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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Botley has a range of facilities and services for the estimated population in April 2019 of about 5500 residents in postcodes SO30 and SO32.
- 1.2 Once current permitted and likely development of nearly 2824 homes has been completed, more than doubling the present number of dwellings in the Parish, a 128% increase, there will be large gaps to fill in the provision of facilities and services.
- 1.3 Botley Village centre, including Botley Mill, the Village Market Square and the Church, lies within a Conservation Area (designated in 1975, extended 1988, see Appendix Figure 1) with a range of mainly specialist shops and services as well as public houses, cafes, restaurants and takeaway food providers.
- 1.4 There is a Post Office counter in the small Cooperative supermarket, a garden centre in Woodhouse Lane, and two microbreweries in central Botley. There is a retained Fire Station in Winchester Street.
- 1.5 Public toilets are available in the Botley Centre during daytime hours.
- 1.6 The Macdonald Botley Park Hotel & Spa is a large (130 room) hotel and planning permission has been granted to increase the number of rooms to 180.
- 1.7 The Botley Market Hall, the Botley Centre and the All Saints Church Room may be hired for meetings and events. The Brook House Masonic Centre and Steeple Court Manor can be hired for certain functions. The Boorley Park Centre will also be available for hire from sometime in 2021.
- 1.8 Elsewhere in the Parish there are open spaces, two Recreation Grounds with children's playground areas (High Street and Little Hatts), the Boorley Park Sports Field opening in 2021, two secure children's' playground areas (one in the High Street Recreation Ground and one on the edge of the Boorley Park Sports Field opening in 2021, two Multi-User Games Areas (one flood lit in the High Street Recreation and one unlit in the Boorley Park Recreation Ground opening in 2021), two allotment areas (47 plots on land leased from the County Council at Bull Close, 40 more at Boorley Park opening sometime in 2021 and some further plots planned for the Uplands farm development, the 400 acre River Hamble Country Park and Museum, and the River Hamble.

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- 1.9 The YMCA Fairthorne Manor Outdoor Activity Centre is close by, but just outside the Parish boundary.
- 1.10 Botley has a railway station (refurbished in 2015), which is also just outside the Parish boundary. Regular services are provided by South Western Railway to London and Portsmouth, and to Southampton Central via either Eastleigh or Fareham. Annual passenger usage based on ticket sales is approximately 162,000. (2017-18)
- 1.11 There are Blue Star and Xelabus bus services to Hedge End Station, Eastleigh, Fareham and Southampton. For more details see section 8 in the Transport Paper.
- 1.12 The main road links are A334, A3051 and the B3354. The Botley Bypass was approved in 2017. Enabling work began in 2020 and the main highway work will start in 2021 with a possible completion in 2022. Highways are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council.
- 1.13 There is no provision of cycleways apart from a few hundred metres of shared cycleway/footpath on Broad Oak and on Winchester Road in Boorley Green. Also see paragraphs 7.13 to 7.15.
- 1.14 Policing in Botley is carried out as part of the Hedge End North Police Neighbourhood, with a monthly Police beat surgery in Botley. The Parish has one of the lowest recorded crime rates in Eastleigh Borough.
- 1.15 There is a cemetery at All Saints Church, the Parish Church, but it is at capacity and is now closed for further interments. Also see paragraph 6.21.

2 Local voluntary support groups

- 2.1 *Botley Neighbourcare* and *Botley & Curdridge Welfare Trust* are both voluntary organisations that offer help and support to local people of any age who may be in need of assistance, especially when they have no one else to turn to.
- 2.2 There is a Botley Community minibus, run by Botley Neighbourcare, available for hire on a non-profit basis. It is fully adapted for wheelchair access.
- 2.3 The volunteer led *Out For Lunch Club* for over 50s meets fortnightly in the Bugle Inn.

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2.4 Neighbourhood Watch Network groups are active within parts of the Parish.

2.5 Aims

- a Encourage Neighbourhood Watch Network Groups to be established across the whole of the Parish.
- b Expand the Neighbourhood Watch Network Groups in line with continuing population growth and need.

3 Local activity groups and events

3.1 There are more than 70 activity and interest groups for adults and children in Botley, and many more just outside the Parish boundary. These include such pursuits as arts and crafts, culture, dance, exercise, gardening, music, social, sport and worship.

3.2 Comprehensive details of all these groups and activities can be found in the Botley Community Information Directory on the Parish Council website, using the link below.

<https://www.botley.com/community-directory>

3.3 There are several annual or biennial events for the community such as Botley in Bloom, the Remembrance Sunday Parade, the Community Information Day and Christmas Carols in the Square. The Botley Music Festival takes place every other year.

3.4 The Community Information Day allows residents to try out different sports and activities and discover what activities are available locally. This is co-ordinated by the Parish Council and staffed by local volunteer groups and organisations. In future it will be held alternately at the Botley Centre and the Boorley Park Community Centre.

3.5 There is an Annual Parish Meeting, held in the Botley Centre, where residents can meet their Parish Councillors, raise matters of concern to the community in an open forum discussion, have their say about local issues and find out what the Parish Council has achieved during the year.

3.6 Aims

- a Continue to build on the success of the Community Information Day and to site this on alternate years at the Botley Centre and the Boorley Park Community Centre.

- b Ensure the continued funding for the Community Development Worker, whose work benefits all residents, when the Section 106 support for the post ceases.

4 Recreation and Leisure

- 4.1 Botley has good facilities for outdoor sport and recreation but no dedicated indoor sports facilities.
- 4.2 The Botley Centre is suitable for Yoga classes, Dance and in-door short mat bowls. The main hall at the Boorley Park Community Centre will be suitable for these activities and others like badminton, archery, in-door soft ball cricket and in-door 5-a-side football.
- 4.3 Currently, there are two well maintained Recreation Grounds, these being the High Street Recreation Ground in central Botley and the Little Hatts Recreation Ground in western Botley. The High Street Recreation Ground has been awarded Green Flag status by Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Communities and Local Government for seven years in a row. The Boorley Sports Field should be open in early 2021 as a green space and the football pitches should become fully functional later 2021. The Sports Field will be maintained by the Parish at the same high standards as the current Recreation Grounds.
- 4.4 At the High Street Recreation Ground there are two football pitches (adult and junior), a cricket pitch, a basketball court, a flood-lit Multi-User Games Area and a secure children's play area. Changing facilities are provided in the Botley Centre and there is also a wooden pitch side cricket pavilion.
- 4.5 At Little Hatts Recreation Ground there is a basketball court and a picnic area.
- 4.6 At Boorley Park there is a large Sports Pavilion, probably coming into full public function in 2021, four football pitches (one adult and three junior), a Multi-User Games Area for daytime use only and a secure children's play area, hopefully available from sometime in 2021.
- 4.7 There is no longer a golf course in the Parish. This is now the site of the Boorley Park development of 1397 dwellings, a junior school, a nursery school, Sports Pavilion, playing fields and a Community Centre. The course at nearby Fairthorne Manor closed in 2013.

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- 4.8 There are equestrian facilities at Sherecroft Farm and an Equestrian Centre at Pinkmead Farm. These are both just outside the Parish boundary.
- 4.9 There is a rifle range and shooting club at the Botley Mill.
- 4.10 At the High Street Recreation Ground Botley Village Football Club run youth and adult teams and a Saturday Morning Soccer School for young players. Walking football is played on the MUGA twice a week. There are regular young player coaching sessions during the school holidays.
- 4.11 Botley Badminton Club play in the Market Hall, and the Short Mat Bowls Club play in the Botley Centre. There is also a range of exercise, relaxation and dance classes available at the Botley Centre and the Market Hall.
- 4.12 The four nearest Hampshire County Council Libraries or HCC supported Libraries and the distances in miles from central Botley and from the junction of Winchester Road and Kingsman Drive Boorley Park are shown below.

		Central Botley	Boorley Park
a	Hedge End Library	1.5	2.0
b	Lowford Community Library	3.8	4.2
c	Fair Oak Library	4.1	2.7
d	All Saints Church Library	0.2	1.4

- 4.13 An effective local Library Service run by Hampshire County Council is an important part of both School, College and Adult education. As well as the traditional supply of books an important aspect of a modern Library Service is the provision of Internet access. Although it would be much appreciated to have a fixed site directly managed or supported HCC Library within Botley Parish this is clearly unlikely to happen. However, we note with dismay the reduction in the HCC Library Service that will reduce the effectiveness of Hedge End Library.
- 4.14 All Saints Church Library is run by volunteers and the books are available to the community and accessible when the Church is open. The book stock is provided by donations.
- 4.15 With the current increase in the number of residents in Boorley Green and the future increase from the completion of Boorley Park and from Boorley Gardens and considering the distance of these residents from Hedge End Library Hampshire County Council should be urged to restart the Mobile Library Service in Botley

Parish. An alternative would be the creation a satellite unattended or volunteer run Community Library preferably in the Boorley Green Community Centre or possibly in one of the Grade II Listed Buildings on the development of the land north and east of Winchester Road (Uplands Farm Farmhouse, Building or Barn).

4.16 Aims

- a Engage and actively involve residents, where appropriate, in the maintenance and improvement of all existing and future recreation facilities in the Parish, for example by actively supporting the Friends of Pudbrook and the Friends of Little Hatts.
- b Work with the residents at Boorley Park to set up a Friends of Boorley Park group to assist in the maintenance and improvement of the recreation facilities at Boorley Park.
- c Encourage residents, through forums, meetings and publicity, actively to use all existing and future recreation facilities in the Parish.
- d Encourage Hampshire County Council to reinstate the Mobile Library Service in Botley Parish or create a satellite unattended or volunteer run Community Library preferably in the Boorley Green Community Centre.

