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THE PLAN'S VISION

To preserve and enhance Saham Toney's distinct and tranquil rural character whilst ensuring village life is peaceful and fulfilling for all residents. To promote gradually implemented, sustainable development, of a scale consistent with the Neighbourhood Area's development constraints; and to balance that with preservation of the area's richness of landscape, heritage, wildlife and community.

The vision is followed through in the Plan's policies, which aim to balance one group of policies supporting **growth and development** with a second group seeking to **preserve and enhance the environment**

Achieving that balance by the application of both groups of policies is the core ethos of the Plan.  **Key point**



SUSTAINABILITY AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE PLAN



National planning rules specify that sustainable development should normally be approved

Sustainability has three main components: economic, environmental and social, each of which are of equal importance

To be deemed sustainable development must balance those sometimes conflicting components



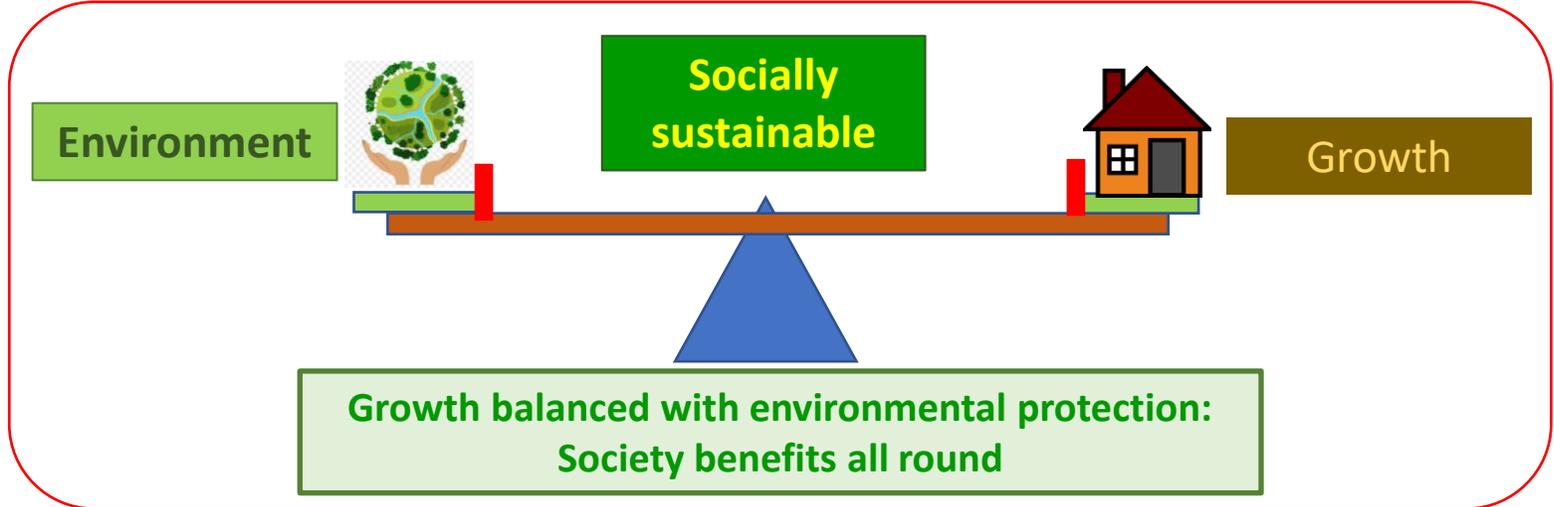
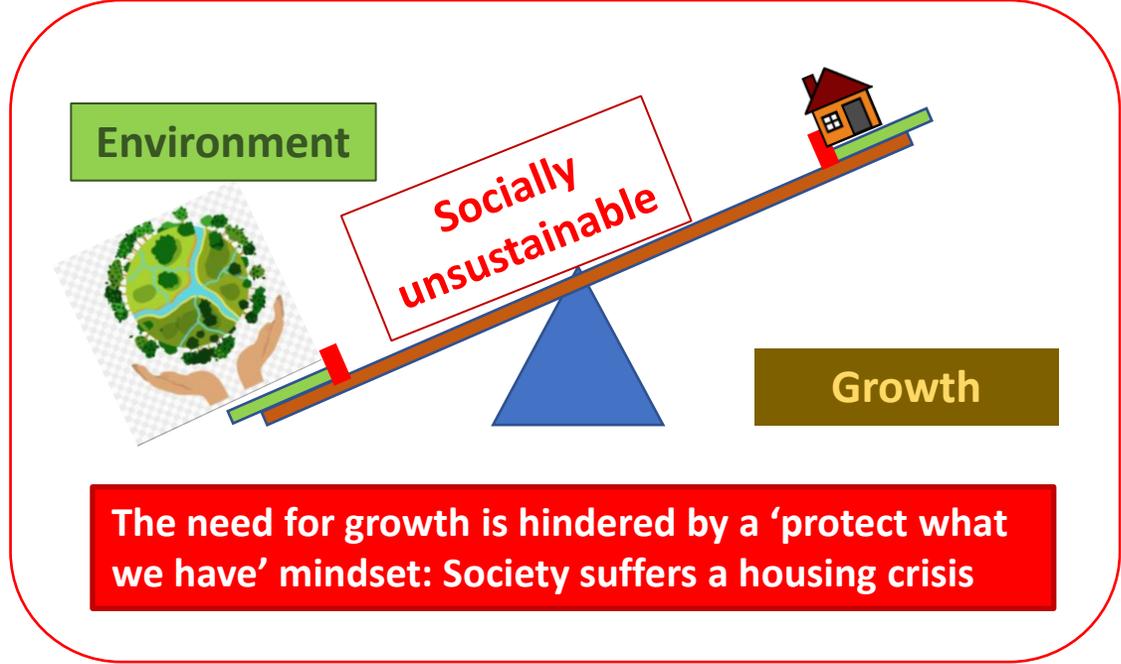
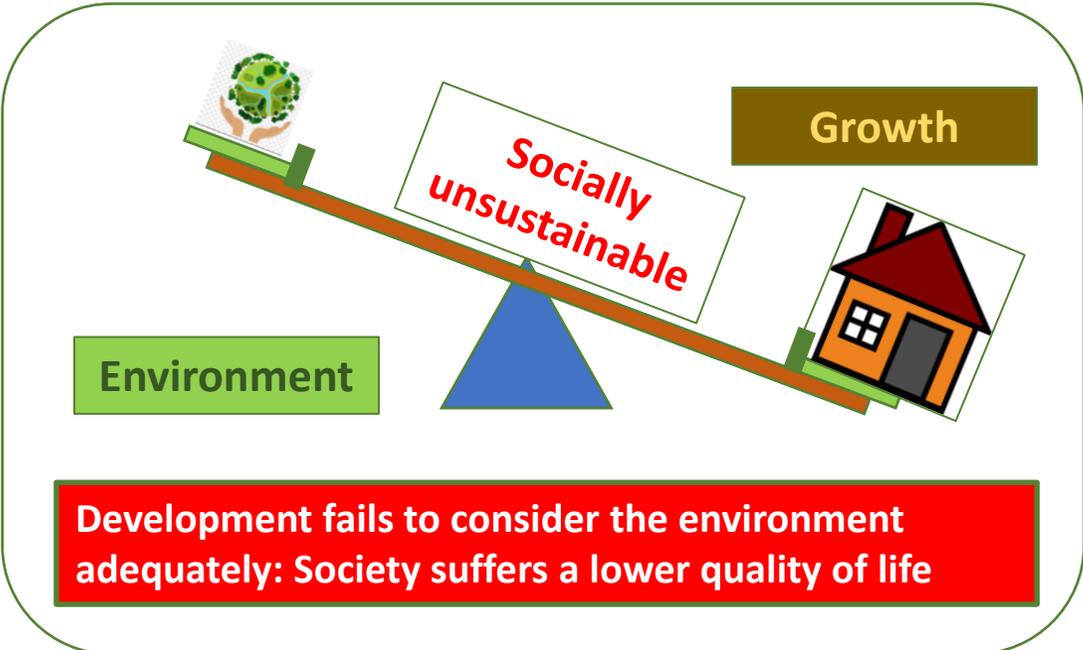
Meanwhile the UK faces **a severe housing crisis** and at the same time **a global climate crisis**



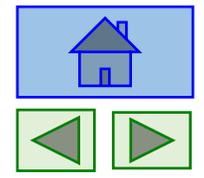
Hence the Plan must in a balanced manner promote growth while also safeguarding the environment



ILLUSTRATING THE SUSTAINABILITY BALANCING ACT



 Key point



HOW THE PLAN ACHIEVES A SUSTAINABILITY BALANCE



Policies for growth that exceed the Local Plan target for Saham Toney



Policies to preserve and enhance the environment that are rigorous, but appropriate when set against the planned level of growth

Key point



Because the Plan's policies are in balance, Saham Toney grows and thrives as a sustainable place to live and work

