

Botley Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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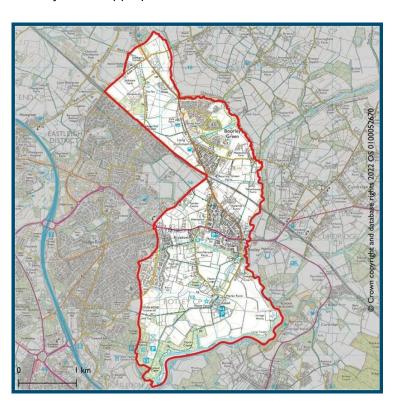
Plan

Executive Summary

Welcome to our Neighbourhood Plan

This plan has been produced on behalf of our community by a Team of local residents. We have consulted widely with the community in a number of different settings in order to ensure that the plan meets our community needs. We have spoken with older and younger people, families, and communities from surrounding areas in order to gain as many different views as possible about how our parish should develop. We hope that you will take the time to read this summary and also the full document, but most importantly that you let us know what you think. This plan belongs to the community and your feedback is important.

The full Neighbourhood Plan extends to over 85 pages and includes 18 policies resulting from consultations and aspirations from within the Botley Community. We want this summary to show you the areas covered by the plan but also for it to encourage you to read the full document, to ask any questions you may have about its content, and to give feedback as you feel appropriate.



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

On 30th Nov 2016, Botley Parish Council was granted approval to start the process of preparing a neighbourhood plan.

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to sit alongside the Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) Local Plan to guide development within the Parish and provide direction to any interested parties wishing to submit planning applications for development within the Parish. The process of producing a plan has sought to involve the community as widely as possible and the different topic areas are reflective of matters that are of considerable importance to Botley, its residents, businesses and community groups.

The Botley Neighbourhood Plan has been developed by volunteers from the Parish to: influence any development as allocated by the EBC Local Plan-according to the wishes of the community; ensure that development is sympathetic to, and improves the look and feel of the parish; protect the area's environment and biodiversity, thus maintaining the essential character of Botley Parish and provide the opportunity to access 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy to improve local facilities (if adopted by EBC).

Scope of the Plan

From consultation and other evidence we have developed 25 objectives under 4 themes which provide the "direction of travel" for the plan and the basis for our objectives, which suggest how we will meet those aims between now and 2036. These objectives are set out in the full document and provide the basis for the planning policies we have developed.

Our policies <u>have</u> to be written in the context of the planning system and therefore have to either propose changes to land-use (i.e. be proactive) or provide a set of policies against which any planning applications which are submitted can be determined by EBC as the local planning authority (i.e. reactive). In order to add something to what the policies set out in national guidance and the EBC Local Plan already say, or the protections they provide, our policies also need to provide local detail. Therefore, the policies of our neighbourhood plan will be used alongside these other planning policies and guidance by those proposing development and those making decisions on planning applications.

Challenges for Botley

The vision and objectives form the foundations of the Plan and were developed with input from the local community, as well as constraints affecting the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Overall, the key challenge for Botley is to provide appropriate sustainable development with supporting infrastructure whilst retaining the quality of current village life. Botley is under continuing housing and infrastructure pressures which may result in residents living in a non-sustainable community with severe consequences for their wellbeing, safety and lifestyle.

The overwhelming view is that, despite recent and proposed large-scale development, it is really important to ensure the mix, design and density of dwellings on all sites meet the identified needs. Recent development has placed strain on existing infrastructure, including surface water drainage and foul water drainage into an historically inadequate sewerage system. The high and intermediate pressure pipelines passing through the Parish must be safeguarded. The community wants to be sure appropriate infrastructure is in place to cope with planned expansion.

Supporting the retail centre with its eclectic mix of facilities is a challenge. However, there are opportunities for improving this aspect of Botley which the Plan supports.

Botley has many archaeological assets, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and heritage assets and maintaining and enhancing these is very important. In addition, with such large-scale development planned, maintaining Botley's individuality by preventing coalescence with its neighbours is important.

