

## **GREAT HASELEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STATEMENT CONSULTATION**

The Great Haseley Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) is being developed as part of the government's Simpler Approach to Neighbourhood Planning pilot, which aims to test whether a simpler form of neighbourhood planning could empower communities to play a direct role in shaping their neighbourhoods. It aims to identify the needs, desires and aspirations of the local community to inform both the South Oxfordshire Local Plan and, where relevant, be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Consultations for establishing an NPS for Great Haseley began in January 2023, during which we have identified three key priority areas for inclusion in the statement, all with an underlying theme of protecting the natural environment and the rural character of the parish. This statement will only be accepted if we can demonstrate sufficient local support. We would, therefore, appreciate as many Haseley residents as possible to review this summary of the NPS direction so far and comment via the online questionnaire, either by following the link on the Parish Council website ([www.thehaseleys.co.uk](http://www.thehaseleys.co.uk)) or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page (which will take you to a pre-built survey hosted by Mailchimp):

### **NPS SUMMARY**

#### **Theme 1: Local Green Spaces and Protected Views**

Through Neighbourhood Development Plans, local communities can identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them by designating them as Local Green Spaces, a designation that should protect the site from inappropriate development. A number of green spaces have been suggested as being of significant local value (sites listed and shown on the attached map) to be put forward as Local Green Spaces as a Neighbourhood Priority.

Along with identifying potential Local Green Spaces there also appears to be a Priority to preserve certain specific and iconic views, which show the villages of Great and Little Haseley in their setting, by having them designated as Protected Views, preserving important historical, landscape and architectural features (viewpoints listed and shown on the attached map).

#### **Theme 2: Sustaining Local Character**

The parish possesses a distinctive rural character – not locked in time, but sensitively changing with the changing demographic and economic circumstances of this part of Oxfordshire. There is a Neighbourhood Priority to sustain this local character and distinctiveness, ensuring any built development within the existing villages is appropriate in terms of scale, setting and materials, ensuring that the sparsely settled character of the landscape and the integrity and character of the local area is maintained and protected, ensuring that the historic features in landscape are preserved and ensuring that the rural setting of the villages is protected.

#### **Theme 3: Community Facilities and Physical Connectivity**

Both Great and Little Haseley have few remaining community facilities, with their remoteness also meaning that residents are largely dependent on using their own cars to access facilities in nearby villages. The improved provision of non-car access is one of our key Neighbourhood Priorities, including:

- Provision of safe crossing of A329 to enable access to school bus / current bus service to Oxford / local facilities in Great Milton.
- Restoration of footpath / cycle path to Thame to provide non-car access to our major local town and shopping hub.



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#### Possible Local Green Spaces

1. Great Haseley Allotments and Miss Cross Field.
2. Great Haseley Recreation Ground.
3. St Peter's Churchyard.
4. Little Haseley Village Green.



#### Potential Protected Views

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Great Haseley from Arns Hill</li> <li>2. Great Haseley from Rectory Road</li> <li>3. Great Haseley from the Grove</li> <li>4. Great Haseley from above Latchford Farm</li> <li>5. Little Haseley from the village green</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Chilterns from Great Haseley Recreation Ground</li> <li>7. Chilterns from St Peter's Churchyard</li> <li>8. Wittenham Clumps, Chilterns and Sinodum Hills from Great Haseley windmill</li> <li>9. Great Haseley windmill from Back Way</li> </ol> |
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