

# Environment and Transport

## Preserving our Historic, Rural Environment

### The NDP recognises that...

- ❖ We are a rural parish with a distinct character and history.
- ❖ The tranquil, open, rural nature of the parish must be preserved.
- ❖ A rich, thriving wildlife is important in a rural parish that conserves the natural environment.



- ❖ Open space is essential to maintain our historic and rural character, maintain and enhance wildlife, and ensure the settlements of the parish retain their separate identities.
- ❖ The rivers, brooks and ponds are vital for wildlife.
- ❖ The historic character of the parish is evident in its buildings.
- ❖ The protection of these historic buildings is essential to retain the historic character, architecture and landscape of the parish.



- ❖ The charm of the Conservation Areas depends primarily on the architectural character of its buildings.
- ❖ The number of quality early half-timbered thatched cottages in the Conservation Area is important.
- ❖ The parish has seen extensive mineral extraction in its recent past and had to live with the impacts of it.

### Therefore the draft policies say...

- ❖ New developments must have regard of the historic character and landscape of the parish. (Policy SP14)
- ❖ Hedgerows add to the rural feel of the parish and should be preserved, maintained and replanted in preference to fencing. (Policy SP13)
- ❖ Any trees lost to development must be replaced with native species. (Policy SP13)
- ❖ The sowing of wildflowers and spring bulbs will be encouraged. (Policy SP13)
- ❖ Tree Preservation Orders protect important trees and should be maintained and enforced. Additional trees should be protected. (Policy SP13)
- ❖ Open Space areas will be protected from detrimental development. (See Map.) Special Site areas will be protected from all development. (See Table) (Policy SP17 and SP18)
- ❖ Rivers, brooks and ponds should be protected and maintained to encourage further wildlife while retaining the current. (Policy SP19)
- ❖ The parish's Listed Buildings, and their landscape, must be protected. A number of other buildings should also be protected. (Policy SP14 and SP15)
- ❖ Development within the Conservation Area should be highly restricted to small, sympathetic and well-designed developments that enhance the Area.
- ❖ Timber-framed and thatched cottages must be preserved.
- ❖ The improvements outlined in the 1997/1998 review of the Conservation Areas should be considered and implemented where feasible.



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## Promoting Walking and Cycling

### The NDP recognises that...

- ❖ Footpaths are part of our heritage having been trodden into existence over centuries.
- ❖ The large network of public footpaths across the parish is one of its greatest attributes.
- ❖ A cycleway network to neighbouring villages and towns will promote a healthier lifestyle and provide a recreational activity for all the family.
- ❖ The main roads are rural in appearance having views of open countryside with newer housing roads branching off.



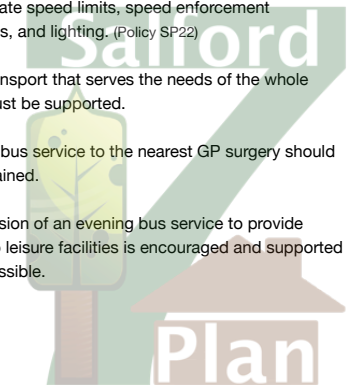
- ❖ Residents frequently walk the roadside footpaths for access to bus stops, public houses, shops, and the church, etc.
- ❖ School children also use the footpaths to get to the local schools, playing field and community facilities.
- ❖ A large increase in HGV numbers on the narrow roads throughout the parish would be a concern in terms of both safety and noise.



- ❖ The rural nature and demographics of the parish means a good service of public transport is important.
- ❖ The parish has a limited set of leisure facilities and therefore residents have to travel to neighbouring towns for access to gyms, swimming pools, cinemas and restaurants etc.

### Therefore the draft policies say...

- ❖ Current public footpaths must be protected and maintained with clear signposting. (Policy SP21)
- ❖ The creation and distribution of a guide detailing the public foot and cycle ways in the parish along with the Countryside Code is supported.
- ❖ The creation of a cycleway linking the Parish of Salford Priors to the neighbouring villages and towns will be encouraged. (Policy SP21)
- ❖ The linking of cycle and path ways within the parish and with neighbouring parishes will be encouraged where possible. (Policy SP21)
- ❖ Road speed limits should be appropriate for the size and location of the road. (Policy SP22)
- ❖ Upgrading country roads by widening, straightening or kerbing should be avoided. (Policy SP22)
- ❖ Speed enforcement measures should respect the character of the parish. (Policy SP22)
- ❖ Road signage should be minimal to enhance the rural environment. (Policy SP22)
- ❖ The frequently walked roads that connect housing to community assets must be safe for users through appropriate speed limits, speed enforcement measures, and lighting. (Policy SP22)
- ❖ Public transport that serves the needs of the whole parish must be supported.
- ❖ A regular bus service to the nearest GP surgery should be maintained.
- ❖ The provision of an evening bus service to provide access to leisure facilities is encouraged and supported where possible.