Large-scale development will inevitably cause greater volumes of traffic, particularly heavy goods vehicles. The challenge for the Neighbourhood Plan is to address these issues in a way that ensures good air quality is maintained, ensuring historic assets and listed buildings are not compromised.

Maintaining and improving movements routes, especially those not involving motor vehicles, to and from key services and facilities, will be challenging.

Therefore, the vision and objectives have been developed to meet the challenges and put in place policies which seek to cancel any negative effects.

Vision for Botley

In 2036, Botley remains a warm and friendly place to live, work and to visit. New developments have been well incorporated into the Parish through our sensitive Neighbourhood Plan policies and have provided homes needed by both the local and wider community, and for all generations.

Well-managed infrastructure and resource facilities provide residents with a quality environment, good access to health care, excellent educational opportunities and reliable access to modern technologies.

Local children and young people can walk or cycle safely to their educational establishments or the play and green areas on the many footpaths and cycleways introduced over the last 20 years. These routes provide a healthy alternative network for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the locality and link to neighbouring parishes.

The bypass has been built and an update to the routing system traffic-calming measures in the Parish has led to a decrease in rat-runs and has been effective in creating safer roads.

The village centre has been recognised as important for its heritage, businesses and shops, and provides a popular destination for locals and visitors alike.

ECONOMY POLICIES

Policy One: Retention of existing commercial premises Development proposals which will enable the retention of existing commercial services (Class E [formerly Class A1, A3 and A5]) within the existing settlement boundary will be strongly supported.

Development proposals to increase the retail provision at the Botley Mills site, the Boorley Park site and Boorley Gardens will be strongly supported.

A retail impact assessment will be required to support any proposals on edge of centre and out of centre sites which would accommodate at least 350m₂ of net additional floorspace.

Provision of new retail premises (Class E [formerly A1]) within the existing settlement boundary and in conformity with Strategic Policy DM21 of the adopted Eastleigh Local Plan will also be strongly supported.

There will be a strong presumption against the loss of commercial premises or land which provide employment (formerly Class A1 A3 and A5) and are of demonstrable benefit to the local community. Applications for a change of use to an activity that does not provide employment opportunities will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that:

- the commercial premises or land in question has not been in active use for at least 12 months, and
- there is little or no prospect of the premises or land being reoccupied by an employment-generating user. This must be proven through a sustained marketing campaign lasting for a continuous period of at least six months.

Policy Two: Retail development sites

Proposals for provision of local shops within walking distance of large developments will be strongly supported.

Proposals for re-use of redundant agricultural buildings for business use in Class E (formerly classes A2 and B1) will be strongly supported.

ENVIRONMENT AND CHARACTER POLICIES

Policy Three: Protection and maintenance of Local Green Spaces

- a) The following areas, as shown on the proposals maps 1-3, are designated as Local Green Spaces:
- * Botley Parish Quay * Four Acre
- * Churchyard of All Saints Church (mainly owned by Portsmouth Diocese, small area owned by Botley Parish Council)
- * Mortimer Road * Nursesland

 * Jenkyns Close * Amberley Close

 * Sycamore Walk * Holmesland Drive

 * Holmesland Walk * Chestnut Walk

 * Falcon Way * Pudbrook Green

 * Cheping Gardens * Noble Road
- * Bedford Close
- Bull Close Allotments
- * Maffey Court (green route to the rear of Maffey Court)
- * Land south-west of Winchester Street
- * Land south-east of Woodhouse Lane
- * Land west of Holmesland Lane
- b) Proposals for development on these Local Green Spaces will not be permitted unless it can be clearly demonstrated with compelling evidence that it is required, to enhance the role and function of an identified Local Green Space.
- c) Where permission for development can be demonstrated to be required with compelling evidence, developers will be expected to demonstrate how the existing flora and fauna will be protected or be subject to mitigation measures.
- * Chancellors Green to be added to this policy if sufficient evidence is found.