5 Countryside and Settlement (Local) Gaps

5.1 In the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Strategic Policy S7 covering new development in the countryside states that there is a presumption against development in the countryside, subject to other policies in the Local Plan. In this regard it does not specify Policy DM24 (Housing Sites and Mixed Use Sites including housing with planning permission), as being a policy that would over-ride Policy S7. The Countryside Gaps are shown in Appendix Figure 2. A link to the Local Plan is shown below.

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/media/3484/final-local-plan-document-june-2018-print.pdf>

5.2 In the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Strategic Policy S8 covering protection of countryside gaps states that to maintain the separate identity of settlements countryside gaps are defined. Also, it states that in countryside gaps, development which physically or visually diminishes the gap, or has an urbanising effect detrimental to the openness of the gap, the character of the countryside or the separate identity of the adjoining settlements will not be permitted. Specifically, it notes the Countryside Gaps between Botley and Boorley Green and between Hedge End and Botley.

- 5.3 The Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011-2036 Settlement Gap Policy Review 2017 (link to the Review is shown below) recommends that a single term Settlement Gap is used to describe both Strategic and Local Gaps and this terminology has been used in the Submitted Local Plan 2016-2036.

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/media/1651/2017-july-draft-gap-review.pdf>

- 5.4 In the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Countryside gaps background paper 2018 there was strong community support for the principle of maintaining gaps between settlements (background paper section 7.3 page 22). The expressed community support is difficult to reconcile with Eastleigh Borough Council proposed 27% reduction in Settlement Gaps. A link to the Background Paper is shown below. Also, of considerable concern is Eastleigh Borough's decision to accept the 4th criteria of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire's Policy 15 of the South Hampshire Strategy 2012 that any Gap shall include *no more land than is necessary to prevent the coalescence of settlements* (link to the Strategy shown below). This is an imprecise definition, and this was clearly demonstrated during the Local Plan Hearings the representatives of several developers felt a road, hedge and ditch constituted a gap sufficient to prevent coalescence of settlements. This is already essentially the case along part of the boundary between Botley and Hedge End where the Settlement Gap is the width of Kings Copse Avenue.

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/media/3452/final-countryside-gaps-bp.pdf>

<https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/South-Hampshire-GI-Strategy-2017-2034-FINAL.pdf>

- 5.5 The Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 proposed removing the Settlement (Local) Gap status from six areas. These areas are shown on the map (Appendix Figure 3) and the details of these areas are shown below.

- a Map ID 22 Land west of Holmesland Lane
- b Map ID 23 Land north of Hedge End Railway Station, also described as land north east of Hedge End Station or land north west of Winchester Road, Boorley Green, development for 680 dwellings known as Boorley Gardens (O/15/75953) approved on Appeal.
- c Map ID 24 Land to the east of Sovereign Drive and Precosa Road
- d Map ID 25 Land east of Brook Lane
- e Map ID 29 Land east of Crows Nest Lane and south of Maddoxford Lane, also described as land south of Maddoxford Lane and west of Westfield (Holly Tree Farm), allocated in Policy BO1 for 30 dwellings, application for 92 dwellings (F/19/85178) refused.
- f Map ID 37 Land north east of Winchester Street, also described as land north and east of Winchester Street, Botley, allocated in Policy BO2, development for 375 dwellings (O/18/83698) approved.

- 5.6 Botley Parish Council made their Representations to the Inspector at the Hearings into New Developments in the Local Gap (Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Policy S7) and the Protection of Countryside (Settlement) Gaps (Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Policy S8). These changes were felt to be inconsistent with the stated Vision & Objectives of the Local Plan and in particular the Gap should be reinstated for three areas. The Inspector heard the Parish's representations to reinstate three of the deleted Gaps at the Hearing for Matters 7 and 8 on 05 December 2019. A link to the Representations is shown below.

<https://www.botley.com/np-evidence-base-2/send/84-np-evidence-base/1197-eblp-matters-8-13>

- 5.7 Brief details of the three areas are discussed below. Maps of these areas are shown Appendix Figures 4a and 4b.

- a Land east of Precosa Road and Sovereign Drive (area 24). Eastleigh Borough Council deleted this land from Policy DM24, as part of their Main Modifications (MM116) prior to the Hearing. The Council Officers accepted reinstatement of this Settlement (Local) Gap at the Hearing.
- b Land east of Brook Lane (area 25). Reinstatement as a Settlement (Local) Gap required to prevent western Botley from coalescence with central Botley. Decision will depend on the Inspector's recommendation to Eastleigh Borough Council.
- c Land east of land allocated in Policy BO1 south of Maddoxford Lane and west of Westfield (area 29) at Holly Tree Farm. Reinstatement required as a Settlement (Local) Gap to avoid further urban sprawl and the coalescence of Botley and Curdrige Parishes. Whilst the decision will depend on the Inspector's recommendation to Eastleigh Borough Council it should be noted that in refusing planning permission on the land east of BO1 the Borough stated that this land was in the countryside.

- 5.8 The Eastleigh Borough Parishes of Botley, Fair Oak & Horton Heath and Hedge End and the Winchester City District Parishes of Curdrige and Durley are shown in Appendix Figure 5.

- 5.9 In the light of some of the Inspector's comments regarding the methodology used to determine Local (Settlement) Gaps Eastleigh Borough Council commissioned Deacon Design to carry out a Settlement Gap Review and a link to the full review is shown below. The two Settlement Gaps of relevance to Botley Parish are shown in Appendix Figure 6 and listed below:

- a Area D - Hedge End, Horton Heath and Boorley Green
- b Area I - Botley, Hedge End and Boorley Green

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/media/8870/settlement-gap-study-report-october-2020.pdf>

- 5.10 In the Deacon Design report the Boorley Green Settlement Character, described on page 61, is inaccurate in that there is no mention of the Boorley Park development and does not accord with the better description on page 123.
- 5.11 The Hedge End, Horton Heath and Boorley Green Settlement Gap is shown in Appendix Figure 6 and in more detail in Appendix Figure 7 and the relevant DM24 development sites with planning permission are shown in Appendix Figure 8. The DM24 sites in Horton Heath with outline planning approval were for Chalcroft Farm (O/14/75735, 950 dwellings) and Fir Tree Farm (O/16/79354, 450 dwellings) but in December 2020 a new combined application (O/20/89498, for 2,500 dwellings) was made but is currently not determined. The DM24 sites in Botley were Boorley Park, which is nearly half completed (O/12/71514, for 1397 dwellings) and Boorley Gardens (O/15/75953, for 680 dwellings). These development sites clearly show why the proposed Settlement Gap is essential to prevent the coalescence of Horton Heath with Boorley Green.
- 5.12 The study recommends withdrawal of Settlement Gap status from sub-areas D3, D4 and D5 (see Appendix Figure 9) so removing the northern corner of the Gap and allowing housing development to reach the northern boundary of Botley Parish. Although this is within Horton Heath Parish, we would hope that they would oppose this change. Sub-areas D1 and D2 would remain in the Settlement Gap.
- 5.13 Sub-areas D6 to D17 (see Appendix Figure 9) all lie within Botley Parish and would remain in the Settlement Gap. However, sub-areas D7, D9, D13 and D15 already have some dwellings within them and it is imperative that there is no further development in these sub-areas, or the Settlement Gap will be fragmented.
- 5.14 To the east of the Hedge End, Horton Heath and Boorley Green Settlement and on the east side of the B3354 (Winchester Road, Botley Road) and on both sides of Snakemore Lane is an area of countryside (see Appendix Figure 10) extending up to the Parish and Borough boundary that must remain as Countryside and is, in essence, part of the Settlement Gap (also see 5.19f).
- 5.15 The Botley, Hedge End and Boorley Green Settlement Gap is shown in Appendix Figure 6 and in more detail in Appendix Figure 11 and the relevant S3 development sites with planning permission are shown in Appendix Figure 12. These two strategic development sites clearly show why the proposed Settlement Gap is essential to prevent the coalescence of Botley with Hedge End and Botley with Boorley Green.

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- 5.16 The Botley, Hedge End and Boorley Green Settlement Gap is further divided into thirteen sub-areas (see Appendix Figures 13 and 14).
- 5.17 The Deacon Design Study recommends removal of the Settlement Gap status from three parcels of land (see Appendix Figure 15):
- a Two small parcels in sub-area I1 stating that this *already developed land that forms settlement edge to Boorley Green and doesn't contribute to the Gap function*. The Parish Council objects to the removal of these two areas, which would allow their southern borders to further close the Gap between Boorley Green and Botley. The Report does not mention the loss of part of I1 sub-area, forming the north-western corner of the Gap, by its inclusion in the HE1 development site.
 - b One small parcel in sub-area I16 stating that this *reflects the boundary of the industrial land use defined by vegetation*. Provided there is no further incursion into sub-area 16 the Parish Council would not object to this change.
- 5.18 To the east of the Botley, Hedge End and Boorley Green Settlement Gap (see Appendix Figures 11 and 12), where it runs along Brook Lane, the open fields going towards Church Lane were withdrawn from the Settlement Gap (see 5.5). This area is not mentioned in the Deacon Design Study. At the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan Hearings the Parish Council made representations that this area (see Appendix Figure 4b) should be either reinstated as a Settlement Gap or designated as Countryside (see 5.6 and 5.7b). Currently, the Inspector has not ruled on this matter.
- 5.19 To the south of the Botley, Hedge End and Boorley Green Settlement Gap as shown in the Deacon Design Report (see Appendix Figure 12) the original gap between Botley Parish and Bursledon Parish (now Hedge End Parish after a boundary changes in 2018) was provided by the area now allocated in Policy BO3. The Parish boundary runs along the line of Bridleway 501 and 20 (see Appendix Figure 17). In the view of Botley Parish Council this area should be defined as Countryside if not as a Settlement Gap. This area is clearly shown as part of the River Hamble Country Park on the Hampshire County Council Map (see Appendix Figure 18) and in the Deacon Design Report (see Appendix Figures 12 and 19) shown as the cross-hatched area. At the Local Plan Hearings the Inspector did ask the Eastleigh Borough Officers for more information as to whether the increase in dwelling numbers from 70 to 120 would entail increasing the size of the site, was it clear that this area lay outside the Country Park and why was this area was not deemed as a Settlement Gap or Countryside. Currently, we are not aware of Eastleigh Borough's response or the Inspector's decision. If the final decision is that this area is suitable for development then it will be of great importance that the open land to the east, going towards the River Hamble Country Park, remains protected as Countryside. To the south-west of the BO3 site is the Norman Rodaway Sports Facility and immediately to the south of this is a currently undetermined development site in Bursledon for 123 dwellings (F/19/86829, Serenity, Heath House Lane).

