

## 2017 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation ~ Bradpole Village Residents Respond

Bradpole villagers have responded in significant numbers to this year's consultation and have broadly confirmed the views that they expressed in the 2016 Bradpole Parish Plan Review.

There has been virtual unanimity in supporting the **Environment & Heritage Group's draft intentions** to protect and enhance our green spaces and the surrounding AONB (Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty) landscape.

There was general support for the **Economy Group's draft intentions** to protect and expand the employment sites across the wider Plan area.

There was almost total support for the **Community Facilities Group's draft intentions** to protect play and sports fields and general support for the further expansion of such facilities.

Most residents were supportive of the **Transport Group's draft intentions** which include protecting and enhancing car parking around Bridport town as well as preserving the Bus Station and enhancing connectivity across the Plan area by footpaths, cycle tracks and public transport.

A large majority of respondents were supportive of the **Climate Group's draft intentions** surrounding energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

We have looked in greater detail at the views expressed in responses concerning the **Housing Group's draft intentions** as it is in this area where there is the greatest level of concern and variance of views. Bradpole has a fully-built landscape which presents very few opportunities for even modest housing development without encroaching on AONB landscape.

In the 2011 Parish Plan and the 2016 Parish Plan Review residents expressed a clear wish that they did not wish to see any large scale development within the Civil Parish and that any development should be within existing development boundaries.

There was, however, an acknowledgement that a modest level of new homes was needed for existing residents equally split between "open market" and "affordable"

Residents' views were also equally split as to whether any "affordable" housing for local people should be built outside of the existing development boundary.

The **2017 Consultation**, did not ask about either "open market" housing requirements or the needs of the elderly population, but focussed on "social & affordable" housing.

The following responses were made by villagers:

On the question of whether sites for up to 100% "social housing" should be allocated:

**30.1% were in agreement, 58.3% were against & 11.6% had no opinion.**

On the question as to whether land should be allocated for "affordable" housing outside of the existing development boundary:

**8.4%** agreed that land should be allocated to meet ALL of the "affordable" housing need.

**52%** agreed that land should be allocated for SOME "affordable" housing.

**39.6%** agreed that NO land should be allocated for "affordable" housing.

### What Happens Next

The above information relates only to those paper responses that have been received locally but do nevertheless provide clear messages.

All responses from across the wider Plan area, including on-line responses, will be collated, reviewed by the Neighbourhood Plan Team and made public as soon as is possible.

The draft intentions that have been supported by the public will inform the development of the Neighbourhood Plan document which will then be put out for a full consultation ahead of a review by an independent examiner before being put to a referendum of those residents of the plan area who are registered to vote.

Bradpole Parish Councillors will continue to represent the wishes of the residents of Bradpole Civil Parish as we are mandated to do.

Please make sure that YOU are registered to vote in any future referendum:

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

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