

Objective	What do we mean?	NP policy idea	Non planning policy action	Supporting evidence needed:
Theme 1: Landscape				
Objective 1: Protect and strengthen rural character and landscape character in village and parish	Identify key landscape characteristics, landscape sensitivities and provide guidance on landscape mitigation/enhancement measures	Landscape policy to apply to all locations and all types of proposals. Specific attention to be applied to landscape features at historic village gateways and other village gateways.		Little Dunmow Landscape Character Assessment See LD.03 (settlement edges) and design codes for Landscape, Nature and Open Space (LO.01, LO.02 and LO.03) in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes.
		Protecting locally valued views across the parish, in particular from the Public Rights of Way network.		Views assessment and map of views. Take cue from advice in Landscape Character Assessment and Design Codes and Conservation Area Character Appraisal. See also LD.05 Important Views in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes. It states the number of views but doesn't identify them in fact. Further work needed?
	Ensure the protection of dark skies is considered when new development proposals come forward, particularly in darker areas.	Dark skies policy		See: https://www.nightblight.cpre.org.uk/maps/ See also AM.05 Street lighting and dark skies in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes.

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	Protect rural lanes	Brambles Lane policy (if Local Plan policy does not already do the job)		
Objective 2: Protect and enhance our open spaces	As written	A policy designating Local Green Spaces. Direct link here with protecting heritage and village character (see below Theme 2). The following spaces should be considered for Local Green Space designation - Open space north of church (paddock etc) - Area of open space at village gateway and historic village gateway - Pond and trees opposite Flitch of Bacon restaurant. Consider whether there are similar spaces in the hamlets.		Open spaces assessment to identify contenders for Local Green Spaces. UDC can provide further advice on this.
Theme 2: Village and parish character (covering future design and protecting/enhancing our heritage)	Theme 2: Design and Heritage??			

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Objective 3: conserve and enhance the historic core of the village: Alternative to cover parish: Conserve and enhance heritage assets in parish, including Little Dunmow historic core.	Protect and conserve listed buildings, locally listed buildings, conservation area and below ground heritage assets	National Policy (NPPF), and Local Plan may be enough. Although a NP specific policy may be helpful with respects to specific below ground heritage assets.		Map of listed buildings and sites of archaeological importance See LD.04 Heritage Assets in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes.
	Protect the central open space because it performs an important function in providing setting for the Grade I church and several important listed buildings on The Street and Grange Lane	A policy designating the central open space consisting of St Mary's churchyard and paddock area between the church and Grange Lane to the north as Local Green Space. Link here with Objective 2 above.		UDC Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2014 See LD.04 Heritage Assets in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes. This includes <i>"Consideration should also be given to the retention of open spaces and gaps between buildings to sustain the historic form and pattern of development as well as the setting of the heritage assets."</i>

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	Explore potential for retaining an area of separation between the historic core of the village and Flitch Green in order to protect the setting of the historic core and to the Grade I listed church.	An area of separation policy between Brook Street and Flitch Green, subject to evidence in Landscape Character Assessment		Little Dunmow Landscape Character Assessment See LD.04 Heritage Assets in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes. As well as above, this includes “Development which affects any designated or non-designated heritage asset must demonstrate how local distinctiveness is reinforced” as well as “Particular consideration should be given to framing, punctuating or terminating key views through, out of and into the village as well as key views to the surrounding landscape”.

