

Over the past eleven months, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has carried out research into many aspects of our community, produced a questionnaire and analysed the results. This information has allowed us to get a good idea of what the community wants to achieve over the coming years.

<https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/questionnaire-results>

We have identified four high level objectives.

1. Sustain our community
2. Meet our local housing needs
3. Preserve the character of our community
4. Protect and enhance our environment

Each of these objectives has been broken down into more detailed objectives, describing WHAT we want to achieve, and WHY. We have also taken ideas and data from the questionnaire to start to describe HOW we \*might\* achieve these objectives.

There are two phases to the neighbourhood planning process; Scoping and Delivery. Scoping is all about identifying the objectives (WHAT and WHY) and we are nearing the end of this phase. Delivery is where we identify HOW we will achieve them as a set of planning policies and projects.

In January, we are holding four public meetings at different times and days of the week to give as many people as possible a chance to participate. At these meetings we want your feedback and ideas.

- Are these objectives correct?
- Which of these objectives should take priority?
- How might we achieve each of the objectives?

You can also send your feedback to the Steering Group at [bhwbuf.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:bhwbuf.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

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WHAT	WHY	HOW (WE MIGHT ACHIEVE)
<b>1. Sustain our community</b>		
a. Protect and enhance our community facilities	Increase participation and provide more opportunities for social interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register Assets of Community Value</li> <li>• Develop additional amenities such as a play area, recreation, and parking</li> <li>• Develop a Community Hub with a shop/café, post, social and workspaces</li> <li>• Have the plan address similar needs of the school, village hall and housing as a linked group</li> </ul>
b. Support the needs of the local and rural economy	Increase the number of opportunities for people to work in the villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the farming and equestrian businesses in our community</li> </ul>
c. Support hybrid working	Increase the opportunities for people to work from home and reduce the isolation this can cause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning guidelines that require suitable space and infrastructure for home working</li> <li>• Shared workspaces that provide social interaction for home workers</li> </ul>

d. Protect and support better connections between the villages	Make it easier for people to travel between and use, the amenities in different villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements to the foot paths and byways between the villages</li> <li>• Create safer cycle routes between the villages</li> </ul>
e. Promote healthier lifestyles and well-being	Promote the use of our environment to stay fit and healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the use of our natural environment and heritage to encourage healthier lifestyles and well-being</li> </ul>
f. Provide information that is useful, timely, comprehensive, and accessible to all	Connect the community and promote existing amenities and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidate the various websites into one online site</li> <li>• Invest in the paper Local News and Noticeboards</li> <li>• Post information frequently and consistently across all the channels we have</li> </ul>
<b>2. Meet our local housing needs</b>		
a. Support the development of types of housing to meet the needs of young families, single people, and older residents	Ensure sufficient housing capacity is available for the needs of the community, and provide additional demand to sustain local services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require a mix of 2-3 bed starter homes, bungalows, and market rate housing</li> <li>• Ensure required infrastructure is provided as part of any development</li> <li>• Ensure required amenities (see 1.a.) are funded by development</li> </ul>
b. Support the development of affordable housing	Ensure young people are not priced out of the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the required % of new housing is affordable</li> </ul>
c. Propose allocation of sites for the development of new housing	Ensure appropriate and viable sites are agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose allocation of a single site to meet our housing needs</li> <li>• Propose allocation of multiple sites to meet our housing needs</li> </ul>
<b>3. Preserve the character of our community</b>		
a. Protect the heritage of the community	The heritage assets we have are significant, very old and highly valued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register Assets of Community Value</li> <li>• Produce a Conservation Area Management Plan</li> <li>• Create and promote a Heritage Walk that connects the villages and heritage assets (listed buildings, scheduled monuments, amenities)</li> <li>• Promote and support local volunteers help maintain footpaths, planting etc.</li> </ul>
b. Protect and enhance the character of the built environment	Ensure our overall environment reflects modern day living whilst respecting our heritage and character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Design Guide that integrates new buildings with the existing character and landscape of the villages</li> </ul>

<b>4. Protect and enhance our environment</b>		
a. Protect and enhance the natural environment	Ensure that any future development does not impact our valued natural environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and protect our community's green spaces by formally designating them as Local Green Spaces</li> <li>Identify and protect distinctive treescapes and woodland areas</li> </ul>
b. Ensure that BHIN18 (Uffcott) is a useable amenity and safe for vulnerable users	The byway was identified as unsafe for vulnerable users in the recent Earthline public enquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage the byway for use as an amenity</li> <li>Introduce a Traffic Restriction Order to limit the volume and type of traffic using the byway</li> </ul>
c. Promote and support the reduction of the carbon footprint of our community	Reduce the future environmental impacts of climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require that new homes are zero-carbon in construction and occupation</li> <li>Promote low-carbon improvements to existing homes</li> <li>Minimise the environmental impact of climate change on water resources and flood risk</li> <li>Identify sites for community wind and/or solar power generation</li> </ul>
d. Promote and support efficient traffic management in and around the villages	Improve the safety of road users and pedestrians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic calming in Winterbourne Bassett and Broad Hinton</li> <li>Footpaths in Yew Tree Lane, Summers Lane and from The Winterbourne to the bus stop</li> <li>Improve sight lines at key junctions in and out of all the villages</li> <li>Review and update the existing Parish Council Traffic Plan 2021 (Draft)</li> </ul>
e. Promote and support a viable public transport strategy	Improve the accessibility of local towns and reduce unnecessary car journeys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and support the existing public transport and community transport services</li> <li>Lobby for bus service routes to Marlborough and Royal Wootton Bassett and for the 49 route to be at times when people need to use it.</li> </ul>