Maps can be found at www.xxxxxxx.co.uk

ENVIRONMENT AND CHARACTER POLICIES

Policy Four: Infrastructure investment priorities

- a) Subject to viability and to compliance with S106 Infrastructure Regulations, all housing developments of 10 or more homes will be expected to contribute to the following local priorities:
- * Creating a Botley museum.
- * Improving the layout and parking in the village square to enhance the retail environment after completion of the Botley Bypass.
- * Improving access from the village square to Botley Mills.
- * Increasing the space for parking at the Botley Centre.
- * Improving the network of movement routes linking key services, schools and recreational areas, both from existing and new developments.

Policy Five: Site for a new cemetery

- a) It is recognised that as the existing cemetery site at All Saints Church is at full capacity, there is a need for further cemetery provision within the Botley Neighbourhood Plan Area, and development proposals which can help to meet this need will be welcome.
- b) Such proposals will need to demonstrate the suitability in planning terms of any ancillary development, as well as the suitability of the proposed cemetery site in planning terms.

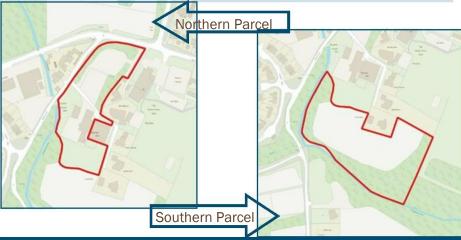
Policy Six: Local Settlement Gaps

- a) Development in the gaps identified on proposals map 4: Local settlement gaps should not lead to the physical or visual coalescence of the areas they separate or damage their separate identity.
- b) The areas identified and marked on the map are:
 - i. Between Curdridge, Boorley Green and Botley Village (Area 1)
 - ii. Between Hedge End and Botley Village (East of Brook Lane) (Area 2)

DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Policy Seven: SLAA-3-20-C Northern parcel Woodhill School *proposals map 5*

- a) This site is identified on the priority list of allocated sites as first to be allowed contingent on the infrastructure being in place to support it. (With reference in particular Policies Ten and Eleven of this Plan).
- b) Development on this site will only be permitted when it is needed this need to be established by an evidence-based Housing Needs Assessment
- c) To prevent unnecessary development, this site will not be considered until the Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan has delivered the full quota of housing currently identified together with the physical infrastructure and services to support the increase in population.
- d) This site shall provide a maximum of 20 dwellings together with associated open space as shown on proposals map 5 unless compelling evidence is presented to demonstrate the need for additional development.
- e) This site is required to deliver an overflow car park for the Botley Community Centre as shown on proposals map 7. This is in keeping with Policy Thirteen of this Plan.
- f) Access to this site and therefore the car park (proposals map 7) will be based on safety audits and will be in one of two places either:
 - * the current entrance to Woodhill School from Brook Lane as shown on proposals map 5/6, or
 - * directly into the current carpark from the High Street as shown on proposals map 5/6.
- g) This site is required to deliver 40% affordable housing on site for end users who satisfy the local connection criteria listed at 144 unless there is compelling evidence to demonstrate why this cannot be viable in accord with Policy Fourteen (Housing mix and affordable housing) of this Plan.
- h) Proposals are required to identify how the Grade II listed parts of the site will be incorporated into new development.
- i) A proposal for providing flats in the Grade II listed school building will be supported pursuant to historic buildings guidance.
- j) Development on this site is subject to flood risk sequential testing and if approved, proposals for a strategic flood risk assessment will be required to demonstrate how the site will be safe for the lifetime of the proposed development.

