SPROWSTON TOWN COUNCIL – SPROWSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - MONITORING REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

| Neighbourhood Policies | Aim of Policy | What has happened in last 12 months | Action required |
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| Policy 1 | Protection of open space and wildlife. Protection of locally important open | No environmental assets lost to development. Harrisons Wood opened | Continue to progress Harrisons Wood project. Acquire lease of Cottage Plantation and secure |
| | space from development. | up for public access. The opportunity to take leasehold of Cottage Plantation and ownership of residual woodland has been presented. | ownership of residual woodland with continued management by Norwich Fringe Project. Continue to give further protection to other sites in Sprowston. |
| Policy 2 | Development designed to fit the local area and create a strong sense of place. | Housing development design approved at planning application stage for White House Farm and Manor Reach. | More affordable housing and to meet the needs of the elderly and those with disabilities. |
| Policy 3 | Housing development to be within settlement limits or on allocated sites. | All development has been within the settlement limited or on allocated sites. Former office building converted to provide affordable housing. | See Policy 18. |
| Policy 4 | Encouragement of businesses at Wroxham Road and School Lane local centres. | No new businesses have been developed at these locations. No loss of retail businesses in any location. | Continue encouraging businesses working with Broadland Council Economic Development Team. |
| Policy 5 | To encourage vacant buildings to be used for start-up businesses, retail, corner shops | No vacant buildings apparent. | Continue to monitor. |
| Policy 6 | Support the new and expansion of businesses and/or working from home to increase employment opportunities. | A number of planning applications have been approved with evidence of working from home. | Monitor % of change of use of part of a dwelling or erection of building within curtilage of property. Make sure all new developments have Broadband and parking spaces for works vehicles in curtilage of property. |
| Policy 7 | Promotion of faster broadband connections throughout area. | Broadland Council have invested over £500k in securing faster broadband connections. | Monitor new developments and their contribution to this objective. |
| Policy 8 | For development to maintain or enhance the quality of life and wellbeing for the local community. | A lack of cohesion of some new residents into the community has been experienced and a middle ground is | Continue to work with all residents. |

| | | being sought by the Council. | |
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| Policy 9 | Protect current health facilities and plan for easily accessible new provision. | No change. | Monitor through planning applications the additional provision in Beeston Park development to ensure that it is easily accessible and central. |
| Policy 10 | To ensure that developments reduce the need to travel and promote more sustainable lifestyles. | New pink pedalway crossing on Salhouse Road terminating at Harrisons Wood. Plans are available for the cycle path into the woodland at Blue Boar Lane. | Monitoring through planning application and working with developers. |
| Policy 11 | To encourage more community use of schools. | Taking part in discussions with Norfolk County Council to include school and nursery provision, with community land at White House Farm. Met with Sprowston Community High School to discuss greater community usage of facilities. | Ongoing. Encourage liaison with all schools in the area. |
| Policy 12 | To retain cultural assets including buildings of architecture and heritage importance. | Taking part in Broadland Council initiative to locally protect valued buildings by Heritage Rangers. Received commendable award for pavilion extension. | Ensure community assets are listed and protected. |
| Site-specific Policies | What specific effect is occurring? | Monitoring indicator | Action Required |
| Relocation of the Park and Ride Policy 13 | Use of the site for uses that complement the area | Completion of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road | Identify potential uses for the land if park and ride relocates. Identified in Broadland DC Sites Specific document GNLP0383 NPS Sprowston Park and Ride, Wroxham Road 5ha –high school or, if not required for this purpose, residential development of approximately 150 dwellings. |
| Improved local centre on Wroxham Road Policy 14 | Create a neighbourhood and commercial centre | Completion of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road | Carry out traffic counts in conjunction with Norfolk County Council. Consider progressing the neighbourhood plan. |

| Policy 15 | Introduction of tree planting in the local centre and on Wroxham Road. | | |
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| Sprowston Woodland Park Policy 16 | An area at Harrison's Plantation, off Blue Boar Lane, is identified for a woodland activity park. | % net change in local recreational open space with in the neighbourhood plan area. | See Policy 1 above. |
| Policy 17 | The Woodland Park would be made accessible by creating additional cycling/walking facilities throughout the woodlands and a new connection from Plantation Drive through Cottage Plantation and across Blue Boar Lane. This could include a new puffin crossing on Blue Boar Lane. | | See Policy 10 above. |
| School Lane Site Policy 18 | An area of approximately 2.4 hectare (6 acres) at School Lane is identified for redevelopment for residential, community and other uses appropriate to the area. | Full % of ownership of site to be sold to developers. Partial site available at present. | See Policy 3 above. |
| Policy 19 | A community hub building for the south side of Sprowston Parish at the Sprowston Diamond Centre on School Lane. | Planning permission is agreed and funding is secured. | Tendering process to proceed and works to be phased. |
| Policy 20 | Traffic calming measures at School Lane to improve the environment for pedestrians and cyclists. Planting should be used as part of this approach, to enhance the aesthetic look of the area; and on-street parking reviewed to increase safety. | To be evaluated on completion of Sprowston Diamond Centre building and refurbishment. | Completion of Sprowston Diamond Centre works. |
| The Great Heart | Open areas at or near to Barkers | Submission of reserved matters | Review reserved matters planning application. |

| Policy 21 | Lane/Church Lane will be retained and enhanced as an integrated network of green and open spaces for the community. | planning application for Beeston Park. | |
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| Policy 22 | An area of 2.4 hectares is allocated as an extension to the existing burial ground at Church Lane. | % of free burial space is limited in existing cemetery layout. | Monitor space available for burials. |