

BRIEF SUMMARY OF HURN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICIES

Policy 1. Conserving and Enhancing Hurn's Historic Character

This policy seeks to ensure the conservation of the area's heritage assets, together with recognition of the setting of the Hurn Conservation Area. It seeks to conserve and enhance the character of the area which includes historic buildings, narrow lanes, open spaces, green fields and the Moors River Valley.

Policy 2. Local Landscape Character

This policy is to conserve and enhance the character of the local landscape, and in particular avoid significant harm to key characteristics, such as, lanes, tracks, mature hedgerows, woodland, riverside, rural open fields, parkland within Hurn Court and remote areas away from main transport corridors.

Policy 3. Important Local Gap

This policy identifies an important local landscape gap, being the fields between Hurn Village and the Airport. (The Inspector reduced the size of our original proposed gap).

Policy 4. Access to the Countryside

This policy relates to access to, and enjoyment of the countryside through the provision of footpaths and bridleways which must be compatible with the rural character of the area and conservation interests. It also aims to minimise adverse impacts on the safe use of the rural lanes and trails by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Policy 5. Woodland, Heathland and Farmland

The policy states that any development proposals should protect and, where appropriate, enhance the biodiversity of the varied habitats within the parish, including the water meadows and floodplains of the River Stour, River Avon and Moors River with their willows, oaks and birch trees, the distinct heathland landscapes and the pine forests.

Policy 6. Supporting Community Facilities and Local Services

This policy specifically supports the community facilities of the Village Store/Post Office; Hurn Bridge Sports/Social Club; and the Moors Close Play Areas.

Policy 7. Creating safer roads and pedestrian / cycle routes

Measures to improve road safety, including specific crossing points identified on Map 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan, will be supported where they are designed in a manner appropriate to the rural character of the area.