- 5.20 The southern and eastern boundaries of the Parish are contiguous with the Eastleigh Borough boundary and the eastern border is along the River Hamble and its tributary from Ford Lake.
- a To the south the Parish boundary is formed by the River Hamble, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (see 6.19) with the River Hamble Country Park to the north being Countryside.
 - b The Parish boundary between the Country Park and Botley Parish Quay is formed by the River Hamble and an area that is Countryside, as part of the Eastleigh Borough designated Conservation Area (see Appendix Figure 12) to the west of the River.
 - c Botley Village extends to the eastern boundary of the Parish (see Appendix Figure 16). Immediately to the north of the Village is the Policy BO2 site (Land north east of Winchester Street, Uplands Farm, with planning permission (O/18/83698) for up to 375 dwellings). To the east and across the River Hamble there is a Winchester City Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment site in Curdridge Parish (Land West of Pinkmead Farm, CU10, potential for 129 dwellings) and the Sherecroft Farm development (was WCC SHELAA CU06, now with planning permission 20/00494/FUL for 176 dwellings and a small industrial site) (see Appendix Figures 20, 21 and 20).
 - d To the north of the development at Uplands Farm and across the railway line there is a stretch of Countryside (New House Farm and Holly Tree Farm) that are essential to prevent the visual coalescence of the developments at Uplands Farm and the developments south of Maddoxford Lane. Part of the land at Holly Tree Farm (see Appendix Figure 3 area 29 and Appendix Figure 16 area 7) was removed from the Settlement Gap in the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan and Botley Parish made Representations at the Local Plan Hearing for this to be reinstated as a Settlement Gap or Countryside (see 5.5e, 5.6 and 5.7c). Currently, the Inspector has not ruled on this matter.
 - e To the north of Maddoxford Lane the Boorley Park development extends up to the Parish boundary. Across the Botley Parish boundary is Durley Parish and facing the southern part of Boorley Park is Hill Farm (Winchester City SHELAA DU14 for 881 dwellings) and facing the northern part of Boorley Park is Snakemore Farm (Winchester City SHELAA DU07 for 705 dwellings) (see Appendix Figures 10, 16 and 21).
 - f To the north of Boorley Park the eastern Parish boundary lies in the Countryside between the Hedge End, Horton Heath and Boorley Green Settlement and the Winchester City SHELAAs at Church Farm (DU11 for 412 dwellings) (see Appendix Figures 10 and 21) and Quob Stables (85 dwellings). This area must remain as Countryside and is, in essence, part of the Settlement Gap (see 5.14).
- 5.21 Although outside the remit of the Botley Neighbourhood Plan the Winchester City development plans for the Parishes of Curdridge and Durley have a significant impact on Botley, as they lie along the eastern border of our Parish (see Appendix Figures 5 and 20). It is of great importance to Botley Parish that Winchester City

Council adhere to their Policy MTRA4 (Development in the Countryside) in the Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 Joint Core Strategy 2013, which states (link to the Plan is shown below) - *In the countryside, defined as land outside the built-up areas of Winchester, Whiteley and Waterlooville and the settlements covered by MTRA 2 and 3 above, the Local Planning Authority will only permit the following types of development:*

- a development which has an operational need for a countryside location, such as for agriculture, horticulture or forestry; or*
- b proposals for the reuse of existing rural buildings for employment, tourist accommodation, community use or affordable housing (to meet demonstrable local housing needs). Buildings should be of permanent construction and capable of use without major reconstruction; or*
- c expansion or redevelopment of existing buildings to facilitate the expansion on-site of established businesses or to meet an operational need, provided development is proportionate to the nature and scale of the site, its setting and countryside location; or*
- d small scale sites for low key tourist accommodation appropriate to the site, location and the setting.*

Development proposed in accordance with this policy should not cause harm to the character and landscape of the area or neighbouring uses or create inappropriate noise/light and traffic generation.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/winchester-district-local-plan-2011-2036-adopted/local-plan-part-1-joint-core-strategy-adopted-march-2013-local-plan-review-2006>

- 5.22 The southern part of the Winchester City District showing the area covered by Policy MTRA4 and the southern and western border of the South Downs National Park are shown in Appendix Figure 20.
- 5.23 In Durley Parish the Winchester City 2020 SHELAA shows twenty potential sites for development (see Appendix Figure 21), with a potential for up to 4157 new dwellings. Five of the potential development sites lie close to the Botley Parish boundary (identified on Appendix Figure 21), with a potential for 1499 new dwellings.
- 5.24 In Curdridge Parish the Winchester City 2020 SHELAA shows twenty-seven potential sites for development (see Appendix Figure 21), with a potential for up to 3223 new dwellings. Eight of the potential development sites lie close to the Botley Parish boundary (identified on Appendix Figure 21 and shown in greater detail on Appendix Figure 22), with a potential for 1929 new dwellings. The location of the large development for 3,500 dwellings at Whiteley, to the south east of these eight sites, is shown in Appendix Figure 23.

5.25 Aims

- a Work with Eastleigh Borough Council to maintain the Local Gaps and Countryside between settlements consistent with Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Strategic Policies S7 and S8.
- b Consider the implications of any comment from the Inspector relating to Eastleigh Borough Local Plan's view on the removal of Local Gaps and development in the Countryside.
- c Monitor closely any proposed housing development in Curdridge and Durley Parishes and comment on these to Winchester City Council.

6 **Open (Amenity or Green) Spaces, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and Cemeteries**

6.1 Research has shown the critical importance of high-quality green spaces within housing developments (link to the Planner shown below). The need for adequate green spaces has been greatly reinforced by the recent Coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.theplanner.co.uk/news/covid-19-green-space-should-be-a-priority-in-local-plans>

6.2 The best starting point to discuss open spaces within Botley Parish is to consider the following three documents.

- a Eastleigh Borough Council (October 2014) Background Paper GI4, Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation (Former PPG 17) Study. There is no link available to this report.
- b Land Use Consultants (LUC) Report Eastleigh Borough Open Space Needs Assessment 2017. This report subsumed Background Paper G14. A link to the report is shown below.

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/media/3476/final-report-eastleigh-open-space-study.pdf>

- c Eastleigh Borough Council Corporate Strategy Green Borough 2018. A link to this report is shown below.

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/media/3903/green-borough.pdf>

6.3 The key issues and opportunities for open space in Eastleigh Borough have been identified as:

- a Creating and improving green routes for better linkage between open spaces;
- b Ensuring pathways are maintained to a high standard to allow use by a variety of users, including those who are physically less able;

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- c Creating additional green space where there is an existing deficiency, or deficiency is likely to arise in the future due to projected population growth;
- d Improving sites which are currently scored as *fair* or *poor* quality in order to achieve *good* or *very good* quality; and

6.4 There are various types of green space and those relevant to Botley Parish are described below.

- a Amenity Space. Areas of informal, semi-natural, and natural green space, including:
 - i large accessible wildlife sites, Local Nature Reserves, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation and woodland; and
 - ii multifunctional open space for informal non-sport related recreation including parks and gardens.
- b Allotments. Small plots of cultivable land that are set aside and rented specifically for producing, for example, fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs, which must be for personal use.
- c Country Park. Large areas of informal green space formally designated as Country Parks.
- d Green routes. Areas of informal open space normally linear in form which link areas of open space within and outside of urban areas and provide routes for both people and wildlife. These may include coastal routes, cycle paths, footpaths and bridleways, and trees and semi-natural vegetation, and are typically areas which have no definable secondary use and are therefore not multifunctional.
- e Outdoor sports facilities. Formal facilities for outdoor sport such as pitches, courts, greens and tracks, adult exercise facilities, for example trim trails. This includes public, private, commercial and educational facilities.

6.5 The LUC Report carried out an Amenity Space Needs Assessment across Eastleigh Borough. In the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Local Area there was an existing surplus of amenity spaces, but these surpluses would be reduced in the event of the projected population increases in the Local Area. However, the G14 report identified deficiencies in multiple types of open spaces in the HEWEB area.

6.6 In the LUC Report based on the completed audit and analysis work, including benchmarking against relevant national and local provision standards, open space quantity and accessibility standards within Eastleigh Borough were proposed. These proposed standards are shown in Appendix Figure 24. Natural England's Accessible Natural Green Space Standard recommends everyone should be able to access green space within a 5-minute walk or 300 metres.

