

Botley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee have been putting together the “*Screening Draft*” of the Neighbourhood Plan over the past months. This has now been submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council for their “screening opinion”. This means that we will be informed as to whether we need to have a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment to support our Plan.

### **An overview of the Plan**

Following many consultations with the community, the Steering Committee drew up the Vision and Objectives which captured all the comments and ideas which were brought out during the consultation exercise. These have been used to formulate policies which will deliver the Vision and Objectives for the community.

#### **Vision:**

In 2036, Botley remains a warm and friendly place to live, work and to visit. New developments have been well incorporated into the Parish through our sensitive Neighbourhood Plan policies and have provided homes needed by both the local and wider community and for all generations. Well managed infrastructure and resource facilities provide residents with a quality environment, good access to health care, excellent educational opportunities, and reliable access to modern technologies. Local children and young people can walk or cycle safely to their educational establishments or the play and green areas on the many footpaths and cycleways introduced over the last 20 years. These routes provide a healthy alternative network for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the locality and link to neighbouring parishes. The by-pass has been built and an update to the routing system traffic calming measures in the Parish has led to a decrease in rat-runs and have been effective in creating safer roads. The village centre has been recognised as an important for its heritage, businesses and shops and provides a popular destination for locals and visitors alike

#### **Summary of Objectives and Policies:**

##### **Business and Economy:**

Our objectives are to preserve existing employment in Botley, as well as promoting retail development at Botley Mills, Boorley Park and Boorley Gardens

##### **To achieve our objectives, we have the following policies:**

- Retention of existing commercial premises
- Support of Retail Development Sites

##### **Environment and Character:**

Our objectives are based around protecting existing green space and archaeological and heritage assets as well as the River Hamble and local flora and fauna. We also have objectives to create a Botley Museum as well as improving pedestrian access from the Village Square to Botley Mills and improve parking at the Botley Centre. Our final objective in this section is to improve movement routes which link all key services from existing and any new developments.

**To achieve our objectives, we have the following policies:**

- Protection and Maintenance of Local Green Spaces
- Infrastructure Investment Priorities
- Creation of local gaps to prevent merging of neighbouring settlements.
- Identifying a site for a new cemetery

## **Housing**

Our objectives are to ensure that any future development doesn't have a detrimental impact on the village and provide housing which meets local needs, including affordable housing on site. We also want to make sure that any new building takes account of the high-pressure pipelines which pass through Botley as well as supporting the use of renewable energy systems.

**To achieve our objectives, we have the following policies:**

- Future Development
- Utilities Provision
- Flood Mitigation
- High and Intermediate Pressure Pipelines / High Voltage Electric Cables
- Parking Standards for new residential developments
- Housing Mix and Affordable Housing
- Built Form, Design and Materials
- Renewable Energy

## **Traffic and Infrastructure**

Our objectives are to make sure there is sufficient parking provision for all users of Botley schools, and to maintain and improve community infrastructure.

**To achieve our objectives, we have the following policies:**

- Off road parking for educational facilities
- Retention/ improvement to community infrastructure

## **Community Aspirations**

As well as the policies contained within the Neighbourhood Plan, during the engagement process a wide range of issues were identified which are important to the community. These have been captured and a Community Plan Steering Group will be formed to take these forwards to implement them.

**They cover arrange of subjects:**

- Health Care Provision
- Community Facilities
- Local Economy
- Education
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Transport
- Youth

- Locality
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This covers a wide range of suggestions and issues from relaunching a Youth Club, creating a local history trail to improving medical and healthcare facilities and providing additional educational facilities.