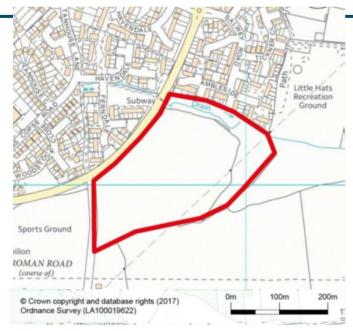


Policy Eight: SLAA-3-21-C Southern parcel Woodhill School proposals map 6

- a) This site is identified on the priority list of allocated sites as second to be allowed, contingent on the infrastructure being in place to support it (with reference, in particular, to Policy Ten of this Plan).
- b) Development on this site will only be permitted when it is needed, as established by an evidence-based Housing Needs Assessment.
- c) To prevent unnecessary development, this site will not be considered until the Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan has delivered the full quota of housing currently identified together with the physical infrastructure and services to support the increase in population.
- d) This site shall provide a maximum 20 dwellings, together with associated open space as shown on proposals map 6 unless compelling and credible evidence is presented to support a higher level of development.
- e) Access to this site will be via a new entrance from Brook Lane as shown on proposals map 6.
- f) This site is required to deliver 40% affordable housing on site for end users who satisfy the local connection criteria listed at 144, unless there is compelling evidence to demonstrate why this would not be viable in accord with Policy Fourteen of this Plan.
- g) Proposals are required to identify how safe pedestrian access will be provided linking Botley Bridleway 17 to the Pudbrook Green Route via the southern end of the site.

Policy Nine: Site BO3 (Strategic Allocation) proposals map 8

- a) This site is expected to deliver a mix of housing to meet the requirements of Policy Fourteen of this Neighbourhood Plan and in general conformity with Policy BO3 of the Eastleigh Local Plan.
- b) This site is required to deliver 40% affordable housing on site in line with Policy Fourteen of this Neighbourhood Plan unless there is convincing and compelling evidence to demonstrate why this is not viable.
- c) The Master Plan for development of this site is required to include proposals for how inclusion of a cemetery on this site can be incorporated.
- d) The Master Plan for development of this site is required to include proposals for how inclusion of either allotments or additional community space (following hydrological surveys) could be incorporated.
- e) The Master Plan is required to demonstrate how the biodiversity of the site, in particular, the European Otters, Bechstein Bats and migrating Honey Buzzards will be protected.
- f) The Master Plan is required to demonstrate how proposals meet the requirements of other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to infrastructure (Policy Four), flood mitigation (Policy Eleven) and strategic high and intermediate pressure pipelines (Policy Twelve).



Policy Ten: Utilities provision

- a) Development proposals are expected to demonstrate with evidence and use of effective modern solutions that they will not worsen the existing drainage situation and electricity networks.
- b) For surface water drainage, this means demonstrating and providing evidence that all reasonable and sustainable options have been considered. This is particularly the case if swales or balancing ponds are proposed.
- For the foul sewerage network, this means demonstrating and providing evidence that capacity is currently available or can be made available in time to serve the development in accordance with National Planning Practice Guidance.
- d) For the electricity network, this means demonstrating and providing evidence that connection to the network represents a sustainable long-term solution to serve the development without materially increasing the likelihood of power outages in Botley Parish.
- e) New and improved utility infrastructure for water supply, surface water drainage and wastewater which meets the identified needs of the community is encouraged and will be supported.
- Proposals for new development will be required to demonstrate how the infrastructure plans are adequate for the number of proposed dwellings. This requires the relevant water supply, wastewater treatment and electricity distribution and transmission network providers to be consulted in instances where new dwellings or new nonresidential buildings are proposed for major development (i.e. 10 or more dwellings / at least 1,000m₂ of floorspace).

Policy Eleven: Flood mitigation

- a) New development, excluding extensions to dwellings and changes of use, will only be permitted if it incorporates Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Wherever feasible, naturalised filtration should be included within the treatment train, as set out in Policy DM6 of the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan.
- When selecting the means of surface water disposal, priority must be given to the use of SuDS.