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- 6.7 The areas of open spaces within the Hedge End, West End and Botley area are shown in Appendix Figure 25.
- 6.8 The main conclusions from the LUC Report were:
- a Generally, open space provision in Eastleigh is good and of a high quality; and
 - b There are some small areas of deficiency regarding either quantity of open space or meeting accessibility standards
- 6.9 The HEWEB area has a moderate level of provision of amenity space. The current proposed standard is 1.2 hectares/1000 population. Amenity space in the HEWEB area in 2017 was 63.8 hectares, so 3.2 hectares/1000 population. Assuming no further loss of amenity space and using the Office for National Statistics population data it will be 3.0 hectares/1000 population in 2020 and 1.3 hectares/1000 population in 2036.
- 6.10 Some play areas and spaces for young people in Botley were rated as only fair and need increased investment.
- 6.11 There are thirty-two open spaces within Botley Parish that are or should be designated as Local Green Spaces. The LUC Report lists twenty of these Spaces (LUC 168 is two spaces) and their general locations are shown in Appendix Figures 26 and 27. There are a further twelve Spaces that should be considered for designation as Local Green Spaces. Details of all these Spaces are shown in paragraphs 6.12 to 6.16.
- 6.12 Amenity Spaces.
- a Duke Road. LUC map reference 166. Area 495 M² (0.12 acres). See map Appendix Figure 28(1).
 - b Ferndale. LUC map reference 168. Area 1.20 acres (0.48 hectares). See map Appendix Figure 29.
 - c Havendale. LUC map reference 168. Area 1970 M² (0.48 acres). Two separate parcels with the area of (1) being 870 M² (0.21 acres) and of (2) being 1100 M² (0.27 acres). See map Appendix Figure 30.
 - d Kings Copse Avenue/Marls Road. LUC map reference 169. Area 3545 M² (0.87 acres). See map Appendix Figure 31.
 - e Berry Close. LUC map reference 171. Area 925 M² (0.23 acres). Two separate parcels with the area of (1) being 475 M² (0.12 acres) and of (2) being 450 M² (0.11 acres). See map Appendix Figure 32.

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- f Crusader Road. LUC map reference 172. Area 1770 M² (0.44 acres). Two separate parcels with the area of (1) being 405 M² (0.10 acres) and of (2) being 1365 M² (0.34 acres). See map Appendix Figure 33.
- g Precosa Road. LUC map reference 173. Area 430 M² (0.11 acres). See map Appendix Figure 34.
- h Sycamore Walk. LUC map reference 242. Area 1655 M² (0.41 acres). See map Appendix Figure 35(3). Upgrading this area is Project B15 and B18 in the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priorities (see Appendix Figure 53).
- i Chestnut Walk. LUC map reference 243. Area 280 M² (0.07 acres). See map Appendix Figure 35(1).
- j Falcon Way. LUC map reference 248. Area 990 M² (0.24 acres). See map Appendix Figure 36.
- k Four Acre. LUC map reference 250. Area 2660 M² (0.66 acres). See map Appendix Figure 37(1).
- l Sengana Close. LUC map reference 262. Area 925 M² (0.23 acres). Two separate parcels with the area of (1) being 375 M² (0.09 acres) and of (2) being 550 M² (0.23 acres). See map Appendix Figure 38.
- m Jenkyns Close. LUC map reference 270. Area 630 M² (0.16 acres). See map Appendix Figure 39.
- n Nursesland. Area 310 M² (0.08 acres). See map Appendix Figure 40(1).
- o Mortimer Road. Area 530 M² (0.13 acres). See map Appendix Figure 40(2). Upgrading this area is Project B4(B)i and B13 in the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priorities (see Appendix Figure 53).
- p Churchyard of All Saints Church. This is owned mainly by the Diocese of Portsmouth with a small area that is owned by Botley Parish Council. Area 1.75 acres (0.71 hectares) with the Diocesan land being 1.59 acres (0.65 hectares) and the Parish land being 0.16 acres (0.06 hectares). See map Appendix Figure 41.
- q Botley Parish Quay. Area 2365 M² (0.58 acres). See map Appendix Figure 37(2).
- r Amberley Close. Area 1000 M² (0.25 acres). See map Appendix Figure 35(4).
- s Holmesland Drive. Area 310 M² (0.08 acres). See map Appendix Figure 35(2). Upgrading this area is Project B15 and B18 in the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priorities (see Appendix Figure 53).
- t Paxton Close. Area 560 M² (0.14 acres). See map Appendix Figure 28(2).
- u Tickner Close. Area 565 M² (0.14 acres). See map Appendix Figure 42.
- v Woodhouse Lane. After completion of the Botley Bypass we hope that Hampshire County Council, as the landowner, will agree to the designation of two parcels of land on either side of the Bypass as green spaces (see map

Appendix Figure 43). Several strategic high and intermediate pressure pipelines cross this land.

- i The northern parcel (1 on map) will have poor public access. The approximate area would be 1965 M² (0.49 acres).
- ii The southern parcel (2 on map) has good public access, as it is crossed by Botley Footpath (Bridleway) 6 linking Holmesland Lane to Woodhouse Lane that would be the route for pedestrians wanting to reach the new Deer Park Secondary School on Woodhouse Lane. It would be suitable for a tree and wildlife enclosure and/or a community orchard and/or open green space. The approximate area would be 9.51 acres (3.85 hectares)

6.13 Allotments.

- a Bull Close (Winchester Street) Allotments (identified incorrectly in the LUC Report as Kane's Hill Allotments). LUC map reference 319. Area 2.9 acres (1.2 hectares). See map Appendix Figure 44.
- b Boorley Park Allotments. Area 3.0 acres (1.2 hectares). See map Appendix Figure 45. Work is on-going to reach the point where the allotments are ready for use.

6.14 Country Parks.

- a River Hamble Country Park (Manor Farm). LUC map reference 86. Area 400 acres (162 hectares). See map Appendix Figure 46.

6.15 Green Routes.

The LUC Report identifies three Green Routes within Botley (see map Appendix Figure 47) and the details are shown below with a further area we would hope could be designated a Green Route.

- a Pudbrook Lake (Cheping Gardens). LUC map reference 28. Area 6.5 acres (2.6 hectares). Within this area the open space and green route occupies (2.7 acres (1.1 hectares) and the remaining 3.8 acres (1.5 hectares) is a woodland, wildflower and wildlife area. See map Appendix Figure 48(2). Improvements planned through the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priorities (see Appendix Figure 53) are upgrading the entrance from Four Acre down Lovers Lane (B2), improvements to the footpath along the stream and creating a link to Brook Lane (B14).
- b Noble Road. LUC map reference 55. Area 2705 M² (0.67 acres). See map Appendix Figure 49.
- c Bedford Close. LUC map reference 170. Area 1885 M² (0.47 acres). See map Appendix Figure 50.

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- d Botley Footpath 8 linking Jenkyns Close to Winchester Street and adjacent land to the rear of Maffey Court. Area 1905 M² (0.47 acres). Within this area the footpath and its surroundings occupy 845 M² (0.21 acres) and the heavily wooded area behind Maffey Court occupies 1060 M² (0.26 acres). See map Appendix Figure 51.

6.16 Outdoor Sports Facilities.

- a Little Hatts Recreation Ground. LUC map reference 30. Area 7.8 acres (3.1 hectares). See map Appendix Figure 52. Improvements that are planned through the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priorities (see Appendix Figure 53) are upgrading the Youth Zone, renewing the Play Area and extending the footpath through to the River Hamble Country Park (B19).
- b Botley High Street Recreation Ground. LUC map reference 35. Area 12.2 acres (4.9 hectares). Within this space is a flood lit Multi-User Games Area, a Children's Play Area and a small Skate Park. See map Appendix Figure 48(1). Improvements that are planned through the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priorities (see Appendix Figure 53) are extension of the car park (B4a), resurfacing of the Multi-User Games Area (B5), replacement of the Sports Pavilion (B7), create an informal wooden play trail and refurbish the Play Area (B16).
- c Boorley Park Sports Field. Area 8.4 acres (3.4 hectares) consisting of the football pitches (4.5 acres, 1.8 hectares), public open space (3.2 acres, 1.3 hectares) and the Sports Pavilion, car park and balance pond (0.7 acres, 0.3 hectares). There is a separate Children's Play Area and a Multi-User Games Area. See map Appendix Figure 45.

6.17 The site on the land east of Kings Copse Avenue (SHLAA-3-12-C), should it come forward for development, could provide space for allotments in western Botley, where there is currently no allotment provision.

6.18 Both residents and the Parish Council have voiced concerns about illegal encampments and tethered horses on open spaces in Botley Parish. Botley Parish Council supports Eastleigh Borough Council in enforcement actions relating to illegal use of open space. The relevant acts relating to the tethering of horses are The Hampshire Act 1983 and The Control of Horses Act 2015.

