

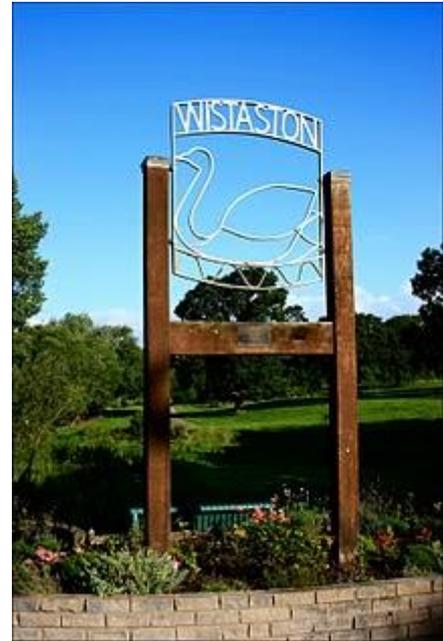


Wistaston Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan February 2016 Update

“By 2030 Wistaston will be a thriving and distinctive community located within the Green Gap which will evolve and grow in a sustainable way and will be a place where people can live, retire, learn, work, play and enjoy a high quality of life”.

The majority of respondents strongly agreed with this statement.



What do you like about Wistaston?

- It has a good mix of community facilities, green spaces, a village atmosphere and is essentially quite rural in character
- Friendly, safe and caring community where the crime rate is low and it is generally well kept and tidy
- Good quality low density housing with lots of gardens, open spaces, flower beds and grass verges
- Plenty of places to walk in green spaces including woodland and parkland
- An abundance of nature
- Has its own identity but is within easy reach of both Crewe and Nantwich with good links to the railway and motorway network

What do you dislike?

- Wistaston is constantly under threat from housing development resulting in the disappearance of fields and green spaces

- The Green Gaps in particular are constantly under threat from housing development
- More housing means more congestion, pollution and overloading of infrastructure
- Increase in the volume of traffic, congestion, danger, speeding and 'rat running' through the area
- Congestion in the local roads at School times resulting in illegal parking, blocking of driveways and inconsiderate driving
- Poor public transport particularly to Leighton Hospital and the railway stations in Crewe and Nantwich

What type of new development would you support in Wistaston?

- Small scale on brownfield sites
- Low density
- Small properties for first time buyers and those looking to downsize
- More local shops and updating of existing facilities
- Outdoor leisure and entertainment facilities
- Improved road and footpath maintenance

What you would like to see in the Neighbourhood Plan?

- Protection of the Green Gaps
- Identification, protection and enhancement of local green spaces
- Improved footpath network
- Wistaston retaining its identity
- Sustainable policies to protect the environment and wildlife
- Reduce traffic congestion and pollution
- Improve local bus services

We will be taking the views of the community on board, we have already commissioned Cheshire Wildlife Trust to prepare a landscape and biodiversity report, we are meeting with Cheshire East to agree housing needs and we will be publishing a questionnaire early in the summer with draft policies for your comments.

To find out more go to – www.wistaston-np.org.uk