

**Committee:** Cabinet

**Agenda Item**

**Date:** 25 October 2012

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**Title:** Wendens Ambo Parish Plan

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Barker

Key decision: **No**

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## Summary

1. Wendens Ambo Parish Council has approved a Parish Plan and has asked that it be accepted by the District Council as a material consideration in determining planning applications and in preparing the Local Development Framework.

## Recommendations

2. That the District Council adopt the Parish Plan as Council Approved Guidance in determining planning applications in the Parish and as background evidence in the preparation of the Local Plan

## Financial Implications

3. There are no financial implications. The plan will be published electronically on the Council website.

## Background Papers

None

## Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The plan has undergone significant community involvement in its preparation
Community Safety	The plan deals with community safety
Equalities	The plan consulted with every resident
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	The plan deals with sustainability of village
Ward-specific impacts	Littlebury

Workforce/Workplace	None
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## Situation

5. The Wendens Ambo Parish Plan is a document describing how the community could be developed over coming years to improve the quality of life for those who live there.
6. The views of residents were obtained through a questionnaire and subsequent village meeting. Questionnaires were delivered to every household which resulted in a 42% response rate.
7. The plan was approved by the Parish Council in October 2012.
8. The Parish Plan raises a number of key issues with 9 themes:
  - Employment
  - Public Transport
  - Traffic
  - Policing and Crime
  - Personal Safety
  - Planning and Development
  - Environment
  - Leisure and Recreation
  - Communications
9. For each topic the Parish Plan sets out the context, current position and the way forward. The latter is an expression of the Parish Council's aspirations for the village.
10. As an example of the issues the Parish Council are proposing to continue to work with the Police and Essex Highways on issues such as speeding, obstructive parking and highways safety.
11. The Parish will work with the Environment Agency over the provision of mains drainage for the village and will continue to vet planning applications submitted.
12. In relation to housing the plan suggests that there is most demand for housing for young people and small family houses. Affordable housing remains a priority. The District Council will consider such applications against adopted policy and take the views of the Parish Council into account.
13. In relation to employment, the existing commercial areas should generally be retained to sustain a balanced community and there is some support for small business development.
14. The Parish Council hope to improve communication within the village and will continue to promote the social aspects of village life such as clubs, societies and village events.

15. The actions are summarised at the end of the Plan and the Parish Council state who they will need to work with to deliver on the action.

## Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the Village Plan is not taken into account as a material consideration.	1. Little - Officers will be aware of the plan and will include reference to it in any relevant reports.	2. Some - The views of the community are not taken into account, devaluing community-led planning.	The Village Plan is included in a check list of items to consider when determining applications within Wendens Ambo Parish.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.