6.19 There is one Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), the Upper Hamble Estuary and Woods, that forms the southern and part of the eastern boundary of Botley Parish (see Appendix Figure 54). The Site includes woodland community species of ancient semi-natural woodland. The saltmarsh is dominated by sea couch grass, sea club rush, sea arrow grass, sea purslane and thrift. The mudland also supports large populations of marine worms, crustacean and molluscs. It provides feeding grounds for several other species of birds including waders and ducks. Further

details of the protection afforded to this SSSI and details of the SSSI itself can be found using the links shown below.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/riverhamble/environment/protectinghabitats>
<https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteDetail.aspx?SiteCode=S1004525>

- 6.20 There are 21 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) in the Parish, covering a total area of 98.3 hectares. Also, there are 5 SINCs in the Winchester District abutting the Botley Parish boundary, covering a total area of 12.0 hectares. These are all SINCs of local rather than national importance. For details of the SINCs see Appendix Figure 55.
- 6.21 There is a cemetery at All Saints Church, the Parish Church, but it is at capacity and closed for burials in 2010. The Parish Council's Cemetery, on the same site, although now closed for new burials currently has capacity for 60-70 interments of cremated remains. The Parish Council is still seeking a site for a new cemetery. The site on the land east of Kings Copse Avenue (SHLAA-3-12-C), should it come forward for development, could provide space for this much-needed new Cemetery, if ground water levels permitted this. A new Cemetery is Project B23 in the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priorities (see Appendix Figure 53). The lack of available Cemetery space in Botley was raised at the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan Hearing during discussion of Matters 13 and Other Representations on 28 January 2020. Both the Inspector and the Eastleigh Borough Officers accepted the Parish's verbal Representation concerning the lack of Cemetery space.
- 6.22 Aims
- a Request that Eastleigh Borough Council officially designate identified suitable sites as Amenity Spaces.
 - b Work with Eastleigh Borough Council and/or the landowner to maintain and where possible improve the quality of open spaces.
 - c Improve the quality of the Play Areas for young children.
 - d Prevent the deterioration of the rural nature of the Parish by maintaining ditches, updating signage, maintenance of the quality of green spaces and control of undergrowth.
 - e Implement the Parish Lengthsman scheme, to facilitate the upkeep of the rural nature and open green spaces of the Parish, and funding has already been set aside by the Parish Council for this purpose.
 - f Consider use of part of the land east of Kings Copse Avenue, if this is developed, to provide allotments in western Botley.

- g Support Eastleigh Borough Council in enforcement actions relating to illegal encampments and tethered horses in Botley Parish.
- h Identify and purchase land for a new Cemetery in the Parish, which includes considering the use of part of the land east of Kings Copse Avenue, if this is developed and ground water levels permit.

7 Footpaths, Bridleways and Cycleways

7.1 Public Rights of Way are recorded under two separate statutory provisions. These are the Definitive Map with and accompanying Statement and the List of Publicly Maintainable Streets. Reliance can only be placed on the Definitive Map or if the Right of Way has been changed since 01 January 2008 on the Hampshire County Council legal instrument that resulted in the change.

- a The Definitive Map for Hampshire is dated 01 January 2008 and a full revision by the County Council is not expected until about 2028. The Definitive Map relating to Botley Parish (see Appendix Figure 56) reflects the situation at the last time it was legally altered. Some later changes are noted by means of a Legal Event Orders. To simplify the record for regular use the County Council maintains a non-statutory on-line version of both documents. The Rights of Way are recorded by Parish and each has a unique number, which is recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement. The Definitive Statement relating to Botley Parish (see Appendix Figure 57) reflects the description of the path at the last time it was legally altered, so many of the description are not current. Changes in Parish boundaries may alter the technical location of a Right of Way, but this does not alter its actual route. Links to the Definitive Statement and the non-statutory on-line Map are shown below.

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/rightsofway/definitivestatement/Botley.pdf>

<https://maps.hants.gov.uk/rightsofwaydefinitivemap/>

- b The List of Publicly Maintainable Streets is simply a list. A Street is very widely defined as the whole or any part of any of the following, irrespective of whether it is a thoroughfare and where a street passes over a bridge or through a tunnel the street includes that bridge or tunnel:
 - i any highway, road, lane, footway, alley or passage;
 - ii any square or court; or
 - iii any land laid out as a way whether it is for the time being formed as a way or not.

7.2 In January 2021 Hampshire County Council produced an Enforcement Policy for Public Rights of Way. The purpose of the Policy is to keep all the 2,860 miles (4,600

kilometres) of these Rights of Way accessible and clear for all users. Links to information about this Policy are shown below.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/140121rightsofway>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway>

- 7.3 The Hampshire Countryside Access Plan 2015-25 recognises that benefits to physical and mental health from improving access to the countryside are increasingly important. It supports improved connectivity and shared routes for cyclists and pedestrians, together with working with the local community to help improve the footpath and cycle way network. A link to the Access Plan is shown below.

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/countryside/HampshireCountrysideAccessPlan2015-2025.pdf>

- 7.4 Strategic Policies S12 and S13 in the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 supports both creation of and improvements to pedestrian and cycle routes along key corridors. These policies, especially Policy S13, appear to be based on the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017-2034 (link to the PUSH Strategy shown below). The routes will avoid conflict with established nature conservation and, where possible, be coupled with green links for biodiversity. These Strategic Policies are underpinned by Development Management Policy DM13 (General development criteria - transport). It should be noted that Policy S13 states that Eastleigh Borough Council *will seek to create new and improve existing footpath, cycle and bridleway links* without giving any specific route details. Those pedestrian and cycle routes of that might have direct relevance to Botley are shown below:

- a Eastleigh to Botley via Bisphopstoke, Horton Heath and Hedge End;
- b River Hamble Country Park to the Forest of Bere via Botley and on to the South Downs National Park, including the Botley to Bishop's Waltham Rail Trail;
- c Boorley Green to Hedge End Railway Station;
- d Botley to Fair Oak and on to the South Downs National Park;
- e Botley to Hamble via the River Hamble Country Park; and
- f Botley to Southampton.

<https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/South-Hampshire-GI-Strategy-2017-2034-FINAL.pdf>

- 7.5 Footpaths and Bridleways within the Parish are very well used. However, some paths are under threat or currently subject to diversion due to housing development.

- 7.6 Footpaths and Bridleways relating to Botley Parish are shown superimposed on the Ordnance Survey Map in Appendix Figure 58. The route of the proposed dual -

purpose footpath and cycleway linking Winchester Road in Boorley Green to Hedge End Railway Station (see 7.4c) and the route of the Botley Bypass are indicated in black. Since minor Parish boundary changes in 2018 the West End Footpaths Number 6, 7a and 7b are now in Botley Parish although their legal description in the Definitive Statement and on the Definitive Map are still for location in West End.

- 7.7 The view of the Eastleigh Ramblers on footpaths and bridleways in Botley Parish was sought. The main concern was the continuous erosion of the historical network of countryside Rights of Way by urban development and the need to both protect and enhance the footpath network in the Parish and, where possible, to create new pathways. The full submission of the Eastleigh Ramblers is shown in Appendix Figure 59. Comments on the current changes to the footpaths and bridleways in the Parish (see Appendix Figure 60) were provided by the Eastleigh Ramblers, but this is not a statutory statement.
- 7.8 There is a woodland walk beside Pudbrook stream, in the Pudbrook Green Route, which is managed by the Parish Council with volunteer help. (Also see 6.15a, 7.9b and Appendix Figure 48)
- 7.9 There are six potential footpaths that would be of great benefit to the residents and provide additional movement routes within the Parish, these being:
- a Winchester Road to Hedge End Railway Station. The creation of a dual-purpose footpath and cycleway from Winchester Road through the Boorley Gardens development (O/15/75953, Design & Access Statement 1478275, Boorley Gardens Transport Assessment Appendix F 1478331) to reach Hedge End Station (see 7.3c) is important to the residents of Boorley Green. The primary route will be east to west with several other footpaths and cycleways through the development (see Appendix Figures 58 and 61);
 - b Across the Woodhill School site. When the Woodhill School site (SHLAA-3-21-C) comes forward for development this could provide a footpath link from the Brook Lane end of Bridleway 17 (Experimental Lane) through the southern edge of the Woodhill School site to the High Street Recreation Ground and so to Botley Village or along the Pudbrook Green Route. This would provide a continuous public footpath between Hedge End and either Botley Village across the High Street Recreation Ground or to the River Hamble Country Park along Botley Footpath 11 (see Appendix 7 Figure 48);
 - c Sovereign Drive to Botley Footpath 18. In the past there was a path between Marls Road and Little Hatts Recreation Ground (see Figure 62), the route is clearly visible on old maps of the area. The Parish Council has investigated the possibility of establishing a permissive footpath running northwards from the Little Hatts Recreation Ground to join Public Footpath 18 which runs between Sovereign Drive and Brook Lane and residents in Western Botley have confirmed that they have walked this route for many years. However, some of the landowners were unwilling to support this as a permissive route. The

inclusion of an identified permissive route would enhance the amenity of many residents in Botley by providing an extra link in the local footpath network. If the land to the rear of Sovereign Drive and Precosa Road were to be developed this would be an opportunity of securing a formal footpath to the east of the development area;

- d Little Hatts Recreation Ground to the River Hamble Country Park. A footpath from Little Hatts Recreation Ground going south across land owned by Hampshire County Council to reach the River Hamble Country Park and connect with Bridleway 14 would give a more direct and pleasant route into the Park for the residents the part of Western Botley to the east of Kings Copse Avenue (see Figure 62);
- e Little Hatts Recreation Ground to the Norman Rodaway Pavilion and Sports Facilities. If Policy site BO3 (land east of Kings Copse Avenue and east of Tanhouse Lane) were to be developed this should include the creation of a footpath along the eastern border of the site to link Little Hatts Recreation Ground to the north and to Bridleway 20 and to the Norman Rodaway Sports Facilities in Hedge End Parish to the south (see Figure 17). This would provide good access to recreational facilities for the residents of this new development of up to 120 dwellings; and
- f Botley to Bishops Waltham Bridleway. Botley, Curdridge, and Bishops Waltham Parish Councils are working together with Eastleigh Borough Council and Eastleigh Ramblers to establish a bridleway linking Botley to Bishops Waltham. This utilises the course of the disused railway where possible and the existing footpath across Uplands Farm. This would form part of the River Hamble Country Park to the Forest of Bere footpath (see 7.4b). There is a nominated Botley Parish Councillor on the Botley to Bishops Waltham Bridleway Project Working Group, which started work in 2014. An additional complication along the proposed route is the recent demolition of the disused railway bridge over Wangfield Lane. Further information concerning the Project is shown in Appendix Figure 63.

