



Neighbourhood Plan Vision, Themes and Objectives

This document shows the Neighbourhood Plan Vision and the broad Themes and detailed Objectives that have emerged from previous consultation exercises. These Themes and Objectives feed into the policy options and, ultimately, influence the type and form of the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The colour coding is the same that is used in the Policy and Policy Options Consultation document so that the two documents can be cross-referenced.

Vision:

“To preserve and enhance the special character and appearance of Noak Bridge Parish, maintaining the openness of the Green Belt whilst protecting important views, the natural environment and green spaces throughout the Plan area. New development will meet the needs of the local community in delivering a mix of sustainable low energy and low carbon, good quality appropriate housing as well as improving existing community, health, education and retail facilities. Highway safety, public transport and parking provision will be improved”



Housing Theme

Objectives

- H1 To ensure that future developments are appropriate to the needs of the Plan Area
- H2 To identify the housing needs of the local community
- H3 To promote specialist housing (older persons) in order to support all members of the community
- H4 To encourage developments that incorporate affordable housing which meets the needs of the local community

Environment and Green Space Theme

Objectives

- EGS1 To conserve and enhance the rural landscape and character of the Plan Area and support appropriate planting that is representative of the local area
- EGS2 To identify, designate and protect important views and local green spaces in the Plan Area
- EGS3 To conserve and enhance the natural environment by reducing noise, water, air and traffic pollution
- EGS4 To protect and enhance the Noak Bridge Nature Reserve
- EGS5 To maintain the openness of the Green Belt that surrounds the settlement of Noak Bridge
- EGS6 To conserve and enhance the natural environment/biodiversity of the Plan Area, e.g. wildlife habitats, ecological corridors, etc and ensure that all development results in a biodiversity net gain for the Plan Area



EGS7 To conserve and enhance the natural environment by managing flood risk and by assessing the environmental impact of any new development

Design and Conservation Theme

Objectives

- DC1 To conserve the distinctive look and style of the village of Noak Bridge
- DC2 To preserve and enhance the Noak Bridge conservation area and other designated and non-designated heritage assets in the Plan Area
- DC3 To protect the unique design aspects of Noak Bridge Village
- DC4 To enhance and preserve the peaceful and pleasant nature of the Plan Area as a place to live
- DC5 To support the use of sustainable construction techniques and materials as well as promoting energy conservation and supply from renewable sources

Education, Health and other Local Services Theme

Objectives

- EHS1 To improve existing health facilities to meet the local community's needs
- EHS2 To protect and improve the condition of the Plan Area's existing parks and open spaces
- EHS3 To seek improvements to the local retail offer in the Plan Area



- EHS4 To ensure that Primary Schooling is kept local to meet the needs of the local community over the Plan Period
- EHS5 Developments must avoid any expansion pressure on the existing school and ensure that development provides any necessary additional educational facilities independent of the existing primary school
- EHS6 To protect existing community facilities
- EHS7 To identify and support new and alternative community activities within the Plan Area
- EHS8 To promote healthy and safe communities by policies measures that reduce crime and poverty rates

Transport and Roads Theme

Objectives

- TR1 To improve highway safety, including ensuring that traffic volumes and speeds are managed on all new and existing roads in the Plan Area
- TR2 To improve the safety of the local community on the roads in the Plan Area
- TR3 To mitigate the impact of new development on local transport networks
- TR4 To seek improvements to the provision of public transport
- TR5 To seek improvements in the availability of vehicle parking spaces in the Plan Area



Comparison of how the Noak Bridge NP Objectives Accord with Standard Sustainability Themes, Objectives, Plans and Policies (N.B. BDLPSP (2007) refers to the Basildon District Local Plan Saved Policies 2007)

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1. Biodiversity	Protect and enhance all biodiversity and geological features and avoid irreversible losses.	ESG4 - To protect and enhance the Noak Bridge Nature Reserve	1. Protect and enhance priority habitats and species? 2. Protect and enhance international, national and locally designated biodiversity sites? 3. Avoid habitat fragmentation? 4. Ensure all new developments protect and enhance local biodiversity? 5. Contribute to the achievement of objectives and targets within local BAPs? 6. Maintain the existing extent of ancient woodland sites?	8.c, 153, 154, 174, 175, 179 - 182	BAS C1, BAS C5, BAS C13	NE1, NE2, NE3, NE4, NE5, NE9, H10
		EGS6 – To conserve and enhance the natural environment/biodiversity of the Plan Area, e.g. wildlife habitats, ecological corridors, etc and ensure that all development results in a biodiversity net gain for the Plan Area				
		EHS2 – To protect and improve the condition of the Plan Area’s existing parks and open spaces				
2.	Use and manage water resources		1. Take into account predicted future impacts of climate change, including water scarcity issues?	20, 34, 43 120, 152 – 153, 157	None directly relevant	CC2, CC4, H10