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## Working Towards a Greener Future

The NDP recognises that...

- ❖ We are a rural parish with a concern for the natural environment.
- ❖ We should work towards a more sustainable future and recognise the importance of climate change.
- ❖ We should promote greener energy production.



- ❖ We should protect and support wildlife, green spaces, woodland, hedgerows and waterways.
- ❖ The historic rural landscape and buildings of the parish should not be severely impacted on by the promotion of a greener, more sustainable future.
- ❖ Sustainable construction of well designed, energy efficient homes and commercial buildings must be promoted.



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Therefore the draft policies (Policy SP20) say...

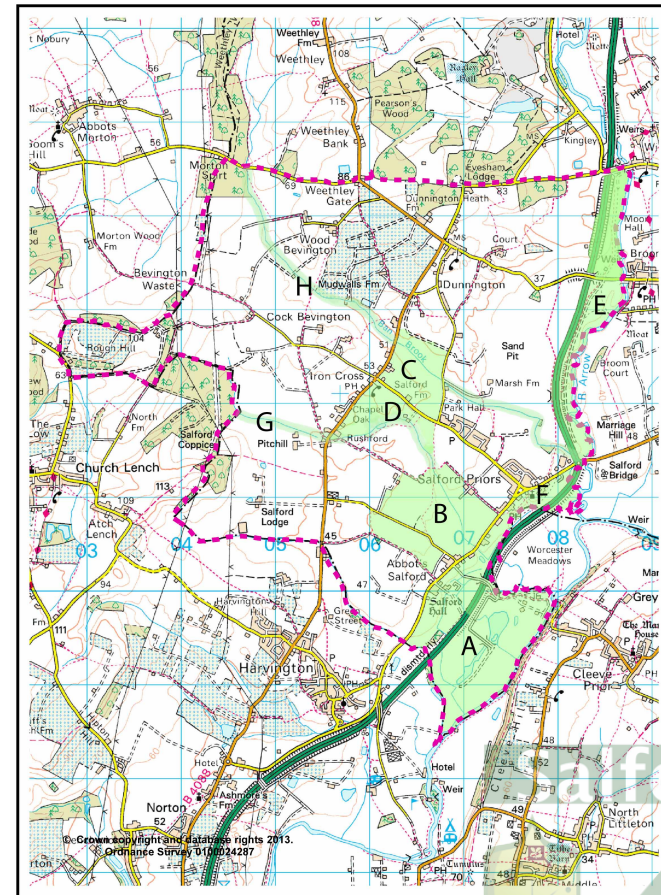
- ❖ Sustainable construction should be promoted through the use of reclaimed, natural, or local building materials.
- ❖ Energy demand should be reduced through sustainable design in new developments.
- ❖ Development proposals must consider flood prevention and mitigation.
- ❖ There is a preference for natural solutions such as green spaces, streams and ponds to deal with surface/storm water.



- ❖ Small-scale renewable energy installations will be promoted where no visual harm is made to the historic character of the local area.
- ❖ Renewable energy installations on new builds will be encouraged.
- ❖ Properties within the Conservation Area should only have renewable energy installations if they are appropriate in size and location.
- ❖ Larger-scale renewable energy installations should not be supported unless the proposal can demonstrate:
  - ❖ The visual impact is minimal,
  - ❖ The noise impact is minimal,
  - ❖ The loss of land is justified,
  - ❖ The installation provides a contribution to the UK Grid,
  - ❖ The land will be returned to its original use afterwards,
  - ❖ The impact on wildlife is minimal.

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## Map of Open Spaces to Protect



- | Site           | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>A</b>       | Site runs from Evesham Road to the South and East Parish border. Incorporates Salford Hall and the pools.   |
| <b>B</b>       | Site runs from the public footpath opposite Salford Hall to the public footpath through Orchard Farm and crosses Evesham Road to the East border. |
| <b>C</b>       | Site runs from Tothall Lane to the B4088.   |
| <b>D</b>       | Site surrounds Chapel Oak.  |
| <b>E</b>       | Land between the A46 and the East border.   |
| <b>F</b>       | Land around the Church of St. Matthews and The Wetlands. This protects a vista.   |
| <b>G and H</b> | A 5-metre border surrounding Ban Brook and the other brook.   |

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