

**ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE [2020 BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN \(BANP\)](#) FOR
BRADPOLE PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) 4th May 2022 – 3rd May 2023**

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“To monitor the overall effectiveness of the Plan over the preceding 12 months, and the likely implications and impact of the Plan for the subsequent year, an annual monitoring report will be prepared by Bridport Town Council, in accordance with agreed criteria, in liaison with the BANP parishes, and the Steering Group”

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- BANP policies cover a wide area (Housing, Design, Climate, Landscape etc.) and are quoted in BPC planning responses, where applicable, to either support, object or suggest conditions to planning decisions.
- Where a corresponding BANP policy does not exist, these are often covered by policies in the current 2015 WDDC Local Plan.
- BPC maintains a log of all planning applications considered in any calendar year which is published on the [parish website](#). A separate [log](#) has also been prepared to accompany this report.
- For the purposes of this report there have been no enforcement issues in the BPC area during the 12 months.

ENVIRONMENT

- BANP environment policies protect certain green areas around Bradpole Civil Parish by way of Designated Green Spaces, such as that along the Asker Valley at “Happy Island”, and an identified Green Gap along the Brit Valley between Bridport and Pymore/Bradpole.
There have been **no instances** in the past 12 months where these designated areas have been affected by validated planning applications.
A Jan 2022 application for a new build in Pymore was sited outside of the designated Green Gap and development boundary but within the AONB. BPC consequently objected to this application, quoting a range of BANP policies, despite pressure being applied by the applicant’s agent.
17 BANP policies were considered relevant, in this case, by the planning officer.
The application was refused in **May 2022**, and a subsequent appeal was quashed by the Planning Inspectorate in **Sept 2022**.
- In April 2023 Dorset Council, pending approval of the new Local Plan, issued interim guidance on sustainability for consultation, together with a sustainability check list and guidance on what sustainability measures are appropriate for listed buildings. The Consultation closes on the 8th June 2023

CHANGES IN POPULATION & HOUSING

- [2021 Census information](#) is now available which shows a static civil parish population over the past 10 years with little change in demographics etc.
- DLUH&C figures for March 2021 indicate that the number of households waiting for a council house in Dorset was down 49% on the 2011 figure.

LOCAL ECONOMY

- There have been no significant changes in the local economy during the past year.

CHANGES TO LOCAL AND NATIONAL GUIDELINES

- At the time of this report a [Dorset Council Local Plan](#) is evolving and is now expected to be approved in 2026. This may present an ongoing problem if Dorset Council does not have a five-year housing supply.

BANP PROJECTS

- Within Bradpole we have completed projects (BANP Policies CF 1 & 2, Project 8, Objective 8 to improve our recreation areas) total cost £27k in the past year. Other projects are being formulated, which may be considered as being in accord with BANP, are to be included in a subsequent report.

BANP OPERATIONAL COSTS

- Whether it be a single parish, or a multi-parished Neighbourhood Plan, such as BANP, there is an **operational cost** of implementing and monitoring Plans. In the case of BANP this cost, which includes accumulating a provision for a future BANP review, is borne by participating parishes proportionate to their size.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

- A CIL payment of £3247.94 (15% of total levy) was received in April 2023 in respect of a pre-BANP approved application. This has been allocated by Councillors to improving access at the BPC recreational areas.
- A CIL payment of £1874.39 (25% of total levy), relating to a post-BANP approved application should have been received in April 2023 but was erroneously sent to Bridport Town Council. This is being redirected to the Parish Council and is expected to be received in May 2023 but is included for information here. Councillors will determine how it is to be applied when receipt has been confirmed.

PUBLICITY

- BPC maintains a [BANP website page](#) which provides information and links to relevant documents. In addition, information is made available on BPC social media platforms and parish notice boards.

THE FUTURE OF BANP

Neighbourhood Plans are normally reviewed every 5 years, or earlier if significant reasons to do so exist .

The delay of the Dorset Local Plan raises issues for BANP.

National Housing policy is also under re-consideration.

If a Neighbourhood Plan is to be meaningful to residents participating councils always should refer to Plan policies when considering their responses.

Any future review of the Neighbourhood Plan will be dependent upon the outcome of the Community Governance Review.

This concludes the BANP monitoring report for Bradpole Parish Council for the 12 months since May 2022. This report shall be available to all BANP Councils, for overall monitoring purposes, and be published on the BPC WEBSITE for the transparent benefit of our residents.

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