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This presentation is a brief summary of the work of WNF. It is supported by two circulated documents

The Annual Progress Report 2015

The Interim Analysis of Vision and Objectives

WNF was approved by SMBC on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Neighbourhood Area applied for was the Parish of Woodford  
BAe Woodford site and A6MARR excluded by SMBC

Neighbourhood Plan will only apply to the granted Area but will take into account the effects of the Aerodrome development where possible



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# Aims of the Forum

To promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Area



A key task is to develop a  
Neighbourhood Plan



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# The Neighbourhood Plan is Important

It will become part of the Development Plan

The policies contained in it will have to be considered along with existing policies when making planning decisions

We would welcome your input on any policy gaps that could be covered in the Neighbourhood Plan



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# Consultation is the Basis for the Plan

Residents' Questionnaire conducted in summer 2014 sent to every individual on the extended electoral register for Woodford.

Forum Workshop in December 2014 and subsequent report by external consultants (Kirkwells)

Public Exhibition of draft Vision and Objectives in June 2015

Additional questionnaires for business and charities



# Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan

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## ***Our Vision***

***“The Vision for the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan is to manage and support beneficial change whilst retaining and enhancing the village’s rural identity, character, quality of life and sense of community”***

This Vision is supported by a series of Objectives under these headings:

***Environment***

***Community***

***Development***

***Movement***

***Employment***

***Integration***



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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan **Environment**

***“Protect the area’s Green Belt and preserve the open and rural character. Protect the landscape and important views”***





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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan *Environment*

- Overwhelming support to protect the rural environment , landscape, and historic features
- Commissioning a wildlife study with Cheshire Wildlife Trust
- Evelyn Frearson leading a habitat study to support above
- Funding for a specialist to undertake a Landscape Character Assessment
- Mapping historic buildings





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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan **Community**

***“Preserve and enhance recreational assets and open space to promote a healthy community”***





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# Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan *Community*

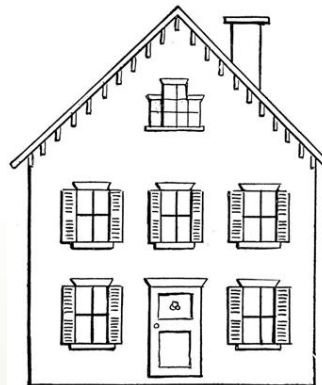
- Woodford is blessed with a wide range of facilities – the Community Centre, playing fields, clubs and their facilities, cricket grounds, open landscape, footpaths and bridleways
- How do we maintain and enhance these for the future?





## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan **Development**

***“Provide variety and mix that meets local needs and manage limited infilling including residential, employment and community uses”***

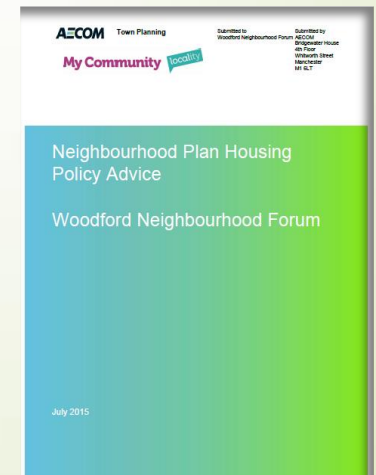




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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan *Development*

- Green belt policy and planning applications are always likely to be controversial but the Plan needs to be related to national and local housing policy
- Independent Housing Needs Survey undertaken by AECOM consultants
- Consideration will be given to the specific housing needs of the community and its provision





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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan **Movement**

***“Create safer roads, streets and lanes and increase public access to countryside by foot, cycle and bridleway. Encourage sustainable transport”***





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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan **Movement**

- The provision of footpaths and cycle paths, road safety and public transport all featured highly when residents were asked what the Plan should encourage
- Independent study commissioned on traffic movement and impact on village over plan period
- Traffic through Woodford is likely to change as roadworks are completed and this may be expected to make movement through the village safer but there will be a greater volume of internally generated traffic

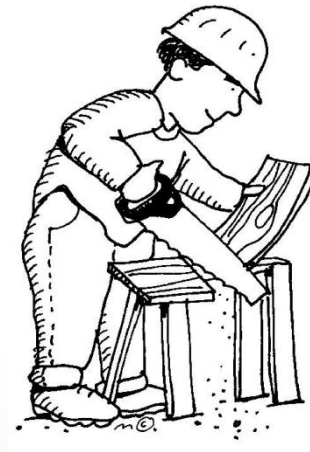




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# Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan **Employment**

***“Seek to protect and support local employment”***





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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan **Employment**

- Responses to our questionnaire suggested that no more land should be allocated for employment while existing sites should be protected from change of use
- Our Objective, which emerged from the workshop and further Forum discussions, expresses the desire to maintain and support employment in the village
- Business specific Questionnaire circulated currently being analysed



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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan *Integration*

***“Ensure integration and linkage between the existing village and the aerodrome development to achieve an enhanced, enlarged community”***





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## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan *Integration*

- While the new aerodrome development lies outside the Neighbourhood Area it will, nevertheless, have an impact on the existing village
- Feedback from the Questionnaire, Workshop and Exhibition confirm that the integration of the new and existing parts of the village should be encouraged
- Regular liaison meetings held with Redrow (attended by SMBC)





## Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan

### *Next steps.....*

- A draft Plan will be produced for further consultation which includes specific policies for Woodford to support our Objectives and Vision
- Revised as required prior to submission to SMBC in 2016
- At this point SMBC takes control of the process to guide the Plan through an independent review by an inspector, publication and a referendum of Woodford residents



# Website

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## Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

Welcome to the Woodford Neighbourhood Forum website.

The Forum was formally approved by Stockport Council on 17th October 2013. Woodford Neighbourhood Forum (WNF) was formed, principally, to encourage responsible development in Woodford whilst protecting the Green Belt.

Please have a good look round the website, you will (soon) find full details of the Forum's "coming to life", its birth, its constitution, how it operates, what is going on right now and what plans for the future look like.

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