

Employment Development and the Withington Business Park

- 4.23 The Withington Business Park is a very important source of jobs for the surrounding area and the local economy generally. The Parish Council fully supports its continued operation provided that there is no undue nuisance to nearby residential properties, including the proposed adjacent care home. An additional source of employment can be provided through live/work units as anticipated by Core Strategy Policy E3 Homeworking.

Policy P10 Employment

The continued operation of Withington Business Park for employment purposes is supported provided that any adverse affects on nearby residential properties can be suitably mitigated. Homeworking throughout the NDP area is also supported in accordance with Core Strategy Policy E3 – Homeworking.

Agriculture and Tourism

- 4.24 The predominant land use throughout the NDP area is agriculture and as such the future wellbeing of agriculture is of great importance to the local community. Farm diversification has an important role to play in supporting a thriving agricultural economy. Tourism in the form of holiday lets can provide additional farm income without undue environmental consequences or compromising agricultural production and is therefore supported in principle.

Policy P11 Agriculture and Tourism.

Farm diversification throughout the NDP area will be supported in accordance with Core Strategy Policy RA6 - Rural Economy and Policy E4 - Tourism

Renewable Energy

- 4.25 The community is keen to reduce its carbon footprint, in particular by exploring the production of renewable energy. This includes schemes with communal or individual benefits. Safeguards are however considered necessary to ensure proposals are brought forward sensitively. Large wind turbines would not, for example, be welcome due to their adverse impact on the landscape character of the NDP area.

Policy P12 Renewable Energy

Renewable energy proposals that will benefit the community will be encouraged where:

- a. They respect the rural character of the locality;
- b. They do not adversely affect local heritage such as archaeological sites and historic buildings, including their settings;
- c. They will not adversely affect biodiversity;
- d. Local and residential amenity is protected;
- e. Their scale reflects the community's needs.

Other measures aimed at carbon reduction will also be supported where the criteria outlined above are met.