

# **OARE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING POLICY**

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Oare Parish Council favours planning proposals which:

- incorporate thermal efficiency/Passivhaus standards in their design;
- minimise operational carbon by means of solar/wind/ground source heat pumps or any other low carbon energy production;
- reduce whole life carbon impact by using prefabrication, so that there is little waste and few lorry movements during construction;
- reduce whole life carbon by using biomaterials such as timber/engineered timber, so that carbon is stored/sequestered during the lifetime of the building;
- follow circular economy principles by designing so that components can be easily recycled/reused at the end of the life of the building;
- make minimal impact on the biodiversity of the site during construction and improve the environment for native flora and fauna so that there is biodiversity net gain;
- preserve the hydrology of the area as well as local water quality.

These principles will be taken into account when commenting on local planning applications.