

OBJECTIVE 8

We will prepare a
Neighbourhood
Plan which
embraces the
concept of local
distinctiveness
and contributes
to a sense of place
and well-being for
the community and future
generations.
(Through all NDP Policies)

THE GREEN BELT serves five purposes (NPPF paragraph 80)

- to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas
- to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another
- to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment
- to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns and villages
- to assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land

As a resident in either parish you will get a chance to vote on the final Neighbourhood Development Plan. We hope you will support it.



For more details:

- call in at one of our four 'Open House' Consultation Events
- on the policies themselves please look at the full NDP document and supporting documents on the PC webpages
- comment forms available on websites
- hard copies can be viewed at Bromsgrove Library, Blackwell Stores, The Trinity Centre (Wed/Fri 10.30-3.30) and at Cofton Village Hall by appointment with the clerk, see PC website for details
- a short information film on the NDP is available for viewing via the PC websites

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THIS SUMMARY of the objectives of our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is intended to inform residents and interested parties on consulting on the full final draft of the NDP. Formal consultation takes place from 4 June to 16 July 2018 and your comments on the document are invited – see back page.

OUR VISION for the area for the 20 years (2018-2038) is to sustainably maintain and enhance the life of our community, retaining its rural character and building on its heritage to shape its future.

TO ACHIEVE THIS VISION, THE NDP HAS THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

OBJECTIVE 1

We will protect the built, historical and natural environment ensuring that our green spaces, and, where possible, the Green Belt are protected.

(Through Policies NE1 Geodiversity, NE2 Local Landscape Character, NE₃ Protecting and Enhancing Local Biodiversity, NE4 Green Infrastructure (GI), BD1 Barnt Green Conservation Area, BD2 Encouraging High Quality Design and BD3 Garden and Backland Development)

OBJECTIVE 2

Where possible we will retain open land between individual settlements and use this plan to help engage in the wider strategic Green Belt Review of Bromsgrove District Council.

(Through Policies NE2 Local Landscape Character and BD2 Encouraging High Quality Design)

OBJECTIVE 3

We will promote nature conservation and protect areas of special environmental value.

(Through Policies NE1 Geodiversity, NE₃ Protecting and Enhancing Local Biodiversity and CF₃ Local Green Spaces)



OBJECTIVE 4

We will support residential developments of modest size that are in scale with the character of the surrounding area.

(Through Policies H1 New Housing Within Existing Settlements and H2 Housing Mix)

OBJECTIVE 5

We will seek to ensure any development is suitable in terms of existing and planned infrastructure and road networks.

(Through Policies INF1 Supporting Walking and Cycling and Improvements in Local Transport Infrastructure and INF1 Communication Technologies)

OBJECTIVE 6

We will support sustainable economic and social growth and development and will seek to enhance facilities for all local people in order that the community can take further advantage of a full social and active life style.

(Through Policies B1 Supporting Appropriate Local Enterprise, B2 Supporting Home Working, CF1 Protecting Existing Community Facilities and Supporting Investment in New Facilities, and CF2 Protecting Existing Open Spaces and Recreational Facilities and Supporting Investment in New Facilities)

OBJECTIVE 7

To ensure that our Parishes develop over the coming years, we will support the local economy to expand by encouraging suitable small business and employment opportunities for people of all ages.



(Through Policies B1 Supporting Appropriate Local Enterprise and B2 Supporting Home Working)