

Wantage Neighbourhood Plan



Environment PEST Analysis

Political influences	Economic influences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in EU agricultural policy, less grants available for protection and enhancement of biodiversity on farms through agri-environment schemes. • Development pressures. • Lack of protection for environment. • Lack of real consultation and listening regarding planning locally or nationally. • Changes of government nationally and locally. • Changes in policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxfordshire SHMA - Strategic Economic Housing Assessment, April 2014 air quality - 100,000 new homes for county in next 17 years. Harwell, Culham expansion, Abingdon 'Garden City'. • Lack of funding and competition for resources to restore, create and enhance the environment. • Lack of resources for protecting and enhancing the environment. • Decreasing resources and increasing demands on government agencies eg: Environment Agency - pressures to cut costs eg: Augmentation of Letcombe Brook. • Increasing population will demand more food production, resulting in less area for biodiversity. • Increase in housing resulting in more people and an increase in spending in area.
Social influences	Technological influences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rise in population growth of Wantage and attendant knock on effects on environment eg: air and noise pollution form increase in traffic, impact on scarce water resources, increased litter. • People have less contact with nature than ever before. The loss of open green spaces, coupled with cultural changes and the rise of technology, means that many children rarely play outside. • Food waste - valuable resources are wasted when we throw food away including, land, soil, water, which could be used to support biodiversity. • Demand for housing. • Increase in housing, increase in population - changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less contact with the natural world eg Farmers rely increasingly on computers and less on traditional knowledge of how to farm the land. • GM foods and potential effects on biodiversity. • Use and effect of pesticides on biodiversity eg neonicotinoids (insecticide) and bees. • Pollution. • Renewable energy - solar farms.

dynamics of town.

- Inclusion of all groups in Wantage area - ie: the need to feel part of the plan.