

## Agreed Policies of the Slaugham Neighbourhood Plan

Chapter	Policy/Aim
Landscape	<p>Policy X: Protection of the Landscape</p> <p>Development proposals will be supported where they are in accordance with the policies of the neighbourhood plan, would conserve and enhance landscape and scenic beauty and would have regard to the High Weald AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>Development that has a detrimental effect on the landscape will not be supported other than in exceptional circumstances where the use relates to essential utility infrastructure.</p>
Landscape	<p>Policy X: Preventing Coalescence</p> <p>Development will not be permitted within the Strategic Gap (as defined on the Proposals Map) unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it is necessary for the purposes of agriculture, or some other use which has to be located in the countryside;</li> <li>(b) it makes a valuable contribution to the landscape and amenity of the Gap and enhances its value as open countryside; and</li> <li>(c) it would not compromise individually or cumulatively the objectives and fundamental integrity of the Gap.</li> </ul>
Landscape	<p>Aim X : Preserving Settlement Identity</p> <p>Development will not be supported where it individually or cumulatively results in the coalescence and loss of separate identity between the four villages of Pease Pottage, Slaugham, Handcross, and Warninglid.</p>

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Landscape	<p>Policy X: Open Space</p> <p>Development proposals, which provide a mix of formal and informal open space to meet local need, will be supported.</p> <p>Open space is to be of high quality and serve local need.</p> <p>Development proposals, which result in the loss of open space, will not be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals for the replacement of open space will be supported where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Equivalent (in qualitative and quantitative terms) or enhanced open space is provided to serve local needs; and</li> <li>2. Replacement facilities are made available before the loss of the existing.</li> </ol>
Landscape	<p>Policy X: Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Development proposals, which seek to conserve, maintain and enhance the existing green infrastructure network will be supported.</p> <p>Proposals to provide additional green infrastructure will be supported</p> <p>Proposals, which would result in the loss of existing green infrastructure, will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that the development proposals brings new opportunities which mitigates or compensates any loss whilst ensuring the protection of the existing ecosystem.</p>

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Landscape	<p>Policy X: Protecting the Area of Outstanding Beauty</p> <p>Development proposals within the High Weald AONB will be supported where they conserve or enhance natural beauty and have regard to the High Weald AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>Development proposals which support the local economy and social well-being of the AONB will be supported where they are compatible with the conservation and enhancement of the AONB.</p> <p>Development proposals on land that contributes to the setting of the AONB will only be permitted where it does not detract from the visual qualities and essential characteristics of the AONB, and in particular does not adversely affect the views into and out of the AONB by virtue of its location and/or design.</p>
Landscape	<p>Policy X: Conservation Areas</p> <p>Development proposals within or affecting the setting of the Handcross, Slaugham or Warninglid conservation area will be supported where they have special regard to preserving and/or enhancing the character of the Conservation Area.</p> <p>Development proposals should have special regard to the setting of the Conservation Area.</p>

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Community Infrastructure	<p>Policy X: Community Facilities</p> <p>Development proposals, which result in the net loss of community facilities will not be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals for the alteration and/or replacement of community facilities will be supported where;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equivalent (in qualitative and quantitative terms) or enhanced facilities are provided to serve local needs;</li> <li>• Proposals for the replacement of a community facility ensure the replacement facility is made available before the closure of the existing facility;</li> <li>• Facilities are easily accessible for the benefit of the community;</li> <li>• There is no adverse impact on local amenity; and</li> <li>• Heritage assets and their setting are protected.</li> </ul>
Community Infrastructure	<p>Policy X: Superfast Broadband</p> <p>Support will be offered to proposals which seek to provide access to a super-fast broadband network to serve the Parish.</p> <p>Support will be offered to those proposals which seek the location and design of above-ground network installations to be sympathetically chosen and designed to reflect the character of the local area.</p>
Community Infrastructure	<p>Aim X: Pease Pottage</p> <p>The Parish Council wish to support development proposals in Pease Pottage which bring community benefits to the area.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan supports the creation of a village centre at Pease Pottage to serve the need arising from new users whilst benefiting residents of the surrounding area.</p>

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Community Infrastructure	<p>Aim X: Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>Upon the adoption of CIL and the making of the Slaugham Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council will support highway improvement.</p> <p>Where feasible, financial support will be used to support schemes that reduce traffic speeds and volumes and improve access for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>
Housing	<p>Policy X Settlement Boundary</p> <p>Development proposals within the built up areas of Handcross, Pease Pottage and Warninglid will be supported where proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include high quality design;</li> <li>• Respect the character and scale of the surrounding area;</li> <li>• Respect the amenities of neighbours;</li> <li>• Create safe and accessible environments; and</li> <li>• Provide adequate parking.</li> </ul>
Housing	<p>Policy X Protection of the Countryside</p> <p>Development proposals outside the BUAB of the Parish will not be supported unless it is necessary for the purposes of agriculture, or some other use which has to be located in the countryside.</p>

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Housing	<p>Policy X: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development</p> <p>Development proposals which incorporate efficient and sustainable energy sources (including but not limited to, photovoltaic panels, solar thermal insulation, biomass and heat pumps, and domestic water harvesting/recycling systems) will be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals will be supported where proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are of high quality design and layout;</li> <li>• Positively contributes to the public realm and sense of place;</li> <li>• Respect the character and scale of surrounding buildings and landscape;</li> <li>• Protect open space and seek to provide additional open space;</li> <li>• Respect the amenity of existing neighbours; and</li> <li>• Provide safe and adequate parking facilities.</li> </ul>
Handcross	<p>Policy X: Handcross</p> <p>The Slaugham Neighbourhood Plan wishes to support and protect existing users on Handcross High Street.</p> <p>Development proposals along the High Street in Handcross (as detailed on the Proposals Map) which seek change of use from A1/A4 to alternative uses will not be supported.</p>
Employment	<p>Policy X: Local Employment</p> <p>The loss of any land currently in business or other employment use in the parish will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that business use is no longer viable and the site has been marketed for business use for at least 6 months with no interest being shown.</p>

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Transport and Traffic	<p>Aim X: Quiet Lanes</p> <p>The Parish Council will support the identification and designation of Quiet Lanes in the Parish by West Sussex County Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council support designations in the Parish in order to encourage safer use of the shared space between pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and vehicles.</p>
Transport and Traffic	<p>Aim X: Handcross</p> <p>Proposals which seek to manage traffic, improve the pedestrian environment and create additional car parking spaces will be supported.</p> <p>The Parish Council will continue to work with local landowners to identify an appropriate location to create off-street car parking in close proximity to the village centre.</p> <p>Proposals to facilitate additional car parking for the users of Nymans will also be supported.</p> <p>The Parish Council encourage and support retailers and others in the village centre to co-ordinate retail operations and to jointly market the village centre to local customers and visitors.</p>
Transport	<p>Aim X: Traffic Management and Access</p> <p>Proposals which seek to improve and/or introduce traffic management measurements will be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals which provide safe vehicular and pedestrian access will be supported.</p> <p>The Parish Council supports those proposals which seek to improve access and links to community facilities within the Parish.</p>

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