

## POLICY PENN2: LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS

***A. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies a number of buildings and structures as set out in Appendix B as Local Heritage Assets. The effect of a development proposal on the significance of a Local Heritage Asset will be taken into account in determining the relevant application. In weighing applications that directly or indirectly affect the identified assets in Appendix A, a balanced judgement will be taken having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.***

5.15 The policy identifies a number of buildings and structures which are regarded as ('non-designated') heritage assets in the parish that, whilst not statutorily listed, have some local heritage value for the purposes of applying the approach in Section 16 of the NPPF. Local volunteers identified candidate local heritage assets as part of the preparation of the evidence base supporting the Neighbourhood Plan. These have been assessed against criteria advocated by Historic England in its 2019 guidance note. A description of the value of each asset is provided in the Appendix B list along with the source. The owners of the heritage assets properties have been notified of the proposed inclusion on this list and their responses have been considered in the Consultation Statement which will be published alongside the Submission Plan in due course. Buckinghamshire Council has its own Local Heritage List project, which shares the same aims of this policy. Given both have used the same evaluation criteria, it is expected that the assets identified in this policy will be added to Buckinghamshire list in due course.

### Policy PENN3: Reducing the carbon footprint and ecologic impact of new developments

#### Introduction

5.16 With the impact of climate change increasingly apparent, there is a need to act locally to reduce carbon emissions. There is a significant opportunity to aim for 'Net Zero Building' for new developments and this policy aims to address this. Every new build in the Neighbourhood Area provides an opportunity to make a difference and to contribute towards meeting climate change targets. This requirement need not be an unreasonable expectation for new buildings. Land values in the Penn Parish are high relative to build-costs and ought to be sufficient to ensure that requirements to tackle improving energy and carbon performance are viable.

5.17 We recognise the difficulties in retrofitting carbon reduction technologies to existing dwellings given the limitations of current technologies and so householder planning applications for extensions and alterations are excluded from these clauses. We will continue to review this and will look to introduce policies for building extensions and

householder planning applications in future iterations of our Neighbourhood Plan as suitable solutions become available.

5.18 In addition to preserving the Green Belt, we believe it is also important to retain the tree cover within built-up areas of the Parish which provide important wildlife habitats and 'green corridors' that support the movement of wildlife. We include a clause for new developments which requires proposals to demonstrate the preservation or replacement of tree cover and a 'Biodiversity Net Gain'. This ensures that, as far as possible, the ecological impact and biodiversity loss of any new development is mitigated through compensatory gains on the same site or elsewhere locally.

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