

## Vision and Policies for ESBG Neighbourhood Plan

There are various building blocks that are being fitted together:

Our 15+ year <b>Vision</b> and Ambition for the Parish and a pathway and actions to deliver	The <b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> – land usage	Other objectives and action required to complete the vision
	<b>Land-use related policies in 7 Land usage policy areas</b>	<b>Other non-statutory proposals in 3 areas</b>
Existing Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan and the 2020-2023 update now under development		Parish Council actions B&D BC and HCC infrastructure, facilities and services plans
Central Government Policies		

- For successful approval, a Neighbourhood Plan needs to be focused on a series of policies related to land usage .
- Our vision and ambition for the parish require other projects and actions that complement our land usage polices. We plan to complement the Vision with specific objectives as the plan is developed in detail.
- From the September Community Consultation, the NP Steering Team have developed a vision, a set of Land-Usage related Policy areas and a group of Supporting Projects for the parish that together will form a holistic Neighbourhood Plan.

**Vision for the Parish of Ecchinswell Sydmonton & Bishops Green:**

*A rural parish located near prosperous towns that wishes to enjoy moderate organic growth while moving towards a more sustainable lower-carbon future.*

*Peaceful settlements where residents can prosper and enjoy their communities and the countryside as well as having easy access to employment, vital services and leisure activities.*

*Housing development will be limited, in keeping with the rural environment, governed by local growth, the need for affordability and with more options for the elderly and less able.*

Land Usage Policy Areas	Specific Policies
<p><b>1 Settlement Boundaries</b></p>	<p>a. Clearly Defined Settlement Boundary for Bishops Green</p> <p>b. Clearly Defined Settlement Boundary for Ecchinswell</p> <p>(Note: B&amp;D BC wish these to be established as part of their Local Plan Update)</p>
<p><b>2 Housing and Development</b></p>	<p>a. Sustainable settlements that are rural in character.</p> <p>b. Limited number of new homes to meet local needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some that are affordable to buy or rent especially for children of residents or local families needing more space.</li> <li>• Some delivered as ‘First Homes’ in line with new national policy</li> <li>• Some on ‘rural exception’ sites that not only are outside settlement boundaries but also support local employment</li> <li>• Some suitable for the elderly/less able especially local residents looking to downsize.</li> <li>• Overall number that meets the allocation of extra homes to the parish required for the B&amp;D BC Local Plan Update (2020-2023)</li> </ul>

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<b>3 Employment &amp; Community Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Development of businesses suited and scaled to our rural environment that create local employment opportunities and rural workspace.</li> <li>b. Enhancement of local facilities for leisure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play/leisure facilities – tots to teens</li> <li>• Sports &amp; social facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4 Environment and Nature Recovery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Preserving the peaceful &amp; natural environment.</li> <li>b. Defining a Nature Recovery and Green/Blue Infrastructure Network</li> <li>c. Protecting and enhancing our rural environment, habitats and biodiversity – woods, rivers, wildlife, etc – to support ‘minimum 10% biodiversity net gain’ per new Environment Act.</li> <li>d. Enhancing Countryside Access – footpaths &amp; cycleways</li> </ul>
<b>5 Valued Landscape</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Preserving landscape/key views. (aligned with B&amp;DBC Landscape Character Assessment)</li> <li>b. Retaining/enhancing green spaces.</li> <li>c. Enhancing dark skies</li> </ul>

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<p><b>6 Climate Change &amp; Design</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. New developments fit for a zero carbon future.</li> <li>b. New developments designed with an appearance in keeping with existing housing.</li> <li>c. Upgrades/extensions to existing homes that are of a scale to need planning permission are required to make them fitter for a zero carbon future.</li> <li>d. Retain/enhance heritage assets.</li> <li>e. Facilities for electric cars in homes, settlements &amp; public spaces</li> <li>f. Develop renewable energy opportunities in keeping with rural environment</li> </ul>
<p><b>7 Travel &amp; Active Travel</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Safer roads – improved physical layout &amp; traffic management hardware</li> <li>b. More walking/cycling – safe paths/cycleways</li> <li>c. Right-sized parking capacity in settlement centres which have parking bays in open/shared areas.</li> </ul>

Supporting Project Areas	Local Infrastructure and Other Improvements
<p><b>A Safe and sustainable transport</b></p>	<p>a. Enhance sustainability of transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to and use of reliable public transport as a viable alternative to cars</li> <li>• Active traffic management to improve safety on our narrow rural roads &amp; lanes</li> <li>• More walking/cycling – safe paths/cycleways</li> <li>• Facilities for electric cars in homes, settlements &amp; public spaces</li> </ul>
<p><b>B Socio-economic Development</b></p>	<p>a. Encouraging sustainable local businesses suited to our rural environment</p> <p>b. Enhanced social facilities for all age groups</p> <p>c. Encouraging countryside access</p> <p>d. Embrace and communicate our heritage and environment to welcome visitors &amp; tourists</p>

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<p><b>C Maintaining and Enhancing Essential Services &amp; Infrastructure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sustainable Access to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local shopping for most necessities</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Medical &amp; social care especially for elderly &amp; less able</li> </ul> </li>   <li>b. Critical Infrastructure sized for the community and fit for 21st century life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity capacity for low carbon heating and car charging</li> <li>• Reliable, leak-free water supply and sewage treatment capacity that prevents pollution</li> <li>• Reliable mobile phone/data coverage over the whole parish</li> <li>• Fast, reliable Internet for the whole parish</li> </ul> </li>   <li>c. Enhancement of local leisure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play/leisure – tots to teens &amp; adults</li> <li>• Sports &amp; social activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>