

VISION STATEMENT

Residents of Anna Valley, Red Rice and Upper Clatford overwhelmingly share a vision that

- protects the distinct character of three visually attractive, independent settlements set in unspoilt, tranquil and accessible countryside and providing an excellent quality of life for all.
- allows them to influence decisions on future development.
- does not lead to coalescence with Andover or neighbouring settlements.
- ensures any future development is sited and planned in sympathy with the visual character of the surrounding houses, area and landscape.
- preserves our unique heritage assets and sites such as Listed Buildings, Bury Ring and the Conservation Area.
- Maintains and protects the Local Gap, village extent and current Settlement Boundary.
- protects and enhances wildlife habitats and ecological corridors.
- encourages the use of and support for village shops, facilities and community groups.
- protects formal and informal recreational spaces and access to the countryside in order to support the health and well-being of the community.

Residents attach value to:

- maintaining and promoting community and cultural services and facilities to ensure a thriving and sustainable rural community.
- protecting and retaining existing and new commercial activities that provide economic opportunities proportionate to the size and character of the parish.
- facilitating adequate off-street parking and mitigate impact of on-street parking to traffic.

A new group (Community Facilities, Business and Transport) will be established by Councillor David Coole (dcoole.cllr@upperclatford.com) to address these and similar issues.

Additionally, residents have valued

- The green spaces set within, the settlements and farmland surrounding
- The Conservation Area, rural character and tranquillity of the villages.
- Sights of Important Nature Conservation (SINCs) identified in the Local Plan and the water meadows surrounding the Pillhill Brook and River Anton.
- Retention and protection of a green space to ensure separation from Andover.

These and other issues will be handled by a new working group (Landscape and Countryside) established by Councillor Nick Shah (nshah.cllr@upperclatford.com)

Finally, residents have shown a very clear interest in future housing provision. Opinion was more variable in this category and matters to be addressed will include:

- determining what, if any, new development is of an appropriate type, size, density and design quality that satisfies the wishes of, and contributes towards the sustainability of, the community.
- considers development impact on heritage assets, green spaces and amenities.
- determining where development might be located in general terms (individual sites and plots will **not** be considered).

Given the size, scope and diversity within this area, an enlarged working group (Built Environment) will be formed by Councillors Ann Lockhart (alockhart.cllr@upperclatford.com) and Alan Newell (anewell.cllr@upperclatford.com) to oversee what will be the backbone to this project.

Stewardship of the overall project will be maintained by Steering Group Chair Charles Eyre (ceyre.cllr@upperclatford.com) and will be accountable to the Upper Clatford Parish Council Chairman Peter Heslop (pheslop.cllr@upperclatford.com)