

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR TOLLESBURY

Rural areas including Woodrolfe Green

Tollesbury has rural areas to the west and east of the village, the east includes Woodrolfe Green.

Woodrolfe Green is an area just past the main residential area in Woodrolfe Road. It is a low lying grassed area with trees and bulbs. There is a car park, recycling facilities and the scout hut used by all scouting and guiding groups in the village, other user groups and private functions. Public toilets are situated in the car park area and are open daily between 0900 and 1700.

The rural area to the east of the village is made up mainly of farm land, marsh land and the sea wall. The river surrounds the eastern area forming a peninsula. The sewage plant is situated near the sea wall. The area is heavily used by walkers, sailors, users of fellowship afloat, dog walkers ect.

The whole of this area is low lying and liable to flood.

There is scientific evidence that rural landscapes have many health benefits both mental and physical. There is evidence that experiencing rural tranquility can help people recover from stress or mental illness as well as physical problems relating to obesity and inactivity.

Part of the farm land is used by the local school and the scouting groups for forest school which is a valuable educational tool for team work, confidence building and awareness of the environment. The positive effects of forest school transfers to the classroom with huge improvements in the childrens ability to engage having let off steam in a natural environment as apposed to a playground where there is limited stimulation. The children are taught to respect and protect the natural environment.

The rural area to the west of the village is made up mostly of farm land on both sides of West Street stretching into the neighbouring village of Tolleshunt D'arcy. West Street is the main road into Tollesbury.

Tollesbury concerns and solutions

*Housing impact on rural landscapes

*Rural plan that meets the housing needs of Tollesbury

*How to enhance employment within the village and reduce the damage to the environment

*Rural public transport and how to enhance services to and from mainline railway stations and reduce traffic congestion

*Ways to support rural tourism and leisure developments that benefit businesses

*Encourage stake holders to maintain and improve infrastructure to support local rural village life