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Water resources and flood risk	in a sustainable manner.		2. Encourage sustainable and efficient management of water resources? 3. Ensure that essential water infrastructure is co-ordinated with all new development? 5. Seek the installation of water saving measures such as rainwater harvesting and water metering? 6. Consider the need for adequate provision of surface water and foul drainage? 7. Promote provision of pollution prevention measures? 8. Protect, and where possible, improve surface, ground and drinking water quality?	159 - 168		
	Protect people and property from the risk of flooding.	EGS7 – To conserve and enhance the natural environment by managing flood risk and by assessing the environmental impact of any new development	1. Minimise the risk of flooding to people and property (new and existing development)? 2. Take into account the predicted future impacts of climate change in the location and design of development, ensuring that development can adapt to any future flood risk scenarios? 3. Protect and enhance the natural function of floodplains? 4. Ensure the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) in appropriate circumstances?	As above	None directly relevant	CC2, CC4, H10
3. Climatic factors	Minimise our impacts on climate change and reduce our vulnerability to	DC5 – To support the use of sustainable construction techniques and materials as well as promoting energy conservation and supply from renewable sources	1. Minimise emissions of greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances? 2. Minimise the likely impacts of future development on climate change through appropriate adaptation?	8.c, 20.d 104 – 108, 124, 152 – 158	None directly relevant	CC1, CC5, CC6, CC7, H10



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	future climate change effects.		3. Promote energy efficiency in buildings and new development? 4. Minimise contributions to climate change through sustainable building practices? 5. Contribute to reducing emissions associated with the transport sector?			
4. Landscape / townscape	Conserve and enhance the character and quality of Noak Bridge NP's rural and urban landscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	<p>EGS1 – To conserve and enhance the rural landscape and character of the Plan Area and support appropriate planting that is representative of the local area</p> <p>EGS5 - To maintain the openness of the Green Belt that surrounds the settlement of Noak Bridge</p> <p>DC1 – To conserve the distinctive look and style of the village of Noak Bridge</p> <p>DC3 - To protect the unique design aspects of Noak Bridge Village</p> <p>DC4 - To enhance and preserve the peaceful and pleasant nature of the Plan Area as a place to live</p>	<p>1. Protect and enhance the landscape character and scenic quality of the countryside within and adjoining the Plan Area?</p> <p>2. Conserve and enhance areas with landscape designations and take account of their management objectives?</p> <p>3. Maintain and enhance the character and distinctiveness of settlements?</p> <p>4. Deliver good quality design that reflects local character?</p> <p>5. Protect and enhance natural landscapes within the villages, including recreational open space and strategic green corridors?</p> <p>6. Protect rights of way, open space and common land?</p> <p>7. Avoid loss of tranquillity?</p> <p>8. Avoid development which results in additional noise and light pollution?</p> <p>9. Improve the quality and quantity of access to the wider countryside for recreation?</p>	137-151, 174 - 178	BAS GB1, BAS GB3, BAS GB4, BAS GB5, BAS GB6, BAS GB7, BAS C1, BAS C2, BAS C7, BAS TC1, BAS BE18	SD2, DES1, DES2, DES3, DES4, DES5, DES6, DES7, NE5, GB1, GB2, GB3, GB4, GB5, GB6, GB7, GB8, GB9, GB10, GB11, H10