- 7.10 A footbridge across the railway line from Winchester Road (B3354) to the housing area of the HE1 development (land to the west of Woodhouse Lane, Uplands Farm) is essential to create a safe route for those going to and from Boorley Green to Deer Park School in the Uplands Farm development. There are reserved landing areas for this footbridge. The first area is in the HE1 development in Hedge End, the second is identified within the Phase 2 part of the Boorley Gardens development. The creation of this footbridge is supported in principle by Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council and Botley Parish Council. However, it will require the active support of Network Rail and the identification of the funding source for cost of construction although it has been included in the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priority List 2019-2024 as B29 (see Appendix Figure 53), but without a specific costing agreed.

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- 7.11 There are open spaces, bridleways and footpaths in the River Hamble Country Park as well as a large open (non-secure) children's play area, picnic areas and further access to the River Hamble.
- 7.12 Bull Close
- a Residents have expressed concerns over ensuring continued access to Bull Close, which passes along the rear of some Winchester Street properties, including casual vehicle use. Bull Close is used by owners of all properties in Winchester Street that back onto Bull Close.
 - b The location of Bull Close is shown in Appendix Figure 64.
 - c Bull Close itself is owned by Hampshire County Council and is a public footpath. Their Highways Department advise that any vehicle use is not formally approved, that is to say it is not an adopted vehicle Highway, but vehicle use along it is an accepted local norm.
 - d Hampshire County Council Highways Department advise that the responsibility for the east to west continuation behind the houses on Winchester Street was passed to Eastleigh Borough Council in 1981 and so is not now their responsibility. This will require clarification by both the County Council and Borough Council.
- 7.13 The current Eastleigh Borough Council Cycleways and Bridleways Map 2015 is shown in Appendix Figure 65 and links to the map and to an interactive map are shown below. These are non-statutory maps.
- https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/media/2582/eastleigh_cycle_map_web_2015.pdf
<https://eastleigh.pindarcreative.co.uk/>
- 7.14 There is little provision of cycleways in Botley Parish apart from a few hundred metres of shared cycleway/footpath on Broad Oak and on the Winchester Road in Boorley Green. Residents have expressed their concerns about the lack of safe cycleways and footpaths in some parts of the Parish, especially those with strategic value as a route to and from important transport facilities such as Hedge End and Botley railway stations. The Parish Council intends wherever possible to ensure that future developments contribute to creating an inter-connecting network of footpaths and cycleways linking settlement areas and facilities within these areas and seeks to improve access to the River Hamble.
- 7.15 There is one potential cycleway that would be of great benefit to the residents and provide an additional movement route within the Parish, this being:
- a After completion of the Botley Bypass a continuous cycleway from the Maypole Roundabout (junction of the A334 and B3033) along Broad Oak and the High Street to reach the Square (see Appendix Figure 65); and

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- b The cycleway described in 7.15a should link to a cycleway through the Sherecroft Farm development (Winchester City Council 20/00494/FULL) to reach Botley Railway Station, but specific route details through Sherecroft Farm are not clear in the planning application (see Appendix Figure 66).

7.16 Aims

- a Work with Eastleigh Borough Council and developers or the landowners to maintain and improve a functional network of green routes (footpaths, bridleways and cycleways) throughout the Parish and linking to surrounding Parishes consistent with the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Strategic Policies S12 and S13 and Development Management Policy DM13.
- b Work with Eastleigh Borough Council and developers or the landowners to create new footpaths and cycleways to enhance both the current network of green routes throughout the Parish and the links to surrounding Parishes consistent with the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Strategic Policies S12 and S13 and Development Management Policy DM13.
- c Work with Eastleigh Borough Council to ensure continued access to Bull Close for residents.
- d Work with Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Network Rail and the developers of HE1 (Uplands Farm) and Boorley Gardens to instal a footbridge over the railway line.

8 Facilities and Activity Groups for young people

- 8.1 Local Guide, Brownie and Rainbow groups meet in the Botley Centre.
- 8.2 There are youth chill-out areas in all the Recreation Grounds.
- 8.3 There is a very well attended Friday Evening Youth Football group, playing on the High Street Recreation Ground MUGA, as part of the Eastleigh Borough Council Community Engagement Programme.
- 8.4 Just outside the Parish boundary, in Woodhouse Lane, there is a skatepark, which is managed by Hedge End Town Council.
- 8.5 There has been a Youth Club in the Village, but it is not running currently, and the Parish Council hope that it will be restarted.
- 8.6 Botley Parish Council had wished to provide the physical resources for a Teenage Drop-in Centre for Sexual and Mental Healthcare in one of their community buildings.

However, discussion with Public Health at Hampshire County Council has identified the need for clinical level resources that are not possible in a community building. However, there are appropriate drop-in centres in Hedge End, Bitterne, Hamble, Southampton, Eastleigh and Fareham provided charitably or via Solent NHS Trust.

8.7 Aim

- a Encourage the relaunch of a Botley Youth Club.

9 Utilities

9.1 Broadband

- a Superfast Broadband is available across approximately 97% of Hampshire. Many Botley addresses, but not all, currently have access to it. Speed check tests suggests that average achievable download speeds in the Parish are in the 15-30 Mbps range.
- b Superfast Broadband to the home will become an increasingly important part of the ability to work from home and this has both economic and transport implications for the Parish
- c The Parish Council feels strongly that all new dwellings should have access to Superfast Broadband.
- d Many residents, particularly the elderly or less able, may have no access to the internet. It is reported in the media that one fifth of United Kingdom residents have no access to the internet and this leaves them potentially socially isolated. Therefore, it is important that these residents have easy access to the internet via facilities provided in community centres. Currently Botley Centre in the High Street, has provision for an Information Terminal, but no equipment is installed, equally the new Boorley Park Community Centre could have provision for such a terminal. Access could be restricted, for example, to Government sites, such as Job Centre, Pensions, HM Revenue & Customs, the Passport Office, Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency, NHS Choices, Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Botley Parish Council, Healthcare Providers and Public Transport Providers. The equipment could be funded from the New Homes Bonus Scheme. It would need to be maintained by an outsourced IT Service provider in line with the developing Botley Parish Council IT Policy.

9.2 Mobile phone signal

- a There are still some mobile phone signal black spots in the Parish where signals are weak, including parts of the High Street, so signal strength and coverage need to be improved.

9.3 Public water supply and wastewater treatment

- a Southern Water is responsible for the public water supply and public wastewater treatment and collection in Botley.
- b Southern Water has plans to provide an extra 292 million litres of water per day by 2030 to meet increasing demand. The construction of a desalination plant in the Solent is planned to help achieve this for its Southampton East supply zone.
- c The water supply pressure in Winchester Street is unsatisfactory, and houses towards the top of the Street often experience very low water pressure. This is likely to be made worse by the Uplands Farm Winchester Street development of up to 375 dwellings. Southern Water should take steps to resolve this water pressure problem.
- d The main sewerage system will be at capacity when the Boorley Park development and other small developments that plan to attach to the new sewer in Boorley Green are complete, possibly by 2022. However, there are already problems with sewerage back-flow in Crows Nest Lane and Maddoxford Lane, that is recognised and accepted by Southern Water as an issue. Southern Water are not permitting any further connections to this already overloaded sewer. On-site Wastewater Treatment Plants have had to be incorporated into some current and proposed development plans and, in the view of the Parish Council, these are a cause for concern. The Council feels strongly that all new developments should be linked to the main sewerage system. Improvements in the wastewater infrastructure are part of the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Development Management Policy DM10.
- e Raw sewerage has been observed flowing into the upper reaches of the River Hamble, just below Botley Mill. This is more likely to happen at times of heavy rain and during periods of higher tides. This is a serious health hazard to people using the River for sport and recreational activity, a risk to the River ecology and a contributor to raised nitrate levels in the Solent. Also, parts of western Botley are at or close to capacity, as stated by Southern Water in the now expired planning application for land east of Sovereign Drive and Precosa Road (F/13/73606). This is further evidence that the wastewater system in Botley is struggling to cope and without additional infrastructure investment no further developments should be attached to the system.
- f The Parish Council has concerns relating to the scale of proposed development in the Parish and the impact of this on the nitrate neutral required by Natural England. This is of particular concern if an On-Site Wastewater Treatment plant were to fail. Advice to Local Planning Authorities can be found in the link below.

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/SolentNutrientAdviceV2June2019.pdf>

9.4 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

- a The Parish Council has concerns relating to surface water run-off in new developments and, in particular, the impact of several developments in close

proximity if the impact of these is seen only as individual sites not as an impact of several sites on the local area.

- b SuDS are a natural approach to managing drainage using systems that are considered to be environmentally beneficial, causing minimal or no long-term detrimental damage. They are often regarded as a sequence of techniques, control structures and strategies designed to efficiently and sustainably drain surface water whilst minimising pollution, reducing the risk of flooding and managing the impact on water quality of local bodies of water.
- c SuDS mimic nature and typically manage rainfall close to where it falls. SuDS can be designed to transport (convey) surface water and slow runoff down (attenuate) before it enters watercourses. They provide areas to store water in natural contours and can be used to allow water to soak (infiltrate) into the ground, evaporate from surface water or be lost (transpired) from vegetation.
- d Effective SuDS are required as part of the planning process for all major developments. In England, the DCLG ministerial statement, released in December 2014, stated that the Local Planning Authority should *ensure that through the use of planning conditions or planning obligations that there are clear arrangements in place for ongoing maintenance over the lifetime of the development*. A link to the full statement is shown below.

<https://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/December%202014/18%20December/6.%20DCLG-sustainable-drainage-systems.pdf>

- e Locally Hampshire County Council is the Lead Flood Authority but have no remit to provide Surface Water Management advice for most development sites. When planners at the District Authority level require more specialised advice on surface water management HCC are able to offer a chargeable service. More information relating to HCC's approach to SuDS can be found using the links below.