- c) New development proposals will be required to incorporate SuDS as part of the design of new housing and commercial development and indicate how such schemes will be managed and maintained.
- d) New development proposals will be required to provide appropriate design statements showing the method of discharge of surface water
- e) Flood risk from surface water flows should be managed using SuDS and the method of discharge should be as high up the following hierarchy of drainage options as is possible, particularly where other options have been proved not to be viable:
 - * infiltration into the ground
 - drainage to a surface water body
 - drainage to a surface water sewer
 - highway drain
 - drainage to a combined sewer
 - another drainage system.
- f) Development is expected to take opportunities to reduce flood risk and create betterment.
- g) Geo-technical investigations are advised prior to developing a drainage strategy and if any uncertainty exists, adequate space for attenuation and storage systems to restrict the rate of surface water run-off must be provided.

Areas of localised flooding

- 1. Lower River Hamble
- 3. Botley Parish Quay
- 5. Botley Mills
- 7. Maddoxford Lane
- 2. Pudbrook
 - 4. Maddoxford Lane
 - 6. Boorley Park Sportsfield

Policy Twelve: Strategic high and intermediate pressure pipelines and high voltage electric cables

- a) All development proposals are required to comply with the existing safety requirements in relation to consultation distances around major accident hazard pipelines and refer to the guidance from the appropriate operator.
- The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Planning Advice web app should be used to identify if a proposed site lies within the consultation distance of any of these strategic pipelines or cables.

Policy Thirteen: Parking standards for new residential developments

- a) Development proposals that generate an increased need for parking must provide suitable parking, having regard to the Eastleigh Borough Council Residential Parking Standards (2009) as a minimum, in order to meet the needs of its users and occupiers and to minimise obstruction of the local road network in the interests of the safety of all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.
- b) For all new residential developments, it will be expected that sufficient space will be identified within proposals to ensure the following minimum standards apply for the provision of off-road parking:
 - * 1-bed house/flat: 1 off-road car parking space
 - * 2-bed house/flat: 2 off-road car parking spaces
 - * 3-bed house/flat: 2 off-road car parking spaces
 - * 4-bed house/flat: 3 off-road car parking spaces
 - * 5+ bed house/flat: 4 off-road car parking spaces.
- c) For residential development, off-street parking spaces can take the form of spaces or garaging/car port facilities.
- d) Parking spaces will be required to be constructed of permeable surfaces to maximise surface water run-off.
- e) Proposals that would reduce the existing level of off-street parking provision will be resisted unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that the amount of overall provision is adequate.
- f) Storage space above should be provided where feasibly possible, to encourage use of garage space for vehicle parking.
- g) During the planning process for developments in reasonable proximity to the village centre, the Botley Centre or the Boorley Green Community Centre, the provision of public car parking must be explored.

Policy Fourteen: Housing mix and affordable housing

- a) New residential developments should provide a range of dwelling types and sizes to meet the needs of the Neighbourhood Plan Area, taking into account the most up-to-date evidence.
- b) Proposals should provide for a mix of housing sizes and the delivery of smaller dwellings.

- Development is expected to meet higher national access standards as set out in Part M of the building regulations for new build residential development or future equivalent.
- d) All new housing proposals of 10 or more units are expected to reflect the need for smaller units for those wishing to downsize, as well as first-time buyers.
- e) An alternative dwelling mix will only be permitted where evidence is brought forward with an application that clearly demonstrates the need for a different mix.
- f) To address the needs of older people in Botley, development that provides housing specifically designed to address their needs will be supported. This includes the provision of sheltered housing.
- g) All proposals for new development are required to deliver, as a minimum, the required 35% affordable housing quota as required by the EBC Local Plan unless there is significant compelling, robust evidence that this is not achievable.
- h) Development of 50 dwellings and above will be required to provide 40% affordable housing unless credible robust evidence indicates convincingly this is not achievable.
- i) For clarity, Policy Fourteen also applies to the allocated sites in Policy Seven and Policy Eight at Woodhill School.
- j) All affordable housing delivery will be expected to be on-site unless there is compelling evidence to demonstrate this is not possible.
- k) All new affordable housing built should be evenly distributed throughout the development.

