should be protected. It is a village and not a small town so we understand the need to not illuminate everything. | Supports policy |
| 35 | ENV1-4 | ENV1-4 I think that these are all excellent policies. | Supports policy |
| 36 | ENV4 | ENV4 should be linked to HOU5. | Not necessary |
| 37 | ENV4 | Impact of light pollution of great concern. | Supports policy |
| 38 | ENV4 | Switch off some lights after midnight? | Outside our jurisdiction – OCC? |
| 39 | ENV4 | ? cause light pollution omit “adverse due? | Accepted – policy reworded |

GENERAL COMMENTS

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| 40 | ENV1-4 | The Environment is fundamentally important to Deddington and I agree with all these policies. | Supports policies. |
| 41 | ENV1-4 | I support the environment – keep Deddington RURAL | Supports policies. |

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| 42 | ENV1-4 | These policies are very local plannish and could apply anywhere. Are there any examples of good practice in Deddington or ideas submitted about where the principles could most easily be applied (perhaps the School Ground site)? | To note any specific comments that have been made earlier and consider whether this suggestion should be taken up. |
| 43 | ENV2 | ENV2 delete “have been completed and consequently there is adequate capacity'' and substitute "will be completed in time to serve the new development". | Leave as it is. |
| 44 | ENV3 | ENV3 This policy is about more than energy efficiency. I suggest new title "Renewable energy and sustainable design and construction". | We are happy with the current title. |
| 45 | ENV3 | In the 2nd sentence should refer to recycling (see Local Plan) not just use and discharge of water. | Noted and amended. |
| 46 | ENV3 | Also wherever possible recycled building materials should be used. I think the word "their” is missing in the final sentence between "in" and "manufacture". | Move to Housing for comment.  Noted |
| 47 | ENV4 | ENV4 Add “on the locality'' between "adverse effects" and "due to..". | Not necessary. |