

OBJECTIVES

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Objective 1: Community Wellbeing
To provide and enhance facilities that maintain and develop the wellbeing of the community.
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Objective 2: Preserve and improve green spaces
To preserve and improve sympathetic access to existing green spaces and further provide additional green spaces within the developed environment.
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Objective 3: Keeping Community Identity
To maintain the existing sense of community and maximise the opportunity for engagement.
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Objective 4: Maintain rural setting
To keep High Halstow a rural village.
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Objective 5: Leisure and Tourism
To maintain and develop High Halstow as an area rich in history and natural beauty, as well as supporting local leisure and tourism opportunities.
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Objective 6: Robust Traffic Management
Minimise the impact of vehicular traffic and improve opportunities for active and sustainable travel facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.
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Objective 7: Sustainable Environment
To provide a sustainable environment for the residents and wildlife of High Halstow whilst being mindful of conserving an ecological balance.
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Objective 8: Health and well-being
To provide an effective locally based healthcare facility to suit the needs of the local population.
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Objective 9: Housing is relevant to Community needs
Housing should be relevant to community need and sympathetic to local styles.
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Objective 10: Infrastructure
Provide infrastructure that is robust enough to support existing and future networks.

THEMES



Theme 1: Community Facilities
This links objectives and ideas relating to community, health and wellbeing, local identity and local infrastructure.



Theme 2: Environment
This links objectives and ideas relating to the protection and enhancement of the rural green setting of High Halstow, as well as moving towards a more sustainable future for development and the village as a whole.



Theme 3: Movement
This links objectives and ideas relating to walking, cycling, public transport and improved access for all.



Theme 4: Place Quality
This links policies and objectives relating to local design and character, housing type and mix, and the wider landscape of the village.

POLICY IDEAS

1. Reinforcing and strengthening the heart of the village by protecting existing facilities and delivering new and improved community facilities in this area.
2. A new health facility, potentially integrated within an expanded and improved village hall, as well as space for a café and meeting place.
3. Improved Changing Facilities for sports and recreation which might be integrated with community toilets.
4. Delivery of a new primary school as part of major new development, but which is well integrated into the village.
5. Improved broadband speeds and mobile reception.
6. Promoting a zero carbon future including delivery of electric vehicle fast charging points and new zero carbon buildings.
7. Designate areas as Local Green Spaces for long-term protection.
8. Require delivery of new green space in new proposed development that is well designed and accessible for use by all.
9. Integrating flood management into any new development.
10. Protecting key views, valued landscapes, natural areas and places of importance for biodiversity.
11. Promote walking and cycling for all and ensure regular low carbon affordable bus service.
12. Improve access to the countryside and Coastal Path.
13. Ensure any new development is well integrated with the existing village, and that all community facilities are easily accessible for all.
14. Ensure good walking, cycling and public transport links are provided to the expected new railway station.
15. Introduce traffic management measures that slow traffic speeds and make streets safer for all.
16. Explore how new technologies can be used to future proof development, using ideas such as car sharing and "mobility as service" (MaaS).
17. To prepare design policies that deliver high quality new development that reflect the best qualities of High Halstow, in terms of the scale of development, materials used, provision, planting and arrangement of open space.
18. Require independent design review of major schemes to maintain the highest standards of design. High quality of design would require developers to demonstrate (i) excellent access by sustainable modes (foot, cycle, public transport) to infrastructure, jobs and services; (ii) a high standard of build quality to deliver net zero carbon development on new buildings.
19. Require a wide range of housing types to be provided through new development including affordable homes, self-build and flexible housing types that can be adapted for changing lifestyles, and accommodation for older people.