

4. THE LOCAL PLAN OBJECTIVES

4.1 The aim of the Local Plan is to address the identified issues and deliver the Spatial Vision for Waverley by 2032. In order to achieve this, a number of key objectives have been identified.

1. To contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, having regard to the guiding principles in the UK Sustainable Development Strategy: *“Securing the Future”*.
2. To support the delivery of at least 9,861 additional homes in Waverley in the period 2013 to 2032 (an average of 519 homes a year). To contribute to the delivery of sustainable communities, by directing most new development to the main settlements of Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and Cranleigh, where there is the best available access to jobs, services and other facilities. This will include some new development on greenfield land on the edge of these settlements.
3. To support the provision of new development in and on the edge of villages where it meets identified local needs or helps to sustain local facilities and to support the sustainable growth and expansion of rural businesses.
4. To support the development of suitable brownfield land, including a new settlement at the Dunsfold Aerodrome site, subject to appropriate infrastructure and mitigation.
5. To ensure that cross boundary impacts arising from major development or infrastructure provision in Waverley or adjoining local authority areas are considered.
6. To support measures that promote sustainable transport, including improvements to public transport and improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.
7. To maintain and protect all those areas of the Green Belt that fulfil the purposes of the designation.
8. To protect the countryside for its intrinsic character and beauty and as a recreational asset, including its visitor facilities, and, where appropriate, promote its continued recreational use.
9. To provide appropriate protection to the hierarchy of national and local landscape designations in Waverley, including the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. To deliver a balance of housing and employment growth that takes account of both the need for additional housing and the need to maintain Waverley’s economic prosperity.
10. To ensure that adequate provision is made for new or improved social, physical and green infrastructure to meet the needs of the increased population and additional demands arising from employment related development.
11. To deliver an increase in the overall stock of affordable housing and to ensure that as far as possible the type and tenure of affordable housing

meet the local needs identified in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment where is it viable to do so.

12. To support the delivery of a range of sizes and types of new homes and accommodation, including homes and accommodation to meet the needs of specific groups of the population, including older people and first time buyers.
13. To safeguard existing employment accommodation and support the delivery of new and improved commercial premises, both within the main settlements and in rural areas, in order to meet flexibly the needs of a range of businesses in Waverley; in particular, to accommodate the projected growth in B1a/b (Offices/Research and Development) uses and the specific needs of small to medium enterprises (SMEs).
14. To support the vitality and viability of the centres of Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and Cranleigh, taking account of the difference between each of the centres and the different roles that they play.
15. To meet the leisure, recreation and cultural needs of the community.
16. To safeguard and enhance the rich historic heritage and the diverse and attractive landscapes and townscapes in Waverley, and to ensure that new development takes proper account of the character and distinctiveness of the area in which it is located.
17. To ensure that the design, form and location of new developments contribute to the creation of sustainable communities that are attractive, safe and inclusive.
18. To protect and enhance Waverley's biodiversity, including its wildlife species and their habitats, both on designated sites such as the Thames Basin Heaths and Wealden Heaths (Phases 1 and 2) Special Protection Areas, and on undesignated sites.
19. To reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change and minimise the risks resulting from the impact of climate change.
20. To ensure that new development is located and designed to manage and reduce its risk from flooding.