

KDBH Vision and Objectives 2018 - 2033

Our vision is to conserve KDBH as a unique place within Solihull Borough, encircled by unspoilt open countryside and characterised by its community spirit, attractive green spaces, leafy green streets and well preserved historic buildings and conservation areas within its three villages.

KDBH will have a vibrant local economy and retain its importance in providing an attractive and highly desirable residential area that supports the economic success of the local and regional economies, remaining separated from other settlements, but well connected to Solihull, Birmingham, the greater West Midlands and London.

VILLAGE CHARACTER AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Prioritise local distinctiveness in every element of change and growth.

Safeguard our natural environment, maintain a high quality landscape and enhance biodiversity through sensitive development that protects the setting of our settlements.

Protect and enhance the Neighbourhood's heritage and open spaces.

HOUSING

Plan for proportionate growth in new, high quality homes without over-provision and without compromising what makes our villages distinctive.

Plan for new homes to be well integrated into the existing community and built environment, sited in sustainable locations, and meet locally identified, changing needs for all life stages.

Plan for an aging population.

DESIGN

Improve the quality and appropriateness of future new developments by focusing strongly on robust application of policies in the design stage.

Require production of 'Concept Masterplans', in discussion with the community (through the Neighbourhood Forum), for any new development in KDBH of over 20 houses.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

Ensure adequate parking in all new housing developments, seek on-going improvements to roads and parking, and improve traffic management to facilitate flow at key locations.

Target a range of measures to reduce reliance on car usage.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Ensure sufficient capacity in local schools to accommodate any new housing proposed and to allow families in KDBH to access their choice of primary school.

Ensure community facilities and services (including healthcare, sport and recreation) meet the needs of the diverse and growing community through protection of, investment in, and ongoing access to new and improved facilities in tandem with new housing growth.

EMPLOYMENT, INC RETAIL AND OTHER COMMERCIAL USES

Recognise the importance of local shops and businesses, support and maintain their presence, encourage retention of existing employers and promote appropriate new economic and employment opportunities in suitable locations.

COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Seek on-going improvements to the utility infrastructure and digital connectivity - especially mobile phone reception and broadband.