

## Nantwich LAP Environment & Quality of Place Group: Sustainability Statement

The Nantwich LAP Environment and Quality of Place group will adopt sustainability as its overarching principle.

The Nantwich LAP area is largely rural with the market town having a strong relationship with its hinterland. The Environment and Quality of Place group supports the need to live within limits to achieve sustainability.

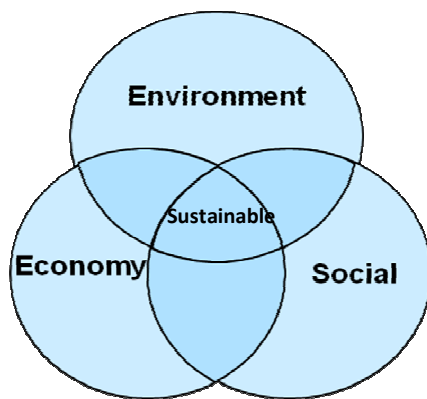
### AIM

- That the Nantwich LAP area is environmentally diverse and robust, economically prosperous and socially fair.

### OBJECTIVES

- Protect and enhance the environmental quality of the area (e.g. place-making, biodiversity, green and blue infrastructure, litter);
- Promote mitigation of and adaptation to the effects of climate change (e.g. in areas such as energy, local food, farming, flood management, transport);
- Seek to mitigate against the adverse impacts of any proposed development (e.g. through parish plans, planning);
- Deliver and add to the Community Strategy in environmentally sustainable living (e.g. transport, procurement, energy efficiency, localism in decision making).

### Sustainability



Sustainability has existed as a concept since the 1980's. It is expected to achieve many things, with no universally accepted definition or overall agreement on goals.

By the World Summit in 2005, it was seen as a reconciliation of environmental, economic and social demands; (the "three pillars" of sustainability) being interdependent and mutually reinforcing. It is accepted now that sustainability is where the 3 needs are met together.

Most common definition:

*" development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"* (Brundtland Commission, UN 1987).

Simple messages include:

*"Working for economic growth without cheating on our children."* (UK Strategy for Sustainable Development 1994).

*Living for today with tomorrow in mind.* (Educating Sustainable Communities 2009, a Cheshire Initiative).