

## **National Planning Framework 4 Call for Ideas – Response 30.04.20**

### **1. What development will we need to address climate change?**

- Continued improvement of building fabric performance, approach and increased use of renewable energy strategies.
- Repurpose, adapt and recycle vacant buildings where possible
- Developments that can look towards a circular economy, promote employment and retain skills
- Sustainable drainage strategies
- Mixed use development
- Regeneration of existing neighbourhoods and amenities to provide local choice and support the local economy
- Site analysis, density modelling and development orientation that can deliver quality external space and capture natural resources

### **2. How can planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future?**

- Mixed use developments
- Regeneration of rural communities and development that can support and sustain a range of socio-economic conditions and demographics with fit for purpose settlement infrastructure around, shops, leisure, business growth and opportunities, health and education provision.
- Improved public transport infrastructure and pollution control
- Defined Cycle and walking routes
- Green space for all
- Improved public realm to promote a sense of place

### **3. What does planning need to do to enable development and investment in our economy so that it benefits everyone?**

- Proportionate zoning that supports mixed use developments.
- Repurposing of vacant buildings that can be adapted rather than demolition as default and embrace economic challenges or a diversification of skills.
- Regeneration of deprived localities with mixed use development that can provide opportunities for all.
- Fit for purpose transport infrastructure and connection that attracts investment
- Improved community empowerment of land with opportunities for all

#### **4.What policies are needed to improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places?**

- Greater protection of existing buildings or settlement fabric that already provides identity and a sense of place
- Greater protection of green space and parkland for all
- Protect School playing fields
- Protect habitats including robust measures to control coastal erosion
- Early Community engagement, charettes and action plans
- Proportionate contributions from developers to pay for key infrastructure in terms of existing settlement expansion
- Regeneration of harbours, ports and docks to unlock economic potential

#### **5.What infrastructure do we need to build to realise our long-term aspirations?**

- Improved public transport
- Improved rail connectivity and line electrification to link all major centres and divest from diesel.
- Community Energy Schemes where possible
- Sustainable drainage strategies and water capture
- Reduced waste strategy
- Regeneration of harbours, ports and docks to unlock economic potential and trade connectivity with our EU and Nordic neighbours, and further afield.
- Improved digital infrastructure countrywide to promote home working opportunities in rural areas and reduce carbon footprint