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/flood-water-management/SurfaceWaterandSuDSGuidance-Nov2015.pdf>

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/flood-water-management/SuDSLeafletJune2018v20.pdf>

- f Eastleigh Borough Council have the planning responsibility to ensure that all new developments have appropriate SuDS as part of the planning process. This is covered in Development Management Policy 6, which can be found using the link below.

https://eastleighboroughcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning/local-plan-2016-2036/user_uploads/dm6.pdf

- g An important part of some SuDS in Botley Parish are the drainage ditches that carry water to the local streams and rivers. These ditches must be maintained regularly and the responsibility for this lies with the landowner, as part of their riparian rights. If ditches are not properly maintained enforcement action lies

with Hampshire County Council and not with Botley Parish Council, except where land and ditches are owned by the Parish.

- h In England the Sewerage Sector Guidance documentation approved by Ofwat under its Code for Adoption Agreements contains new rules on surface water sewers that applied to all Water and Sewerage Companies in England from 01 April 2020. The rules will allow English Water and Sewerage Companies to adopt a wider range of sewer types than has been the case to date including some SuDS. The rules for adoption can be found in the Ofwat Design and Construction Guidance (DCG) document (link shown below).

<https://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/415773/sustainable-drainage-technical-standards.pdf

- i Like all drainage systems, SuDS components should be inspected and maintained to ensure efficient operation and prevent failure. Usually SuDS components are on or near the surface and most can be managed using landscape maintenance techniques. For below-ground SuDS, such as permeable paving and modular geocellular storage, the manufacturer or designer should provide maintenance advice, which should include routine and long-term actions that can be incorporated into a maintenance plan. A link to these standards is shown below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/415773/sustainable-drainage-technical-standards.pdf

- j Further general information on SuDS can be found using the links shown below.

<https://www.susdrain.org/delivering-suds/using-suds/adoption-and-maintenance-of-suds/adoption/SuDS-adoption-in-England-and-Wales.html>

<https://www.susdrain.org/delivering-suds/using-suds/adoption-and-maintenance-of-suds/maintenance/index.html>

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/regulated-companies/resilience-2/sustainable-drainage/>

9.5 Electricity

- a The electricity distribution network in Botley is the responsibility of Scottish and Southern Energy.
- b The Parish Council feels that all new dwellings with off-road parking should have appropriate electric car charging points.

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9.6 Gas

- a The gas network is owned and operated by Southern Gas Networks.
- b Strategic intermediate-pressure gas pipelines require appropriate protection, especially from any new developments (see 9.8)

9.7 Refuse

- a Refuse collection is the responsibility of Eastleigh Borough Council who provide a fortnightly service, with alternating collection of household and recyclable waste, using wheelie bins. Food waste is collected weekly and there is also a monthly glass and battery collection. Garden waste disposal is available as a chargeable extra.
- b There are recycling facilities such as bottle banks and clothes banks available in the Mortimer Road Car Park and the Botley Centre.
- c The nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre is on Shamblehurst Lane South in Hedge End, just over one mile to the west of the Parish boundary. In 2020 Hampshire County Council instituted a number plate recognition scheme to control access to Recycling Centres and residents need to register their vehicles.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration>

- d Despite these facilities being available seven days a week, illegal fly-tipping is a persistent problem in several areas such as Maddoxford Lane and Chancellors Lane. There must be some concern that the planned Hampshire County Council vehicle registration scheme for access to Household Recycling Centres may worsen fly-tipping in the Parish.

9.8 Strategic high and intermediate pressure pipelines

- a Botley Parish is host to a number of strategic high and intermediate pressure pipelines of National importance.
- b The pipelines contain either petroleum products or natural gas. Pipelines have contents under pressure of up to 76 bar (1100 psi) for some petroleum products. The nominal depth of ground cover is 90 cm (3 feet), although in some locations this cover may be less. All these pipelines have an easement of 3 meters (10 feet) either side of the pipeline.
- c The pipelines run not only in open country, but also within the boundaries of residential properties. Consideration must be given to the location of the pipeline, particularly its proximity to housing, not just for formal planning applications, but also householder applications, such as ditching, deep digging, tree removal or planting, erecting fence posts or even carriage of heavy loads, and erection of structures using Permitted Development Rights, which do not have force within the easement of the strategic pipelines.

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- d In 2004 one of the Esso high-pressure pipelines was partially replaced from Fawley as far as south of the railway line at Boorley Green. Starting probably in 2021 the remainder of this pipeline, with part of this being in Botley Parish, will be replaced from this point up to the West London Terminal, under a Direct Consent Order.
- e As an illustration of the potential risks associated with failure to properly consider these Strategic pipelines the planning applications O/16/79600 (approved for up to 50 dwellings), RM/19/84879 (50 dwellings, awaiting decision) are over the easement for some of the pipelines.
- f Botley Parish Council is of the view that land for the replacement of these pipelines in the future should be safeguarded by Eastleigh Borough Council in any planning applications, especially as there is no Pipeline Policy in the current Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036.
- g Full details relating to Strategic high and intermediate pressure pipelines transiting through Botley Parish can be found in the Botley Parish Council's Pipelines Guidance using the links shown below.

<https://botley.com/np-evidence-base-2/send/84-np-evidence-base/1159-pipelines-policy-2019>
- h Residents in properties within the easement Strategic pipelines are informed of this on an annual basis by the pipeline operators. Due to the sensitive nature of the Strategic pipelines maps of their locations are not available to the public but are held by Botley Parish Council for use in considering planning applications.

9.9 Aims

- a Encourage Developers to provide Superfast Broadband to all new dwellings.
- b Encourage improved mobile phone signal throughout the Parish.
- c Provide Community Information Terminals at all Community Centres for use by residents who have no access to the internet.
- d Southern Water should improve the water pressure in Winchester Street, preferably before the start of the Uplands Farm/Winchester Street development.
- e Through the planning process press Eastleigh Borough to require that Developers connect all new dwellings to the main sewerage system without the use of on-site wastewater treatment plants.
- f Seek to ensure that during the planning process the risk of loss of nitrate neutrality if an On-Site Wastewater Treatment Plant were to fail is carefully assessed.
- g Seek to ensure that during the planning process the impact of development, especially several developments in close proximity, on the surface water run-off and wastewater disposal is carefully assessed.

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- h Press Developers to provide electric car charging points in all new dwellings with off-road parking arrangements.
- i Seek to ensure consistent and effective enforcement by Eastleigh Borough Council of regulations against fly-tipping.
- j Seek to ensure the easement around Strategic pipelines is actively considered by Eastleigh Borough Council in all future planning applications.
- k Seek to ensure Permitted Development Rights are withdrawn by Eastleigh Borough Council for all properties in the Parish within the easement of Strategic pipelines using Article 4 of the Town & Country Planning Act 2015.
- l Seek to ensure protection of the easement of all Strategic pipelines transiting the Parish in all future planning applications.

10 Parking

10.1 All public parking in Botley is free and the Parish Council wish for it to remain so.

10.2 There are seven car parking areas in the central area of Botley.

a Public parking:

- i Botley Square (Botley High Street) - capacity 17 normal and 2 disabled spaces and 2 unloading bays, free parking but with a 4-hour limit and no return within 4 hours. A feasibility study of providing more parking space in the Square after the Botley Bypass is opened will be undertaken by Hampshire Highways and some funding for any work has already been included in the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priority B13 (see Appendix Figure 50) with some further funding from the Section 106 agreement from the Sherecroft Farm development; and
- ii Mortimer Road - capacity 63 normal and 2 disabled spaces, free parking with no restrictions other than no overnight parking. There will be a loss of a few spaces if the Botley Surgery is expanded. It is close to the Primary School, All Saints' Church and one end of the High Street Recreation Ground. It is used extensively at school arrival and departure times, during services and musical events in the Church, by those going to the Botley Surgery and by other visitors to Botley. Also, it is used by those traders in the Square who do not have, or have insufficient, car parking associated with their business. It is managed by and mainly owned by Eastleigh Borough Council although the old toilet block and three parking spaces next to this are owned by Botley Parish. If the toilet block were to be demolished one possible development option would be to provide 4 or 5 extra parking spaces. Some electric vehicle charging points will be installed in the future. This possible development is included in the Botley

Community & Infrastructure Priority List as project B.4(B)ii (see Appendix Figure 50).

- b Private parking for use of customers and the general public:
 - i The Dolphin - capacity 52 normal spaces, free parking but with a 3-hour limit and no return within 3 hours. It is owned by Wadworth Brewery, but by a contract with Eastleigh Borough Council can be used by the public. One of the disabled parking spaces in the Square is in front of the Dolphin and the Market Hall.
- c Private parking for use of customers:
 - i Botley Mills - capacity 30 normal spaces, free parking for first 2 hours, then pay via the ticket machines with a number recognition system in place, charges apply Monday to Saturday 6.00 am to 7.00 pm. There is further parking to the rear of the Mills for the occupiers and their staffs. Parking at the Mills is in the process of being expanded by a further 36 spaces for the use of occupiers and their staffs. 5 additional spaces for customer parking will be created by relocation of existing staff parking spaces;
 - ii Reggina's Restaurant - capacity 14 normal spaces for customer parking. One of the disabled parking spaces in the Square in front of the Market Hall and the Dolphin is close to Reggina's;
 - iii The Brewery Bar - capacity 16 normal spaces for customer parking. There are no disabled parking spaces, and;
 - iv The Market Hall - capacity 21 normal spaces. 10 spaces are reserved for permit parking from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday and 8.30 am to 12.30 pm on Saturday. These spaces are available at other times for users of the Market Hall. The other 11 spaces are available at all times for users of the Market Hall. One of the disabled parking spaces in the Square is in front of the Market Hall and the Dolphin.

