

Vision:

Styal will be a desirable and attractive rural village in which to live, supporting a high quality of life for residents and businesses. Styal will remain an open and green gap between south Manchester, Manchester Airport and the larger nearby urban areas providing recreation and leisure opportunities for residents and visitors alike. The unique characteristics of Styal, including our special heritage offer, will be preserved, enhanced and promoted to ensure the distinctive historic and rural character of the village is maintained whilst evolving in a way that reflects our views and meets our needs.

Our Vision will be delivered through a series of objectives:

1. Strategic Role: Enhance the area's role as a rural community providing open space, leisure and recreation whilst balancing the needs of our resident community to enjoy a high quality of life.
2. Housing: Achieving the right type of housing development, in the right places, which is locally distinct, of superb quality and integrated into our community
3. Economy and Tourism: Stimulating a local and vibrant economy which increases the number of jobs in the area
4. Movement: Expanding, integrating and improving the network of public transport, public footpaths, cycle ways, bridleways and accessible green spaces .
5. Natural environment: Preserve and protect valuable natural habitats and minimise the impact of development on the environment
6. Leisure and recreation: Provide an outstanding offer so we can live well, enjoy life and be healthy.
7. Heritage: Celebrate and promote the unique heritage of our parish through heritage led development and also developing an integrated approach which, through great design, establishes continuity between the past and present in the built environment.
8. Our Community: Build a caring and inclusive community for all our residents

Strategic Role

Evidence required:

- Spatial map identifying Green Belt, key features (QBM/Airport/Village centre etc)
- Existing use classes within village centre and percentage split

Policies:

- Restrict development
- Protect landscape – buffer zones / bunds

Green Belt

- Green Belt – Green buffers and landscape
- Maintain Green Belt status of whole of Styal

Village Centre

- Create village centre focus through a village green

Culture

- Continue community events
- Preserve Earlams / pub / 39 steps
- Support quarry bank
- Over 60s club
- Sports club – establish new pavilion that can be used for different groups: pre-school/parties/group meetings etc
- Signage esp for horses/horse riders

Housing

Evidence required:

- Housing Needs Assessment
- Housing Advice Report
- Opportunity Development Sites
- Local design review

Policies:

- Strategic Site CS49 – impact and development to be appropriate for environment
- Mix of housing 2/3/4 bed and affordable housing
- Design policy needed – materials / scale
- Restrictions on change of use
- Ensure appropriate off road parking linked to new development

Economy and tourism

Evidence Required:

- NOMIS data
- Consultation info
- Map of existing and opportunity sites

Policies:

Employment

- Scope for limited small scale employment gains
- Issue of gap between wages and house prices
- Train station – opportunity to develop offices or similar (if the trains are running!)

Tourism

- Limited / no public toilets
- Village hub facilities important
- Airport parking link
- Improved transport links
- Aim to reduce cars / traffic / parking
- Visitor accommodation? Short stay/long stay? Temporary events?

Movement

Evidence Required:

- Map of routes and network
- Parking data
- Rail provider data

Policies:

Parking and Traffic

- Enforcement against all unauthorised airport parking
- Reduce speed limits on all roads to 30mph
- Introduce traffic calming measures
- Introduce parking restrictions – 2 hours/limits/permits
- Airport
- Ban all airport parking within Styal boundaries
- Maintain boundaries between CE and MC

Transport

- Increase bus services at more useful times (coincide with start of WHS timer)
- Reliable and on-time
- More train connections at commuter times
- Train to coincide with WHS times
- More trains on Wednesday (prisoner visiting day)
- Cycle tracks to link with other villages
- Widen footpaths
- Create footpaths and Holly lanes and Moss Lane

- Reduce speed limits to 40mph
- Improve lighting

Natural Environment

Evidence Required:

- Cheshire Wildlife Trust report
- Map of existing assets
- TPO map

Policies:

- Countryside Stewardship scheme - Identify landowners
- Implement wildlife trust guidelines
- Impact of pollution from traffic
- Protect areas from development / visitors
- Preservation / upkeep of gardens NT tenants

Leisure recreation

Evidence Required:

- Map of existing assets
- Calculation of existing provision (see Green Spaces Strategy CEC)

Policies:

- Involve local people and young people
- Provide for all ages
- Enhance facilities
- Need of a village hall – space / land availability? Next to Earlams?

Heritage

Evidence Required:

- Map of existing assets inc Local List
- Any existing conservation area reports
- Heritage review

Policies:

- Preserve and maintain heritage
- Is there more that can be done here? Eg identify local assets and landscape contribution particularly around the river/quarry bank? What is the 'rural' heritage of the area? Farming/field systems etc
- Policies which support QBM

Our Community

Evidence Required:

- Map community assets
- Evidence of use/participation
- Public health data

Population and Community Issues – community issues; amenities; caring community (support at prison)

- Improve recreational facilities
- Develop relationships between stakeholders
- Community cohesion
- Population diversity