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5. Healthy communities	Provide a safe and healthy environment in which to live.	EHS1 – To improve existing health facilities to meet the local community’s needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide for high quality, accessible healthcare facilities? 2. Promote design of buildings and spaces to reduce obesity? 3. Encourage healthy lifestyles and reduce health inequalities? 4. Promote regular participation in sports /exercise/leisure opportunities? 5. Protect local rural communities and rural ways of life? 6. Mitigate the effects of an ageing population on community and health resources? 	92-97, 124, 130, 133	BAS C15, BAS C16, BAS R1, BAS R16, BAS BE21, BAS BE22, BAS BE24	HC1, HC2, HC4, HC5, HC6, HC7, HC9, HC10, HC11, HC12, H10
6. Education and skills	Raise educational attainment and provide opportunities for people to improve their workplace skills	<p>EHS4 - To ensure that Primary Schooling is kept local to meet the needs of the local community over the Plan Period</p> <p>EHS5 - Developments must avoid any expansion pressure on the existing school and ensure that development provides any necessary additional educational facilities independent of the existing primary school</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support high quality educational facilities, including additional local school places to that of the existing primary school to accommodate the increase of new development? 2. Improve the skills and qualifications of those residing within the Plan Area? 3. Support community enterprises and the voluntary sector? 4. Support the creation of flexible jobs to meet the changing needs of the population? 5. Ensure that the demand on local resources from those not economically active is addressed? 6. Assist in tackling the increasing number of NEETs? 	92-97, 106, 123	BAS E5	HC3, HC8, HC10, HC11, H10
7.	Encourage a vibrant and diversified local		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the rural economy and farm diversification? 	8a, 81 -85	BAS E1, BAS E2, BAS E3, BAS E4, BAS	GB3, GB11, E1, E2, E3, E4, E7, E9, E10, E11



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Economy and enterprise	economy and provide for long-term sustainable economic growth.		2. Recognise the importance of the social and natural environment to the local economy? 3. Promote sustainable tourism and cultural opportunities? 4. Support diversification of businesses throughout the Plan Area? 5. Encourage the use of home-working where appropriate?		E6, BAS E7, BAS E10, BAS SH1, BAS SH3, BAS SH4, BAS SH5, BAS SH6, BAS SH7, BAS SH8, BAS SH9	
	Ensure adequate provision of employment land and diverse employment opportunities to meet the needs of local businesses and a changing workforce.	EHS3 – To seek improvements to the local retail offer in the Plan Area	1. Provide good quality employment opportunities in the Plan Area? 2. Assist businesses in finding appropriate land and premises to locate / expand? 3. Protect and enhance the vitality and viability of existing employment areas? 4. Provide a variety of employment land to meet all needs? 5. Provide employment land in areas that are easily accessible by sustainable transport? 6. Recognise the importance of energy efficient employment and mixed-use proposals?			E2, E3, E4, E9, E10, R1, R10, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17
8. Land and soil resources	Ensure efficient and effective use of land and the use of suitably located previously developed land and buildings.	EGS2 – To identify, designate and protect important views and local green spaces in the Plan Area EGS5 - To maintain the openness of the Green Belt that surrounds the settlement of Noak Bridge	1. Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land? 3. Protect and enhance soil quality? 4. Maximise reuse of Previously Developed Land where possible/appropriate? 5. Encourage remediation of contaminated land? 6. Maximise efficient use of land within the village centres? 7. Avoid the loss of natural floodplain?	85, 101-103, 137-151, 174-178	BAS R1, BAS BE17, BAS GB1, BAS GB3, BAS GB4, BAS GB5, BAS GB6, BAS GB7	NE1, NE5, NE7, NE9, GB1, GB2, GB3, GB4, GB5, GB6, GB7, GB8, GB9, GB10, GB11, H10



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	Promote sustainable waste management solutions that encourage the reduction, re-use and recycling of waste.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the amount of waste produced? 2. Ensure the design and layout of new development supports sustainable waste management? 3. Provide a framework in which communities take more responsibility for their own waste? <p>N.B. waste is a County Matter so need to avoid policies that cover County aspects of waste management as these fail the basic conditions tests.</p>	20, 174; Planning Policy For Waste Statement;	BAS BE12, BAS C15, BAS C16. See also Essex and Southend-on-Sea Waste Local Plan	T11 H23, DES1, NE6, NE7, NE8
9. Air quality and environmental pollution	Improve air quality and minimise all sources of environmental pollution	EGS3 – To conserve and enhance the natural environment by reducing noise, water, air and traffic pollution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain and improve local air quality? 2. Minimise and, where possible, improve on unacceptable levels of noise, light pollution, odour and vibration? 3. Minimise all forms of contamination to soils? 4. Mitigate the impacts on air quality from new development / road transport? 5. Avoid loss of tranquillity? 	8c, 174, 183 - 188	BAS C1, BAS C2, BAS C5, BAS C13, BAS C15, BAS C16, BAS BE12	NE6, NE7, NE8, T1, T6, T7, H23, DES1,
10. Historic environment	Protect, maintain and enhance the historic environment	DC2 – To preserve and enhance the Noak Bridge conservation area and other designated and non-designated heritage assets in the Plan Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conserve and enhance features and areas of historical and cultural value, including Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas and Scheduled Ancient Monuments? 2. Ensure appropriate archaeological assessment is undertaken prior to new development occurring? 	189 - 208	None directly relevant	HE1, HE2, HE3, HE4, HE5