Community Consultation strongly demonstrated the local need was very much for smaller properties

78.1% felt the need was for one-or two-bedroom houses

46.3% felt the need was for three- or more bedroom houses

69.7% felt there was a need for retirement or sheltered housing

24.6% felt there was a need for more flats

Policy Fifteen: Built form, design and materials

- a) New development proposals should demonstrate how they are consistent with the requirements of the Botley Design Guide (Appendix 1) unless protections for the historic environment, set out in other policies of the Local Plan, would be compromised.
- b) Where alternatives to the Design Guide are proposed, evidence identifying the reasons for the discrepancy will be required and must still be sympathetic to its surroundings.
- c) In particular the following requirements will apply:
- Developments, extensions and renovations requiring planning permission will generally be expected to harmonise with their immediate surroundings.
- e) Where appropriate, new developments should seek to reflect local materials and features evident in the immediate surrounding area.
- f) Ensuring new development in Botley is of appropriate design which fits with the general character of the area.
- g) Larger residential schemes should promote non-car use and have appropriate internal layouts and connections to other footpaths and key services.
- h) Where possible, distinctive trees should be retained.
- Where it is necessary to fell trees, replacement of native species will be expected to be consistent with Local Plan SPD on trees and development.
- j) Where reasonable and practical, and in line with Policy Sixteen of this Plan, new developments will be expected to be provided with electric vehicle charging points.
- k) New developments will be expected to be provided with facilities for storing refuse and recycling bins out of sight.
- Boundary treatments are expected to provide soft junctions with the surrounding areas.
- m) Development of predominantly 2.5 storeys will be permitted and development higher than 2.5 storeys will be appropriate in certain circumstances, where development reflects local distinctiveness, and it can be demonstrated how the building would contribute towards a positive relationship with the surrounding area.

The Plan requires well-designed developments, especially within sensitive areas such as the Conservation Area and sites which will impact the historic village centre.

Policy Sixteen: Renewable energy

- a) Small-scale, on-site renewable energy development and proposals for micro-renewable energy schemes, either mounted on buildings or on the ground, will be supported, provided that the overall requirements for development, as set out in Policy Fourteen of this Plan, are met.
- b) 'Small-scale' means of a size designed to directly meet the needs of the occupants of the site and not designed primarily for export to the National Grid for use elsewhere. Renewables include thermal and photo-voltaic, solar. ground- and air-source heat pumps, biomass and anaerobic digestion, where these meet the definition of small-scale above.
- c) In particular, new development proposals are encouraged, where possible and practical, to incorporate and accommodate:
- electric charging points for vehicles
- * ground and air source heat pumps
- * biomass and anaerobic digestion systems
- thermal and photo-voltaic solar energy systems
- alternative energy systems such as solar panels and geothermic heating systems.
- d) Electric vehicle charging points are expected to be installed alongside any off-road parking that is provided for educational facilities, in line with Policy Seventeen of this Plan.
- e) Any other innovative solution for providing renewable energy which could be incorporated into the development.

TRAFFIC POLICIES

Policy Seventeen: Parking infrastructure for educational facilities

- a) It is recognised that the current off-road parking provision for users of educational facilities within the Parish are inadequate and development proposals which can help to meet this need will be supported.
- b) Such proposals will need to demonstrate the suitability, in planning terms, of any ancillary development, as well as the suitability of the proposed parking site in meeting the identified needs of the community.
- c) Notwithstanding the above, the provision of accessibility through 'active travel' (non-car) to educational establishments should be the primary focus for development.
- d) Electric vehicle charging points are expected to be installed alongside any off-road parking that is provided for educational facilities in line with Policy Sixteen of this Plan.

