

Report - Consideration of Vision and Objectives

Purpose

To begin the review of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) it is suggested that the Steering Group consider if the Vision and Objectives (see later) are still appropriate/relevant.

Context

The NP is only 3 years old and was approved by the Borough Council as part of the overall Development Plan for the Borough in January 2022.

The Borough's new Local Plan (LP) is completing the final stage of Government appraisal and is anticipated to be finally approved in Spring. If the approval is later than March the BC cannot approve the LP until after the local elections in May.

At this stage any LP changes to the Green Belt, which covers the whole Parish outside the village envelope, are unlikely.

The housing need for Betley and Madeley are linked together and in Betley Parish there are no new residential allocations. The major site is for 150 houses adjacent to Bar Hill, Madeley.

Next stages

The existing 10 NP planning policies were developed to help achieve the vision and objectives and a review of these can be considered at future meetings.

Updating the text in the NP such as the Forward and Executive Summary, can be done when BC's LP is formally adopted.

The impact of the Government's changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will also need to be included.

Each chapter of the existing Neighbourhood Plan will need to be reviewed and updated in consideration of the above changes.

Vision for Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill NDP

By **2040** the quality of life of people living and working in the Parish has been maintained and improved in a sustainable way and the special rural environment and heritage of the Parish has been protected and enhanced.

Objective 1

To promote sustainable development.

Objective 2

To conserve and enhance the quality of the built environment and its unique and valuable historic and architectural buildings.

Objective3

To protect and enhance the intrinsic rural and landscape character of the Parish, **and to maintain, protect and enhance natural habitats and promote biodiversity value in the Parish.**

Objective4

To support provision of appropriate new housing in the Parish.

Objective5

To improve highway safety for **all users (particularly pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders).**

To reduce the harmful impact of traffic in the centre of the village with reference to air pollution, noise and vibration.

Objective6

To maintain **and enhance** services and economic activity in the Parish including: the school, *the church, doctors*, village shop, pubs, restaurants **and other community and recreational facilities**, small businesses and broadband etc.

MP – 10.02.26.