

Objective 7 – To promote safe, accessible modes of transport

POLICY K15 – TRANSPORT

Development leading to adverse traffic impacts will be required to put in place suitable mitigation or make developer contributions so that such mitigation can be put in place.

Comment [Robert Ga1]: SWDP 4L requires more general CIL or developer contributions to meet transport objectives, is this instead of or additional to that for specifically local initiatives? It would be helpful to say so if it is.

Background/Justification

5.59 A prime concern of residents is the impact of traffic. New development should not make things worse. Where adverse impacts are identified as arising from a development proposal they should be mitigated or developer contributions should be made to ensure such mitigation can be put in place. The following list includes a number of areas that should be considered, as and when development is proposed, for possible mitigation:

- measures to improve the bus service to and from Kempsey.
- cycleway to link Kempsey with St Peters alongside the A38 and via the proposed development at Broomhall community and Norton Barracks community.
- footpath improvements along Old Road North to the doctor's surgery
- speed restrictions on Church Street, Post Office Lane, Old Road North, Old Road South and Squires Walk.

5.60 These proposals are in general accordance with existing policies of Worcestershire County Council, Malvern Hills District Council and the Parish Council. They seek to discourage use of the private car, where possible, and encourage a healthier lifestyle through walking and cycling. This is also in accordance with the Government policy for the same reasons. Although outside the designated area, it would be desirable to have pedestrian cycle/foot path access, linking the South and North sides of A4440, adjacent to The Ketch Roundabout, to allow safe, easy access to the city centre.

6.0 Supporting Actions

6.1 The Kempsey NDP is a land use planning document, concerned with the development of land and buildings. The changes we want to see will not only be dependent on physical development. There will also have to be changes in other areas, matters that go beyond the scope of this plan. Some of these changes are set out in the short list below, complementary actions that the Parish Council will pursue with key service providers.

Health Provision

Doctors

6.2 The Doctors surgery in Kempsey is not open full-time. To meet the needs of the parish's expanding and changing population the Parish Council will encourage and support the Doctors' Surgery to be open full-time Monday to Friday and possibly weekends as per government policy. Such provision should have at least one doctor and an on-site nurse in attendance.

6.3 Kempsey Surgery is under potential threat from a pharmacy opening up in the vicinity. We would be opposed to this happening if it threatened the existing practice.

Dentistry

6.4 There is no longer a dental practice within Kempsey.

6.5 The Parish Council will support the opening of a new practice in the area.

Clinic

6.6 The addition of ante-natal, post-natal and baby clinics would be welcome. These could be run from a meeting room in any of the village facilities. Any other clinics would be encouraged.

Education Provision

6.7 Kempsey Primary School is currently almost full. In the short term the school could accommodate new pupils with temporary classrooms. In the long term a further school will be built in the urban extension (SWDP45/1) which may alleviate the situation.

6.8 The Parish Council has no jurisdiction over education facilities but we would like all children living in the Parish to be able to attend the local school if they so wish.

6.9 There will also be a need for sufficient places to be available at High School for secondary education.

Transport

6.10 Although outside the Parish we would like a review of the Ketch roundabout. There are frequently long queues on the A38 joining the roundabout from Kempsey.

6.11 The Parish council will also work to see enhanced cycleways incorporated into the National Cycle Network.

Comment [Robert Ga2]: The KDNP is disappointingly silent on the commensurate provision of services and facilities in a phased manner as new development takes place and is occupied. NPPF para 72 identifies that sufficient choice of school places should be available to meet community needs while NPPF para 177 says that it is equally important to ensure that there is a reasonable prospect that planned infrastructure (which includes, for eg, school places) is deliverable in a timely fashion. Here there is an identified significant issue which, despite the PCs assertions, it can influence through the KDNP by restricting new housing development until proposals are in place to meet the demands for additional school places arising from existing and proposed developments.

7.0 Next Steps

- 7.1 Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Kempsey Parish Council has submitted the Neighbourhood Plan to Malvern Hills District Council.
- 7.2 In accordance with Regulation 16, Malvern Hills District Council will invite comments from organisations and individuals on the Neighbourhood Plan for a minimum of six weeks.
- 7.3 It is the responsibility of Malvern Hills District Council to collate all the responses and pass them on to an independent examiner, who will consider the responses and the Plan documents when assessing whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets the relevant legislation and can proceed to referendum.
- 7.4 Full details of the Regulation 16 consultation, including the submitted Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan, associated supporting documents and a consultation response form, can be found on the Malvern Hills website at
<http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>

8.0 Monitoring and Review

- 8.1 Kempsey Parish Council will monitor the plan annually. This monitoring will be carried out to see how effective our policies are: what is working, what is not, what is up to date and what is not. A report will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Where we identify a need to update the plan we will work with Malvern Hills District Council to make any necessary changes.
- 8.2 If the neighbourhood plan becomes out of date, the Parish Council (in consultation with Malvern Hills District Council) may decide to update the plan, or part of it.

