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**Your Village** 

# **Your Say**

6<sup>th</sup> May

In this second newsletter leading up to the Community Consultation Day, the Neighbourhood Plan Group would like to share the proposed vision, aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan. These have been produced with guidance from the responses to the questionnaire we asked you to complete in late 2015 and the evidence we have collected since.

The vision will be at the heart of the Neighbourhood Plan and, together with the Plan's aims and objectives, will form a framework on which policies will be developed. At the Community Consultation Day on 6<sup>th</sup> May, we will be asking whether you agree with them and whether you have any further comments or suggestions.

When reviewing the vision, aims and objectives, you should remember that neighbourhood plans concern the use, protection and development of land and cannot deal with non-planning matters. A number of areas highlighted to us in your questionnaire responses fall into this second category, including traffic calming, parking enforcement, bus services, broadband etc.

We recognise it is important to address those matters which cannot be dealt with through the planning system and have, therefore, also developed a number of community action plan objectives which the Parish Council can work with the community and partners to deliver.

#### A VISION FOR EXBOURNE

"In 2030 Exbourne is a quiet, rural village with working agricultural surroundings and a great community at its heart. Its natural environment, character, built heritage, and green spaces have been retained and remain unspoiled. Its local businesses and facilities have been sustained, with people at all stages of life provided for."

#### HOUSING AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

#### <u>Aims</u>

- Enable local people to stay in the parish throughout their lifetime as their needs change.
- Protect our heritage and built environment and ensure new development is sympathetic to the character of the area.

### Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

- 1.1 Maintain a strong community by ensuring a mix of home types that caters for the full range of housing needs in the parish.
- 1.2 Limit the size of individual developments to ensure that growth in the parish is sustainable and compatible with the infrastructure and amenities valued by existing residents.
- 1.3 Ensure that new development is well designed and its density, scale, and appearance are in keeping with the character and rural setting of the parish.
- 1.4 Encourage preservation, management, and enhancement of the village's Conservation Area and ensure that any new development does not have an adverse effect on the historic buildings and streetscape.

#### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### <u>Aims</u>

• Protect and enhance our quiet and rural natural environment.

#### Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

- 2.1 Protect the natural landscape of the parish and the setting of the village within it.
- 2.2 Protect the parish's wildlife and conserve and enhance its biodiversity.
- 2.3 Protect and enhance open spaces in the village and ensure new ones are created as it expands.
- 2.4 Maintain tranquility and dark skies and prevent excessive light pollution.

#### **ROADS & PARKING**

### <u>Aims</u>

• Maintain and enhance safe accessibility and make parking easier.

# Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

- 3.1 Provide safe vehicular and pedestrian access to new developments.
- 3.2 Provide adequate car parking in any new development.
- 3.3 Manage or relieve parking pressures on High Street.
- 3.4 Manage or mitigate the impact of traffic through the village.

### **Community Action Plan Objectives**

3.5 Promote traffic calming in the village.

3.6 Discourage parking on roads and pavements where prejudicial to pedestrian safety and emergency access.

#### **COMMUNITY, FACILITIES, & WELLBEING**

#### Aims

 Sustain and enhance the character, vitality and community spirit of the village.

## Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

- 4.1 Protect existing community buildings and services and encourage active support.
- 4.2 Support improvements to the playing field facilities and access.
- 4.3 Support improvements to the Village Hall.
- 4.4 Protect, maintain, and encourage extension of the network of public rights of way in the parish to provide access to the surrounding countryside and improve links within the parish and with other parishes.

#### **Community Action Plan Objectives**

- 4.5 Support the protection and improvement of bus services so that they provide an alternative to less sustainable methods of transport.
- 4.6 Encourage implementation of high speed broadband throughout the parish.
- 4.7 Actively promote the school and pre-school to encourage attendance and preservation

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FEEDBACK ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY.** If you can't make it, send comments to the Parish Clerk or preferably via the Neighbourhood Plan website at <a href="mailto:np.exbournewithjacobstowe.org.uk">np.exbournewithjacobstowe.org.uk</a>