

Wrenbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Adopted Plan 2010 to 2030

Our Vision for the future is to ensure the delivery of only high quality, low intensity, beneficial and truly sustainable development. The parish will maintain, enhance and protect its rural character, natural environment and iconic historical assets that support the growing tourist industry within a safe and pleasant setting. In conjunction with sensitive improvements to infrastructure and services these elements will continue to support the primary local economy and provide a good quality of life for local residents.

Our aim is to leave the Parish in a better condition for future generations.

This plan has been developed by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, who were all residents volunteering their time. Through surveys, extensive discussions with residents, visitors and businesses through open days, leaflets, posters and the website the Committee gathered the views of residents. The Committee took professional advice from Cheshire Community Action, commissioned an independent Landscape and Character Assessment of the Parish to support the plan and asked for any potential housing development sites in the Parish. The Committee also worked closely with Cheshire East Council.

The Wrenbury Neighbourhood Plan sets out the Policies to protect and enhance our parish and the villages within it.

Prior to 2019 there had been uncontrolled house building due to a lack of a Strategic Plan by Cheshire East Council (CEC). Residents expressed their concerns that recent housing developments were out of character with the style of the village and had negatively impacted the rural landscape which they value very highly. Residents told us how concerned they were about road safety and poor sewage system and broadband.



Wrenbury village was designated by CEC as a Local Service Centre and as such was required to plan for some increase in housing as its share of the overall housing plan of CEC. At the end 2018, 130 houses had been built or approved since 2010, the Plan assumes that this will be 145 by 2030, this is a 47% increase in the village since 2010. CEC agreed with our Plan that 145 houses is an appropriate level.

The Plan was reviewed by an independent Examiner, this was a statutory requirement. We received his report and made required changes to the Plan.

At the Referendum on 31st January 2019 there was a 90% “YES” vote to adopt the Plan. The Policies in the WNP have now become an intrinsic part of CEC planning policy and will be the basis for any future planning decisions.

There are 16 individual policies in the Plan covering all aspects of the Parish affected by planning decisions and those areas of continued concern of residents.

The policies restrict future housing to small developments. House design, style and mix of sizes must be in keeping with the traditions of the village and meet the needs of the Parish.

New developments must not make road safety, drainage, sewage etc. worse than the current situation and where relevant improve the existing infrastructure.



There are Policies to protect Green Spaces, views of the countryside and the rural character of the Parish and village as these are hugely valued by you and visitors. The Plan highlights the importance of the footpaths and Canal towpath for walking and seeks to protect all the views that make these walks so enjoyable.

There are policies to support tourism and casual visitors as these are vital to local business, such as the pubs and shop. The existing service businesses are supported and small scale businesses that don't increase HGV traffic will be encouraged.

Full details of the policies are in the Plan on the Parish website www.wrenburypc.org.uk/.

The Wrenbury Neighbourhood Plan is the blue print for all future planning decisions in the Parish