

Everton Village Neighbourhood Plan: The Vision reworked following Consultation Event in November 2025

VISION STATEMENT: Everton will continue to be a thriving rural community that celebrates its heritage and natural environment, while embracing a sustainable future. Development will meet local needs, enhance biodiversity, support low-carbon living, and strengthen community connections through transport, digital networks, and quality public space.

- 1. Thriving and sustainable, meeting local needs, natural environment, quality public space:* The village has retained its 'rural village' nature, where housing is sufficiently varied in size and value to help fulfil the needs of young families to be able to maintain their links with the local school, facilities and church as well as allowing extended families to thrive. It will also provide opportunities for the elderly to move into more appropriate accommodation when that becomes required. **Houses that do meet these requirements have not been altered so that they no longer meet these needs.** Alongside well-established **and regularly maintained** rural walking routes, there are new opportunities for enjoying the open spaces that village life provides. These are clearly identified in mapped leisure and recreational trails. Traffic management schemes ensure a safe, quiet and accessible environment is enjoyed.
- 2. Heritage, rural community, natural environment, low-carbon living:* **All** buildings of historic and cultural relevance **are identified and** have been protected and maintained alongside new buildings that have been sympathetically added, so that the village loses none of its identity even as it grows in line with demands made upon it **and without destroying valuable farmland which retains its significance in the life of the village.** **Harwell and Everton remain identifiably separate communities.** New building promotes low-carbon living **and high environmental standards.** New developments respect the **open views, conservation areas,** heritage and natural environment, while utilising modern cost-effective and efficient materials. **New notice boards outline areas and buildings of cultural and historical significance.** The Parish Council supports appropriate development and opposes that which is contrary to its vision, **challenging local planning council decisions where necessary.**
- 3. Meet local needs, natural environment, enhance biodiversity, strengthen community connections:* Residents in the village are encouraged to participate in local activities **which promote better health and well-being,** and make use of the natural environment, **which is well-signposted,** as well as the facilities which grow in number and variety to support demand. Areas of natural and scientific interest are maintained and enjoyed and the valued community facilities and local services (including the Village Hall, Recreational Ground, School, Church and Cemetery) are protected and improved where possible to meet future community needs.
- 4. Meet local needs, strengthen community connections:* Residents in the village have access to regular, more frequent and late-night transport services to local towns which provide a wider range of facilities including supermarkets, **theatres, cinemas and other components of the night-time economy,** workplaces, transport hubs, railways, and the local airport. Digital networks are upgraded to facilitate the introduction of new businesses, appropriate to a rural community, which enhance the lives of residents through the provision of work opportunities and better local facilities, **including shop and post-office.** District and County Council decisions take account of the Neighbourhood Plan.

*In fulfilling this ambitious vision, the Parish Council recognises its responsibilities to support a wide range of projects, including through prudent use of its Precept and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), **and effective use of its land assets.***