10.3 There are four parking areas for users of community facilities owned by Botley Parish Council:

- a The Botley Centre. This is just under ½ a mile from the centre of Botley, has on-site parking for users of community facilities - capacity 64 normal and 2 disabled spaces and 1 motorcycle bay, free parking with no restrictions other than no overnight parking. It is used primarily by those visiting the Recreation Ground and Botley Centre. The Botley Centre has a large Hall, two meeting rooms, the Parish Office, a Guide HQ, five Football Association standard changing rooms and public toilets. Also, it is the base for a Park & Stride scheme for the Primary School. The Botley Centre car park is owned by the Parish Council. It is hoped that the car park will be expanded with about 10 additional spaces in the future, funded either by Section 106 contributions or from the Botley Community & Infrastructure Priority B4(A) (see Appendix Figure 50);

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- b Little Hatts Recreation Ground - capacity 6 on an unmarked gravel-based area, free parking with no restrictions other than no overnight parking;
- c Boorley Park Community Centre - capacity 17 normal and 2 disabled spaces, free parking with no restrictions other than no overnight parking, and;
- d Boorley Park Sports Pavilion - capacity 67 normal and 4 disabled spaces, free with no restrictions other than no overnight parking. The Parish Council is happy for this car park to be used for Park & Stride to the new Boorley Park Primary School.

10.4 Several other businesses and offices in the Parish have on-site parking for customers.

10.5 In the development to the east of Winchester Street on part of Uplands Farm (Eastleigh Local Plan site BO1) high voltage overhead pylon supported cables transit the site from east to west at the northern end of the site. If Scottish & Southern Electric are not willing to bury or divert these cables no dwellings can be constructed under or within the cable easement. This area could be used for a Park & Stride parking area for Botley Village and for visitors to the listed Farm Buildings on the site.

10.6 If development were to occur in SHLAA-3-20-C (part of Woodhill School) the part of the site that is currently a car park, at the north end of the SHLAA, but excluding the parking area that relates to the Brook House Masonic Centre could be either purchased by the Parish or delivered as some part of a development contribution (see section 9 - Funding). This would be well suited for additional parking for the Botley Centre and for a Park & Stride to the Church of England Primary School and the Village Centre.

10.7 Currently there are no electric [vehicle](#) charging points in any of the public car parking areas in Botley.

10.8 Two electric [vehicle](#) charging points are available in the BP Petrol Station, which is just outside the eastern Parish boundary on Station Hill.

10.9 Currently, there are no electric [vehicle](#) charging points at the Cooperative Petrol Station, which is just inside the western Parish boundary on Grange Road.

10.10 Aims

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- a Increase the availability of car parking spaces in the Village by redesign of the Square. Further details of this Aim can be found in the Transport Paper Section 3 and paragraph 6.3
- b If part of the development to the east of Winchester Street on part of Uplands Farm cannot be used to construct dwellings give appropriate consideration to using part or all of this area for additional car parking. Further details of this Aim can be found in the Transport Paper paragraph 6.7.
- c If development were to occur in SHLAA-3-20-C appropriate consideration during the planning application should be given to the Parish obtaining some of the current car parking area. Further details of this Aim can be found in the Transport Paper paragraph 6.7.
- d Botley Parish Council to work with Eastleigh Borough Council and the developers of the proposed Boorley Green Nursery School to increase the area available for parking and drop-off;
- e Provide or encourage the provision of electric car charging points in the public car parking areas. Further details of this Aim can be found in the Transport Paper.
- f Encourage the provision of electric car charging points at the Co-operative Petrol Station.

11 Funding for Infrastructure Projects

11.1 Regarding infrastructure requirements in Botley Parish funding can come from a number of sources, with the main ones being from:

- a Parish reserves;
- b Local fund raising;
- c Charitable sources;
- d Direct from the Infrastructure Provider;
- e Planning obligations;
- f Community Infrastructure Levy; and
- g New Homes Bonus Scheme.

11.2 Parish Council reserves

- a Over time the Parish Council builds up reserves from the Parish precept for specific infrastructure projects.
- b The high capital expenditure required to equip and open the new Boorley Park Community facilities and to upgrade the Little Hatts Recreation Ground has

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significantly depleted the Parish Council reserve and for some years it is unlikely to be able to fund any new moderate to large scale infrastructure projects.

11.3 Local fund raising

- a Local fund raising through the Parish Council, small local business and voluntary groups can provide funding for small to medium scale infrastructure projects

11.4 Charitable sources

- a For some Infrastructure Projects support from local, regional and national charitable providers may be successful. Sources might include the National Lottery Fund, the National Lottery Heritage Funds, SportsAid UK and local Supermarket chains.

11.5 Direct from the Infrastructure Provider

- a For some Infrastructure Projects the funding will come directly from the Infrastructure Provider, as part of their regular commitment to repairing and upgrading their organisation's infrastructure.

11.6 Planning obligations

- a Planning obligations are commonly referred to as Section 106, s106 or developer contributions.
- b Planning obligations are legal requirements to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal. They run with the land and are legally binding and enforceable
- c Planning obligations are agreed between the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and the developer and the financial value of these come directly to the LPA and not to the Parish or Town Council where the development will occur. It is up to the LPA to determine how to allocate these funds.
- d Eastleigh Borough allocate those parts of planning obligation contribution that are available to Hedge End, West End and Botley through the Hedge End, West End & Botley Local Area Committee by generating Community & Infrastructure Priorities, which is an indicative but not definitive list of possible funding. The current version runs from 2019-2024 and is updated on an approximately annual basis and a link to the document is shown below.

<https://botley.com/np-evidence-base-2/send/84-np-evidence-base/1378-community-infrastructure-priorities-2019-2024>

- e Links to further guidance on Planning obligations are shown below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-obligations>

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/8/section/106?_ga=2.153737592.111747715.1566853517-1045694744.1499349237

<https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/pas-topics/infrastructure/s106-obligations-overview>

11.7 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- a The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced in the Planning Act 2008, as a charge on development. CIL Charging Authorities set the CIL levy using an agreed process and as part of this Neighbourhood Planning bodies can try to influence the CIL. The Charging Authority must allocate the Neighbourhood Portion of the CIL to the relevant Parish or Town Councils. When there is a made Neighbourhood Development Plan 25% of the CIL levy from the development in the Neighbourhood Area is payable to the Parish or Town Council and this cannot be capped by the Charging Authority. Without a Neighbourhood Plan 15% of the levy capped at £100 per dwelling is payable to the Parish or Town Council.
- b The liability is triggered by planning permission and becomes payable from the commencement of the development. It is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure rather than to remedy existing deficiencies unless these will be made more pronounced by the new development. The Neighbourhood Portion of the CIL can be used for a wider range of issues if these are concerned with addressing demands caused by development.

Examples of infrastructure include:

- i New, improved or safer roads and other transport facilities, including public transport and facilities to support walking and cycling;
 - ii School and other educational facilities;
 - iii Medical facilities;
 - iv Sporting, recreation and leisure facilities;
 - v Open spaces;
 - vi Digital networks, and;
 - vii Affordable Housing (but only the Neighbourhood portion of the CIL and not the larger portion going to the Charging Authority).
- d As part of the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 Submission draft the Borough Council are considering currently whether to introduce the CIL system. If this were to happen Botley Parish Council would expect to have access to those monies it is entitled to from the CIL.
 - e Further information on the CIL can be found on the two web sites shown below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy>

<https://www.botley.com/np-evidence-base-2/send/84-np-evidence-base/945-locality-community-infrastructure-levy-guidance>

11.8 The New Homes Bonus Scheme

- a The New Homes Bonus Scheme was introduced by the Government in 2011 to replace the Planning Delivery Grant. The Scheme provides cash for areas that allow new homes to be built in their area. Government funding has been set aside for Local Councils that welcome new housing development, which they can spend to benefit their local community. Under the Scheme the Government matches the Council Tax raised from new homes, conversions or long-term empty dwellings brought back into use for the first six years. Also, there is additional payment for the construction of Affordable Housing.
- b The Scheme makes it clear that good practice should include Local Councils and communities working together to decide how to spend the extra funding, for example Council Tax discounts for local residents, boosting frontline services like rubbish collection or providing local facilities like swimming pools and leisure centres. To date there does not appear to have been any consultation between Eastleigh Borough Council and Parish Councils or directly with the residents of Eastleigh Borough.
- c However, Local Councils are entitled to allocate part of these monies to requirements other than directly improving the resources for local communities. EBC made a decision in Cabinet to use the NHBS monies to provide additional Affordable Homes and on infrastructure and capital projects in areas with little or no Section 106 funding, as it was felt this would achieve broad fairness across the Borough. All Borough Councillors are involved in the annual budgetary process, which includes use of the NHBS monies. The NHBS monies that comes from Affordable Homes construction goes back to fund further Affordable Homes.
- d Further information on the New Homes Bonus Scheme can be found on the two web sites shown below.

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN05724>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-house-building/2010-to-2015-government-policy-house-building#appendix-8-new-homes-bonus>

11.9 Aims

- a Botley Parish Council expects an equitable allocation of monies from Planning obligations, the New Homes Bonus Scheme and Community Infrastructure Levies, so the community can benefit from local development.

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- b Botley Parish Council expects to be able to select items that the community wish to be funded from monies from Planning obligations, the New Homes Bonus Scheme and Community Infrastructure Levies.
- c Botley Parish Council expects Eastleigh Borough Council to consult more widely on the use of the New Homes Bonus monies.

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