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	Protect the strong character and sense of place at gateways into the historic core	Historic Village Gateway Policy. Note: link here with Landscape Theme 1 because there are some important landscape features at historic village gateway to consider. E.g. Station Road/The Street (northern entrance) Protect and retain structural landscape along Station Road which serves to keep the village distinct and separate from through traffic along Station Road.	Discussion underway with Councillor Foley, Essex County Council re village sign green to strengthen village identity in recognition of the importance of this arrival point.	Design Codes work Landscape Character Assessment work

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Objective 4: Retain or strengthen the identity of Little Dunmow, preventing settlement coalescence with Flitch Green and Felsted	Protect the strong character and sense of place at southern village gateway point at Station Road/The Street	Other village gateway policy (southern junction of Station Road and the Street). - Note link with landscape theme above due to existing landscape features here including green in front of bungalows and established hedgerows/vegetation on road frontage to Station Road		Design Codes Landscape character assessment
	Identify important settlement gaps along Station Road which have an important function in keeping Little Dunmow separate from Flitch Green and Felsted.	Potential Settlement Gap policy		Map of permitted schemes. Landscape character assessment See also. The Design Checklist includes the following question under Category 5 “Does the proposal maintain or enhance the existing gaps between settlements?”

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NEW OBJECTIVE: All new development to be design-led and contribute positively to character of existing settlements.	As written	A design policy linking to the design checklists to be appended to the plan and setting out criteria to be met in Little Dunmow, Stebbingford and Brookend		Little Dunmow Design Guidance and Codes
Theme 3: Climate Change				
Objective 5: New development in the parish will meet high environmental sustainability standards.	Require the highest possible standards of sustainable design and construction as far as is within the scope of the NP	A sustainable design and construction policy setting out standards to be adhered to. To enable sustainable living, the policy should also require design and layout of schemes to give future occupiers choice in walking to village services and neighbouring areas.		See LD.06 (layout and grain), SC.01 and SC.02 (Sustainable buildings and water management) in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes See Design Checklist in document too.
	Require design and layout of schemes to give future occupiers choice in walking to village services, neighbouring area and connect into public rights of way network into countryside.	A policy requiring proposals to provide for walking and cycling connectivity.		See AM.01 and AM.02 (Prioritise walking and cycling and People Friendly streets) in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes. See Design Checklist in document too.

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Objective 6: Opportunities will be taken to help the parish be more resilient to climate change	Improve the environmental performance of existing buildings including historic and traditional buildings.	Where planning permission is required, supporting proposals designed to improve environmental performance of buildings including historic buildings, subject to proposals conserving significance of heritage assets.	For proposals where planning permission is not required, provide guidance to householders on responsible retrofit.	See LD.06 (layout and grain), SC.01 and SC.02 (Sustainable buildings and water management) in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes. See Design Checklist in document too. Explore resources at: https://stbauk.org/ And https://responsible-retrofit.org/
	Supporting renewable energy projects	A policy supporting Innovative solutions: - renewable energy projects including standalone projects (solar and wind), subject to protecting landscape character		Landscape character assessment Check resources at: https://communityenergyengland.org/
Theme 4: Getting Around				

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Objective 7: Protect and enhance our public rights of way	As written	Policy identifying and protecting existing network and, if applicable, identifying opportunities for improvement.		See LD.01 (Provide meaningful connections) in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes. In particular <i>“Future development should seek to connect to the existing village and create easy and direct routes for pedestrians and cyclists to nearby settlements to alleviate the issue of pedestrians walking along busy roads”</i> .
Objective 8: Improve cycle connectivity to neighbouring settlements, in particular Great Dunmow	Support		Parish Council to explore options/campaign with district and county council	See LD.01 (Provide meaningful connections) in Little Dunmow Guidance and Design Codes. In particular <i>“Future development should seek to connect to the existing village and create easy and direct routes for pedestrians and cyclists to nearby settlements to alleviate the issue of pedestrians walking along busy roads”</i> .
Improving the safety of Station Road.	Making sure all development in the parish is assessed in terms of impact on Station Road		Community speed watch group set up	
Theme 5: Community Hub				

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Objective 9: To facilitate the delivery of a sensitively designed community hub comprising a purpose built meeting space, dedicated off-street village car park and affordable homes to address parish needs.	As written	Allocate a site in the village suitable for development of a community hub	Exploring options via the community land trust route.	Firstly: a local Call for sites to check availability of sites Secondly: Masterplanning, viability work and suitability assessment Followed by detailed studies exploring ecology, potential for archaeology etc.

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