

Stoke Gabriel Neighbourhood Plan: Proposed policy structure

1) *What is the policy seeking to achieve?*

This sets out the policy intent. This section can include a brief statement on the main objectives for the policy.

2) *What is the evidence behind the policy?*

This presents the evidence behind the policy. The policy needs to be evidence based. As such this section can present an overview of the key evidence relevant for the policy. This can include, where appropriate, links to relevant documents (e.g. Open Space study, Housing Needs Assessment, Site Assessment Report etc.)

3) *What does the community say?*

This can comprise an overview of the consultation responses received to date on the issue, including from the questionnaire, survey, workshops and other consultation events undertaken to date for the Neighbourhood Plan.

4) *Policy X: The Neighbourhood Plan policy*

This presents the actual policy. Policies can be:

1. Relevant for the whole Neighbourhood Plan area (i.e. the whole parish); or
2. Focused on a specific location within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Policies should be:

- Locally-specific; they should not seek to repeat policies in the SW Devon Joint Local Plan or repeat the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework. They therefore should seek to provide a local context, adding value from a local perspective to national and district-level policy.
- Precise and not be ambiguous. The policy should be very targeted to what it is seeking to achieve (the policy intent).
- Written in plain English.
- Positive. Neighbourhood Plans need to be 'positively prepared'.
- Reasonable and deliverable.
- Simple and clear.