Policy Eighteen: Community infrastructure

Proposals that would result in the loss of existing community facilities will not be permitted unless appropriate re-provision is made. Such reprovision will be required to demonstrate that the replacement facility is:

- * At least of an equivalent scale to the existing facility.
- * In a generally accessible location to the community of Botley, within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- * Made available before the closure of the existing facility.
- * Of a quality fit for modern use
- a) Proposals for new and/or improved community facilities, especially at the Little Hatts Recreation Ground and the Boorley Park Sports Field Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and the children's play area will be encouraged subject to the following criteria:
- * The proposal would not have significant harmful impacts on the amenities of surrounding residents and other activities
- * The proposal would not have significant harmful impacts on the surrounding local environment.
- The proposal would not have significant impacts on the local road network.
- *1 The proposal would provide appropriate car parking facilities.
- * Facilities are expected to be accessible through active travel (i.e. non-car travel).

COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

During the course of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, a number of requirements were identified as being necessary to maintain or enhance quality of life for the residents and the governance of Botley in the future. It is recognised that these are outside of the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. However, they have been mentioned many times by the community and inform some of the key objectives. Given that they clearly have such importance, it is felt they should be documented for the community to see, as well as to ensure these issues are highlighted to the relevant bodies. Seventy community aspirations across nine groups (community, economy, education, healthcare, housing, infrastructure, locality, transport and youth) have been identified and these are listed in Appendix 4.

Botley Parish Council does not have the resource to follow through on all the community aspirations identified during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council has therefore agreed to create and support a Community Plan Steering Group, which would be a delegated Committee of the Parish Council.

Health Care Provision

Local healthcare, as provided by Primary Care (the General Practitioner service), is one area of community infrastructure provision that is of particular concern to residents. The main site is at St Luke's Surgery in Hedge End with a branch surgery in Botley only open in the mornings. This is unacceptable, given that it should provide for the healthcare needs of most of the Parish, with only some of those living at the western side of the Parish travelling to Hedge End for medical care. There is no healthcare provision provided or planned for Boorley Green. The Botley Surgery is used by the Eastern Southern Parishes group of General Practices to provide the out-of-hours Hub Service, but treatment here requires either referral by a GP or by the NHS 111 Service. However, access to GP services at Botley surgery is not at capacity. It should be encouraged to increase activity in this surgery for ease of access for local residents.

It's important that the growing population of Botley has access to appropriate primary healthcare services. Opportunities to both fully utilise and, where possible, expand the provision of health services, using the Section 106 funding already available as part of the Boorley Park development, within the Neighbourhood Plan Area, will be strongly encouraged.

This summary can only give brief details of the Neighbourhood Plan. We encourage you to read the full document, which is available, along with all support documentation on the Botley Parish Council website:

https://www.botley.com/np-regulation-14

Paper copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and feedback forms are both available throughout the Consultation Period and can be found at:

The Botley Centre The Hedge End Library The Botley Parish Church And from any of the following contacts:

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We will be happy to arrange for any resident to be supplied with their own paper copy. Please, however, be aware that it does extend to over 85 pages and using the web-based version will help to reduce our costs!

What Happens Next?

There is a strict process which dictates the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and ensures that the final result represents the true wishes of the community.

The Formal Consultation Period for the Plan will run from Monday 24th October 2022 to Monday 5th December 2022. It is during this time that we need your comments which can be made as follows:

By visiting https://www.Surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BotleyNPReg14

By email to Stephen Wildin-contact info as above.

By completing the enclosed feedback form and returning to drop off points that can be found in the Botley Centre and Boorley Community Centre.

Additional feedback forms are available from any of the contacts above for a feedback form and can also be returned it to them.

After this period all the comments received are collated and any necessary changes are made to the plan. which is then submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council who will conduct their own consultation and appoint an independent examiner. This ensures there are no areas of the plan which contravene other local or national policies that would prevent its implementation.

Following examination there is a local referendum, which is the community's final opportunity to either accept or reject the plan.

If the plan is accepted it remains in force until 2036 and will be regularly monitored and reviewed to ensure it remains current and up-to-date.