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			<p>3. Promote sensitive re-use of historical buildings and buildings of significant local interest, where appropriate?</p> <p>4. Improve and broaden access to, and understanding of, local heritage and historic sites?</p> <p>5. Maintain and enhance the character and distinctiveness of settlements through high quality and appropriate design?</p> <p>6. Promote heritage based sustainable tourism and regeneration?</p>			
11. Population and housing	Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing, and ensure an appropriate mix of dwelling sizes, types and tenures.	<p>H1 – To ensure that future developments are appropriate to the needs of the Plan Area</p> <p>H2 - To identify the housing needs of the local community</p> <p>H3 - To promote specialist housing (older persons) in order to support all members of the community</p> <p>H4 - To encourage developments that incorporate affordable housing which meets the needs of the local community</p>	<p>1. Provide affordable housing in the Plan Area?</p> <p>2. Support the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all residents in the Plan Area?</p> <p>3. Ensure adequate provision of land to meet housing needs?</p> <p>4. Provide quality and flexible homes that meet people’s needs?</p> <p>5. Ensure that best use is made of the existing housing stock?</p> <p>6. Provide housing in sustainable locations that allow easy access to a range of local services and facilities?</p>	8, 60 -79	BAS S2, BAS S3, BAS S5, BAS TC6, BAS BE12	H1, H2, H10, H23, H25, H26, H27, H28, GB4, GB5, GB6, GB7, GB8, GB9, GB10, GB11
12. Inclusive	Reduce poverty and deprivation and promote more inclusive	EHS8 – To promote healthy and safe communities by policies	<p>1. Maximise opportunities for all members of society?</p> <p>2. Maintain or enhance the quality of life of existing local residents?</p>	8b, 8c, 20, 28, 34, 84, 92-98, 105, 119, 123,	BAS BE20, BAS BE21, BAS BE22, BAS BE24	H23, DES1, DES4, HC11



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communities	and self-contained communities	measures that reduce crime and poverty rates	3. Tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation? 4. Minimise fuel poverty?	124, 130, 131, 132, 133, 156, 185, 187		
	Improve equality of access to, and engagement in local, high-quality community services and facilities.	EHS6 – To protect existing community facilities EHS7 - To identify and support new and alternative community activities within the Plan Area	1. Improve the availability and accessibility of key local facilities? 2. Promote the development / improvement of a community facilities? 3. Encourage active involvement of local people in community activities, including volunteering?			
13. Transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote more sustainable transport choices	TR3 – To mitigate the impact of new development on local transport networks TR4 - To seek improvements to the provision of public transport TR5 - To seek improvements in the availability of vehicle parking spaces in the Plan Area	1. Promote mixed-use developments that reduce the need to travel and reliance on the private car? 2. Increase uptake of sustainable travel choices i.e. public transport, walking and cycling? 3. Promote car-share schemes and home or other forms of remote working? 4. Reduce traffic volumes? 5. Avoid placing further pressure on local parking? 6. Help improve availability of local public transport choices? 7. Improve car parking to prevent inconsiderate parking conditions?	20, 34, 73, 85, 104-113, 125, 130,	BAS T5	T1, T3, T4, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11
	Improve road safety, reduce accidents and help reduce traffic speeds	TR1 – To improve highway safety, including ensuring that traffic volumes and speeds are managed on all new and existing roads in the Plan Area	1. Help to keep traffic speeds low? 2. Enhance road safety / reduce accidents?			T1, T3, T4, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11



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		TR2 - To improve the safety of the local community on the roads in the Plan Area				

Please note that not every Local Plan policy is listed, and not every policy that is listed above will be directly relevant to Noak Bridge in terms of designations etc, but they may be relevant in considering how the emerging Neighbourhood Plan policies could be worded.

The above NPPF references are not exhaustive – please also see the relevant NPPG references.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>

