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Comments on Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of Kenilworth Town Council

Overall, Members congratulate Burton Green members on the production of their plan and welcome the influence this will have on local planning applications.

Some members suggest that the plan could strengthen statements about environmental requirements for development and 'rights of way':

- Page 26 SO3 – Built Environment could include a link between the building environment and the 'Environment' i.e. to minimise GHG emissions from new builds.
- Page 29 – 6.2 Policy 2 Wildlife and Biodiversity could include the requirement on developments to demonstrate and achieve net biodiversity gain.
- Page 29 – 6.2.4 The "Where appropriate" should be removed as it is always appropriate.
- Page 30 - 6.3 Policy 3 - Public Rights of Way could encourage developers to actively improve rights of way e.g. replacing stiles and steps where appropriate so that 'right' is equally enjoyed by all: cyclists, wheelchair users, younger people in pushchairs etc.
- Page 45 – 7.10.2 Policy -Use of Renewable Energy comes across rather negatively with respect to solar energy and heat pumps provide they minimize harm to the 'appearance' of buildings etc.
- Page 45 - 7.10 Policy Use of Renewable Energy. Given that the report singles out grey water harvesting and SuDS for a mention, it could state support for developments that include Passivhaus+ or equivalent (near) zero carbon dwellings.

We send all best wishes in their submission and subsequent incorporation of the plan into their planning process.

Best regards

Maggie Field

Town Clerk of Kenilworth